

DEACON GEORGE'S HOMILY FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

For five minutes, could you pretend you were children back at school. And you were in the science classroom. And you found some liquid metal ... called mercury. And if you touched it with your pencil, it would break into several pieces. Also, with your pencil you could merge it back into a single blob of mercury again.

Mercury is an **element**, a substance, which it cannot be broken down into any other element. If you separated it into many parts, every part would remain pure mercury.

Now if we had a element called "pure unadulterated love" and we separated it, like the mercury, into several parts, each part would still consist of the element "pure unadulterated love". If we separated it into three parts, then that would be what God is like... three elements of "pure unadulterated love". However, my children then asked me, how are they, three **persons** of "pure unadulterated love"?

So, going back to the Greek, the word they used for what we translated as person ... actually, describes a mask. The word is the mask that is worn by actors in an ancient Greek tragedy or comedy play. Masks were used to portray a particular character in a play. Each mask gives each actor a different ... **persona**.

Now, I am George Bissett. If you were to ask my mum who is George Bissett? She would probably say, ... "He is my son, whom I carried in my womb, a baby I fed at my breast, one whom I brought up and looked after." My dad would say, ... "He is my son whom I played with, taught many things, and watched growing up."

My wife would say, "He is my best friend whom I married, he is my lover, the father of our children." My children and grandchildren would say, ... "He is Dad or Grandad, who taught us, brought us presents, took us out places, but now he is growing old and got grey hair." They have all given differing descriptions of how they perceive George Bissett, but they are all correct, for what they have given us, is four **personas** of George Bissett.

I further explained the three persons to them like this. Now God is love, ... "pure unadulterated love". However, love is an active noun ... and anyone who has love, thus needs to love, and be loved. Now God is the beginning of everything, and he needed to love, therefore he created our world within his universe.

We see this in the Book of Genesis. God **thought** ... I will need some land. So, he spoke, "Let there be land". And when that **word** went out ... land **was** created. And like-wise he created man and woman. So, the thinking persona is the Father ... the speaking persona, is the Son ... the doing persona is the Holy Spirit. And just like the image of the mercury, each persona is "pure unadulterated love". An element ... called God.

I apologise if I have treated you like children, but the Holy Trinity is a mystery, of which many try to explain. Probably a mystery beyond all our intellects. All we really know is that God the Word ... entered our world in human form and spoke to us face to face. He gave God the names: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

But the important thing I told my family is that the Holy Spirit is like that third blob of mercury which has shattered into thousands of tiny pieces of mercury, and one tiny piece of this mercury is inside you.

For you have, inside you, a piece of that "pure unadulterated love". You have a piece of God inside you. Because you have the Holy Spirit inside you. And you too, therefore, are divine.