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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, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:30 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.

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 2: P. Zaiter,
N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

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

Children's Liturgy Sr. Susanne and
Victor Liu

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, 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

Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi, Teodoro Basanez, Bonello Family, Nick Bonello, Betty Borg, Alice Boustani, Yousseph Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Teofila Cabal, Mary Caden, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Youseff Jose Chalhoub, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Kelvin Huitt, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Peter Pidgeon, Paul Raad, Peter Robertson, Sergio Sudiro, Emanuel Tabone, Darren Thornton, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

First Holy Communion Mass

Thank you to those who assisted with the Mass for the first Holy Communion at Holy Family Church. In particular we thank Rosette Chidiac for all her work in preparing the candidates for this day and for undertaking the lessons. Thank you to John Portelli for arranging the music and to Maryanne Takchi as cantor. Thank you also to those parishioners who attended the Mass in support of these candidates on this very important day for them and in the life of the parish.

Thank You

Thank you to Racquel La Rosa who attended the Mass for the convocation of the diocesan synod last Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral and represented the parish.

We are grateful to Racquel for generously offering to be the parish's representative and for attending the Mass.

Statue Restoration

Continuing on with the restoration work undertaken at Holy Family Church over the past year, the statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph have been removed in order to restore and to paint them. The statues were never properly finished before placed in the church and over the decades have deteriorated. We are undertaking this restoration work so as to preserve them from further decay and to honour those who originally donated them, as well as to bring some colour into the church.

A parishioner has generously donated the money for the restoration of both the statues and we are very grateful for the kindness, generosity and support of this parishioner and for their care of the parish.

Annual **VOLUNTEER DRIVE**

VOLUNTEER!

The annual volunteer drive which we launched last Sunday on the Solemnity of Pentecost continues this week. We are calling, again, on parishioners to take part in the life of the parish. It can't be left up to others to carry the work—all those who are capable should think about what contribution they will make to building up the parish and to contributing to the parish. To assist you with becoming a volunteer, a "Volunteer Information Night" will be held on Friday, 16 June at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. This will be an information and social gathering to provide details on what is involved in volunteering.

Holy Family Church Volunteers

With the launch last week of the annual volunteer drive, Fr. Andrew gave examples of how parishioners can be involved as volunteers.

At Holy Family Church we are calling on 45 people to volunteer as readers for the Sunday Masses, 24 people to volunteer as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and 40 people to volunteer to clean the church. This gives a great deal of opportunity for many people to become involved and to take part in the life of the parish.

We are also calling on parishioners to volunteer at Holy Family Church as organists, pianists and cantors, to volunteer to arrange for collectors at each Mass, to volunteer to assist in the piety shop, to volunteer to assist in serving at the altar.

There are many ways to get involved and we encourage all parishioners to get involved and to serve the parish as a volunteer in one or many ways.

Diocese of Parramatta's Safe Parishes Week Mandatory Safeguarding Training

for All Parish Volunteers in All Parishes of the Diocese

"Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023": an update from the Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Safeguarding.

Are you new to parish volunteering this year and have not completed your safeguarding training? Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your six points of mandatory safeguarding training?

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the N.S.W. Child Safe Standards all volunteers in parishes are mandatory reporters and are required to have completed their safeguarding training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parishes have now met this standard.

The Diocese of Parramatta has zero tolerance for abuse, and therefore commits to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk.

You are now invited to register for the mandatory six points of safeguarding training. To complete cycle 1, register for the mandatory training during "Safe Parishes Week" on Friday, 9 June from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St., Blacktown by emailing safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

If you would like to complete your six points online, sign up now at learning.safeguarding.org.au.

If you have any questions about the safeguarding training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Please note that this is a requirement of the Diocese of Parramatta for all volunteers in all parishes.

WALK WITH CHRIST

PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. In honour of this great day, we will hold our annual solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the streets of the parish.

The procession will commence following Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. From there, the Blessed Sacrament will be carried out of the church and through the neighbouring streets.

We encourage all parishioners to join in this procession and to give public witness to our faith. At a time when the Church is being persecuted, freedom of religion wanes, and many people have abandoned belief in the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, this is a chance for the truly faithful to stand and profess their faith in the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.



Vestments in Honour of the Holy Trinity

We owe our gratitude to the Zaiter family who have gifted a new stole and chasuble in honour of the Holy Trinity which will first be worn this Sunday as the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

We thank the Zaiter family for their kindness and their generosity in designing and preparing these new vestments which serves to honour the Holy Trinity and to grace the Mass with the dignity of a beautiful vestment.



The sense that vestments are sacred, that they should be beautiful, and that they should add majesty to the celebration is found, firstly, in the Bible: "The Lord clothed [Aaron] with splendid apparel and adorned him with the glorious sacred vestments... majestic, glorious, renowned for splendour, a delight to the eyes, beauty supreme. Before him, no one was adorned with these, nor may they ever be worn by any except his sons and them alone, generation after generation, for all time." (*Eccles. 45:8, 10, 12-13*).

Thank you to the Zaiter family for their gift, and may they and all who support the Church be blessed for their generosity.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT UNDER THE STARS NEXT SUNDAY

As we continue our celebration in honour of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, next Sunday, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament under the stars at Holy Family Church. As we do each and every Sunday evening, the parish will celebrate Adoration following Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. Next Sunday, Adoration will be celebrated on the lawn of the church by candlelight

This will be a beautiful and solemn way in which to draw our Corpus Christi devotions to a close and it will be a further means to give public witness to our faith as we pray, publicly, before the Real Presence of Our Lord.

For those who may need to, please bring a blanket or a chair for yourself and ensure that you dress warmly.

The sacrifice we bear of the cold evening air is as nothing compared to the unbearable pain and suffering Our Lord bore whilst hanging on the Cross in atonement for our sins and for our salvation.



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**HOW WILL *YOU* JOIN IN
THE LIFE OF THE PARISH?**

See you there!

***Volunteer
Information Night***

**FRIDAY
16 JUNE
7PM**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Come along!

**Answering your questions about:
registration forms,
training and support,
rosters,
Working with Children Checks**



**HOLY CROSS
VOLUNTEER
SERVICE**

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NEXT SUNDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI, NEXT SUNDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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ADORATION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

UNDER THE STARS

NEXT SUNDAY AT 5:45 P.M.
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year A

The Readings

Introit

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 Exodus (34:4-6, 8-9)

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm (Dn. 3:52-56. R. v. 52)

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
Blest your glorious holy name. R.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. R.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. R.

Second Reading

The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (13:11-13)

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

The Gospel of John (3:16-18)

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

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.

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