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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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There is a story that St. Augustine was walking on the beach contemplating the mystery of the Trinity. He saw a boy in front of him who had dug a hole in the sand and was going out to the sea again and again and bringing some water to pour into the hole. St. Augustine asked him, "What are you doing?" "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole." "That is impossible, the whole ocean will not fit in the hole you have made," said St. Augustine. The boy replied, "And you cannot fit the Trinity in your tiny little brain. The story ends by saying that the boy vanished because the person St. Augustine had been talking to was an angel.

The Trinity is hard to understand. It is a mystery but we should not be afraid to engage with the mystery. It is a matter of faith, but God also gave us reason which means we can delve deeper into our faith.

The Trinity is all around us, every day. We are Baptised in



the name of the Most Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. When we make the sign of the Cross we make it in the name of the Trinity. We do it before praying so that we may put ourselves spiritually in order; focus thoughts, heart and will on God; after praying, so that what God has given us may remain within us. It embraces the whole being, body and soul and everything is consecrated in the name of the Triune God. When we pray we are praying to God our Father through God the Son by the power given to us to pray by God the Holy Spirit.

And today as we celebrate a feast day of our parish, let us pray that we will be granted the grace of faith and understanding.

So let us pray on this feast day, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

SOLEMNITY *of the* MOST HOLY TRINITY

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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.

Rosters

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

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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.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 3: Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Sisters, Ingrid Bifulco,
Hind Dagher-Hadchiti

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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*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

Susan Abdallah, Teresa Akkary, Semaan Alwan, Victor Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, John Dover, Maria Gambin, Bruce Gardiner, Maureen Gardiner, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Simon Haddad, Tony Haynes, Kelvin Huitt, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Clair Karaki, Daoud Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Jacob Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Marie McDonald, Betty McGrath, Nancy McIntyre, Magdalena Mendoza, Susan Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Laura Pestano, Peter Pidgeon, Rolando Piniero, Peter Robertson, Grace Saliba, Anna Saunig, George Tadros, Peter Doan Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Graham Wales, Phyllis Webb, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Jane Zammit.

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

Holy Family Church Weekly Illegally Dumped Rubbish Report

More rubbish was illegally dumped at Holy Family Church this week on Friday.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new sets of planned giving envelopes for the new financial year (from July) are now available by the doors of the churches for collection.

Thank you to all those who are a part of this programme for your generosity and your constant care and support of the parish. Your regular donations to the second collection through these envelopes or by direct debit are a tremendous support in helping the parish to meet its costs and to help us to continue to build on our good works.

If you would like to support the parish and to be a part of the planned giving programme, please speak with Fr. Andrew as we would be very grateful to you for your care and support.

First Confession and First Holy Communion Enrolments Closing Soon

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

The Masses for the first Holy Communion 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Next Sunday

Next Sunday, 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.

Holy Mass Intentions Reminder

A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed.



It's that time of the year again when we hold our annual volunteer drive!

With last week's Solemnity of Pentecost and the birth of the Church, we are reminded of our duty of service to almighty God in the Church. By volunteering in the parish, we recognise our duty to God and to the Church.

The skills, the talents, the resources we have are all a gift from God. By using those skills, talents and resources in the service of the Church we give back to God in thanksgiving what He has given to us.

We are looking for men and women, boys and girls, to join us in the life of the parish as volunteers.

Maybe you would like to volunteer to read at Mass, or to serve at the altar, or to help clean the churches, or to teach as a catechist in the public schools in the parish, or to help with children's liturgy. In which ever of these ways you would like to volunteer, the parish will continue to grow because of your service.

By the doors of the churches you will find volunteer drive forms. Just complete one of these forms and leave it in the box.

If you are unsure about any of these ways of volunteering and you want to know more about them, or if you are unsure about training, we will be happy to speak with you and to help you. The most important thing is to get involved and to participate in the life of the parish.





ARE YOU READY TO HELP?

VOLUNTEER!

Have you thought about how you can serve the parish? Volunteering in the Church is a sacrifice. But our life as Catholics is a life of sacrifice because we choose to take up the Holy Cross of Christ and to follow Him.

Volunteer work is a sign of our gratitude for the love that we have received from God. Unpaid service has much to do with God's grace. We live in a culture which calculates the cost of everything and sees everything in terms of rights which ultimately constrain us and undermine the goodness of time and service given without any expectation of reward.

By our commitment to volunteer, we freely pass on what we ourselves have received.

Without volunteers, then, no parish can be built up. Our progress and worth constantly depend on people who do more than what is strictly their duty.

**“Faith in action
is love,
and love in action
is service.”**

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Each of us is created in the image and likeness of God. That means that each of us is called to participate in the life of God—in the life of God the Creator, in the life of God the Redeemer, and in the life of God the Sanctifier. Each of us, by virtue of our

Baptism, is called to serve because Our Lord served. This is what He asked of us when He washed the feet of the Apostles at the Last Supper: “I have come not to be served but to serve” (Mk. 10:45).

In our parish we have so many men and women, young and old, who give time and service week after week to contribute to the Church, to participate in the Church, and to build up the Church. Why not join them?

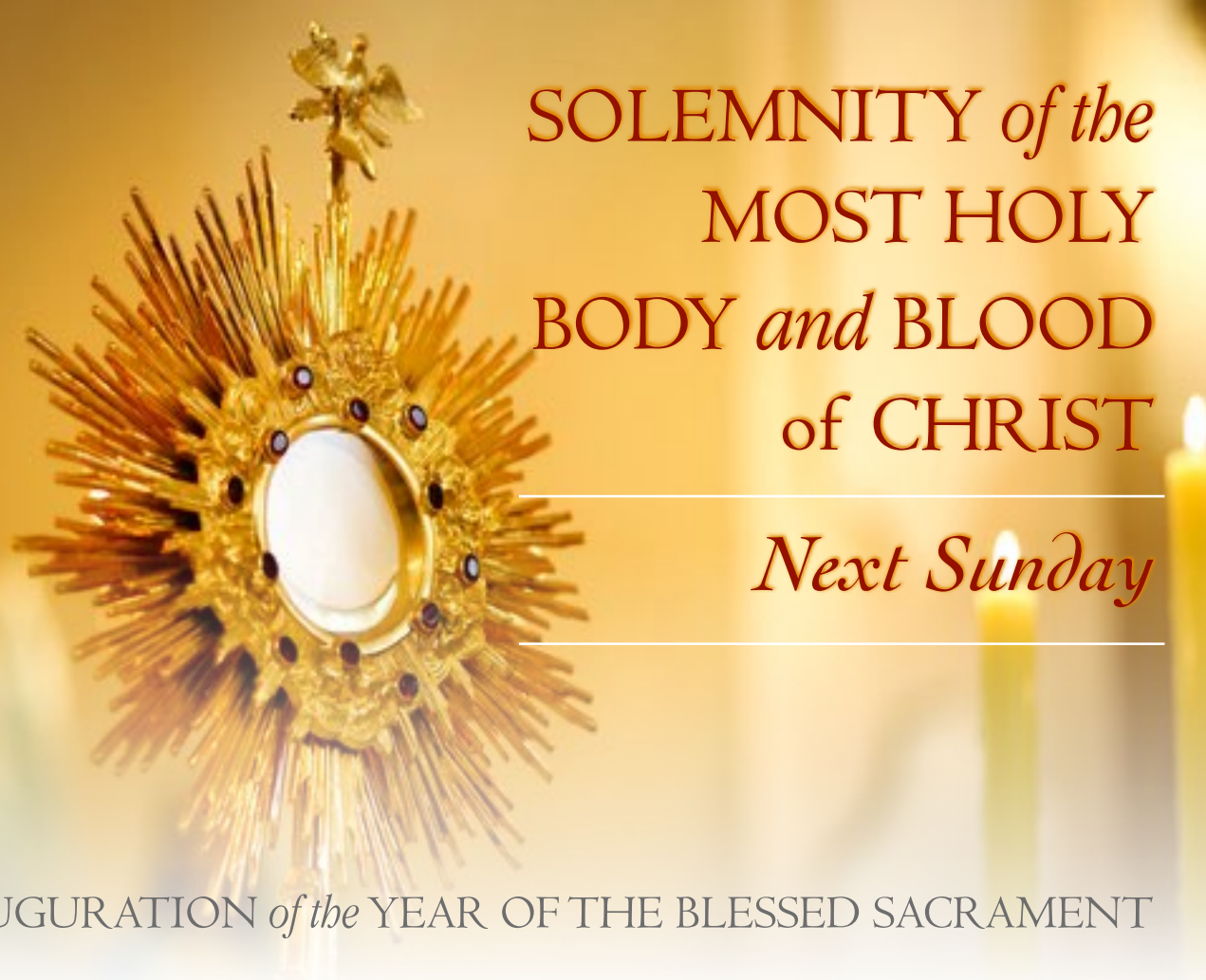
There are many ways you can help. And we need your help. Volunteer to serve at the altar, to read at Mass, to help with the children's liturgy, to teach as a catechist, or to help clean the church.

Everything we have comes from God and must be returned to Him.

JOIN US AND JOIN IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH



VOLUNTEER DRIVE



SOLEMNITY *of the*
MOST HOLY
BODY *and* BLOOD
of CHRIST

Next Sunday

INAUGURATION *of the* YEAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

PROCESSION *of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following Holy Mass in Holy Trinity Church at 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION *of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT

*MacKillop Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
with the Divine Office of None at 2:30 p.m.*

ADORATION *of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Holy Family Church, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
with the Divine Office of Vespers*

The Holy Mass schedule, including the temporary Mass times, will be as usual.

VINNIES
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Holy Family School
EAST GRANVILLE

The aim is to educate and raise awareness of the problems of poverty and homelessness in our society, and to raise funds for the vulnerable in the local community.

Holy Family School FIAT
("Faith In Action Team")
Winter Sleepout
for Year 6 students
is being held this Friday.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference.
Please contribute to this worthy cause
by making a donation via the HFS QR code above.

Thank you for your support!
Jodie Donlan, Religious Education Coordinator
and Stephanie Eid, FIAT Coordinator

Saints & STUFF

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, known also as the “Mystic of Dijon,” was a Carmelite nun born in France in 1880 and who died at the age of 26 in 1906.

She was canonised in 2016 and is held as patron saint of sick people.

During her adolescence, she developed an ardent devotion to the Holy Trinity and took this as part of her name when she took her vows. She called the Trinity “the furnace of an excessive love.”

As we do today, she lived in a time of great social upheaval and confusion. But she believed that God is present in distress. She emphasised contemplative prayer—an awareness and silent surrender to the loving gaze of the Father.

She wrote, “everything is a sacrament that gives us God... I find Him everywhere while doing the wash as well as while praying... We must be mindful of how God is in us in the most intimate way and go about everything with him. Then life is never banal. Even in ordinary tasks, because you do not live for these things, you will go beyond them.”

Let us pray that St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will help us to love and adore the Holy Trinity and so draw ever closer to the grace of God.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Trinity

253 The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the “consubstantial Trinity”. The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: “The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God.”

254 The divine persons are really distinct from one another. “God is one but not solitary.” “Father”, “Son”, “Holy Spirit” are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another: “He is not the Father who is the Son, nor is the Son he who is the Father, nor is the Holy Spirit he who is the Father or the Son.” They are distinct from one another in their relations of origin: “It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds.” The divine Unity is Triune.

262 The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God.

CATHOLIC Trivia

THE HOLY TRINITY

Where does the word “Trinity” come from?

It comes from the Latin word *trinitas*, which means “three” or “triad.”

When was it first used?

The first surviving use of the term was around A.D. 170 by Theophilus of Antioch, who wrote: “In like manner also the three days which were before the luminaries, are types of the Trinity [Τριάδος], of God, and His Word, and His wisdom.”

When did the Church infallibly define the Trinity?

The dogma of the Trinity was defined in two stages, at the First Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) and the First Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). First Nicaea defined the divinity of the Son and wrote the part of the Creed that deals with the Son.

This council was called to deal with the heresy known as Arianism, which claimed that the Son was a supernatural being but not God.

First Constantinople defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit and wrote the part of the Creed that deals with the Spirit. This council dealt with a heresy which denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

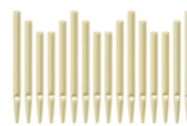
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The Readings

Introit (Acts 1:11)

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

The Book of Proverbs (8:22-31)

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:
The Lord created me
when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning,
before earth came into being.
The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
—and the waters will not invade the shore—
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 8:4-9. R. v. 2)

R. O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!
When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? R.
Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. R.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (5:1-5)

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged
righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and
through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in
which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.
But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast
about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as
we know, and patience brings perseverance, and
perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive,
because the love of God has been poured into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation (see Apoc. 1:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel of John (16:12-15)

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'

Communio (Gal. 4:6)

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*