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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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Forty days after the Resurrection of our Lord, He ascended to heaven. The Church celebrates today this solemnity as she looks to where her Lord and Saviour has gone so that she may follow.

The number forty is one of the great mythical numbers of the Bible and Tradition. Forty is a number whose meaning is important because it reminds us of our redemption, but redemption that is born of suffering and finds its fulfillment in joy. The forty days and nights that Noah and his family suffered on the ark gave way to a renewed earth. The forty years that the Hebrews suffered on the Sinai peninsula led them to the land of milk and honey granted to them by God. The forty days of the Lord in the desert found their end in Jesus' proclamation that the Kingdom of God was at hand. The forty hours of burial in the tomb gave way to the resurrection and the glorified life of Christ. And the forty days from the resurrection, whilst the Lord remained on earth, appearing to the Apostles and disciples, gave way to the greater glory of His ascension from this world to heaven.

The mission of Jesus, the Son of God who descended from heaven led to His passion and His being lifted up on the Cross. His going down into the tomb gave way to His rising up from the dead, and now His ascension into heaven and return to the Father.

And we look towards where He has gone. Because of the fall of Adam and Eve we were no longer able to reach up to heaven so the Lord reached down to us and caught us up in His divine love and mercy so that He can draw us to heaven.

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**ASCENSION of the LORD**

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Shauna Nash

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Rosary** Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,

11:00 a.m.

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### Rosters

#### Readers

**8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,

11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 1: L. Hale,

D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,

J. Galea, A. Quinlan, B. Francis,

L. Franco

### Readers

**Vigil** Sisters, Racquel La Rosa,

Rosette Chidiac

**10:00 a.m.** Rosza Kazmer,

Jasmine Miranda, Raphaella Chidiac

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.  
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Susan Abdallah, Teresa Akkary, Miklina Azzopardi, Victor Azzopardi, Bonello Family, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Peter D'Silva, Maria Gambin, Bruce Gardiner, Maureen Gardiner, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Simon Haddad, Tony Haynes, Kelvin Huitt, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Jacob Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Marie McDonald, Betty McGrath, Nancy McIntyre, Magdalena Mendoza, Susan Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Laura Pestano, Peter Pidgeon, Felicitas Pronoble, Paul Raad, Peter Robertson, Grace Saliba, Anna Saunig, George Tadros, Joseph Vella, Graham Wales, Phyllis Webb, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Jane Zammit.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



# TRINITY SUNDAY



**SUNDAY, 12 JUNE**

Join the parish on Sunday, 12 June after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church for a BBQ to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

Our parish is privileged to have three patrons—the Holy Cross, the Holy Family, and the Holy Trinity—and so, on Trinity Sunday, we will honour and celebrate one of our patrons—the Most Holy Trinity.

If you can help out at the BBQ, it would be great to have you there to assist with the set-up and serving food. If you would like to get involved, speak with Fr. Andrew.

Parishioners are also invited to bring along a plate to share.

## **First Confession and First Holy Communion Enrolments**

Enrolments are still open for the Sacrament of Penance (first Confession) and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (first Holy Communion).

The Masses for the first Holy Communions will be said on Saturday, 15 October and Saturday, 22 October. Enrolments are open to those in year 3 and above who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church.

Enrolment forms are available from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be completed and returned by Sunday, 26 June.

## **First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin**

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

## **First Friday Devotions in Honour of the Sacred Heart**

This Friday, being the first Friday of the month, we continue our devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and in reparation for our sins and for the sins of humanity.



At Holy Trinity Church, beginning with confessions at 6:15 p.m., there will then be the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for these devotions in honour of Our Lord and for the grace of His Sacraments, especially in this Easter season and as a way to fulfill the paschal precept, which is to make your confession and to receive Holy Communion during the season of Easter.

## **CORPUS CHRISTI**

*Sunday, 19 June*

On Sunday, 19 June, the Church honours the Most Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

To honour the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, the parish will mark the hours of the day with Holy Masses, a procession, and devotions.

At the close of Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament will be move from the church around the neighbouring streets and to MacKillop Hall. In MacKillop Hall lauds (morning prayer) will be prayed and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration until 2:30 p.m., when none (prayer after midday) will be prayed followed by Holy Mass at 3:00 p.m.

In the evening, at the close of Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration.

Join us on this most solemn day to honour and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, to deepen your own devotion to the Eucharist and to receive the tremendous graces that flow from the altar, and to pray in reparation for the terrible sins committed daily against the Blessed Sacrament.

## **Caritas “Project Compassion” Receipts**

Thank you to those who generously supported Caritas Australia’s “Project Compassion” appeal.

For those who requested receipts for their donations, these are available to be collected in the sacristy after Mass.



## WHAT DOES CHRIST'S ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN MEAN?

*Pope Benedict XVI*

It expresses our belief that in Christ human nature, the humanity in which we all share, has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God.

Heaven is not a place beyond the stars, but something much greater, something that requires far more audacity to assert: Heaven means that man now has a place in God. The basis for this assertion is the interpenetration of humanity and divinity in the crucified and exalted man Jesus. Christ, the man who is in God and eternally one with God, is at the same time God's abiding openness to all human beings.

Thus Jesus himself is what we call "heaven"; heaven is not a place but a person, the person of him in whom God and man are forever and inseparably one. And we go to heaven and enter into heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him. In this sense, "ascension into heaven" can be something that takes place in our everyday lives...

For the disciples, the "ascension" was not what we usually misinterpret it as being: the temporary absence of Christ from the world. It meant rather his new, definitive, and irrevocable presence by participation in God's royal power... God has a place for man!... In God there is a place for us!... "Be consoled, flesh and blood, for in Christ you have taken possession of heaven and of God's kingdom!" (Tertullian).

This is why [St. John's] theology for practical purposes identifies the Resurrection and the return of Christ (e.g., 14, 18 ff.); with the resurrection of Jesus, by reason of which he is now with his disciples forevermore, his return has already begun.

Christ exercises his power through the powerlessness of the word by which he calls human beings to faith. This fact reminds us once again of the image of the cloud, in which the hiddenness and the nearness of the Lord are combined in a unique way. John the Evangelist has conveyed this fusion in an even more drastic

manner by the new meaning he has poured into the Old Testament term "raise up" or "exalt." This word, which had hitherto expressed only the idea of elevation to royal dignity, also refers in John to the crucifixion in which Christ is "lifted up" from the earth. For John, then, the mystery of Good Friday, of Easter, and of Christ's Ascension form but a single mystery. The cross has a second, mysterious dimension: it is the royal throne from which Christ exercises his kingship and draws the human race to himself and into his wide-open arms (cf. Jn 3:14; 8:28; 12:32-33). Christ's royal throne is the cross; his exaltation takes the form of what seems to the outsider the extreme of disgrace and humiliation.

"Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head" (St. Augustine).

*Source: J. Ratzinger, "Dogma and Preaching", Franciscan Herald Press (1985).*





# FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

## IN HONOUR *of* THE SACRED HEART

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6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

CONFESSIONS



6:30 p.m.

HOLY ROSARY



7:00 p.m.

HOLY MASS



7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADORATION *of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



# Trinity Sunday BBQ

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH GRANVILLE  
**SUNDAY 10TH JUNE**

**AFTER THE 10AM MASS**



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# Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Year C

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## The Readings

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### Introit (Acts 1:11)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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### First Reading

#### The Acts of the Apostles (1:-11)

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. R. v. 6)

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. R.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. R.

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### Second Reading

#### The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (1:17-23)

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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### Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 28, 19, 20)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!

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### Gospel of Luke (44:46-53)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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### Communio (Mt. 28:20)

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.