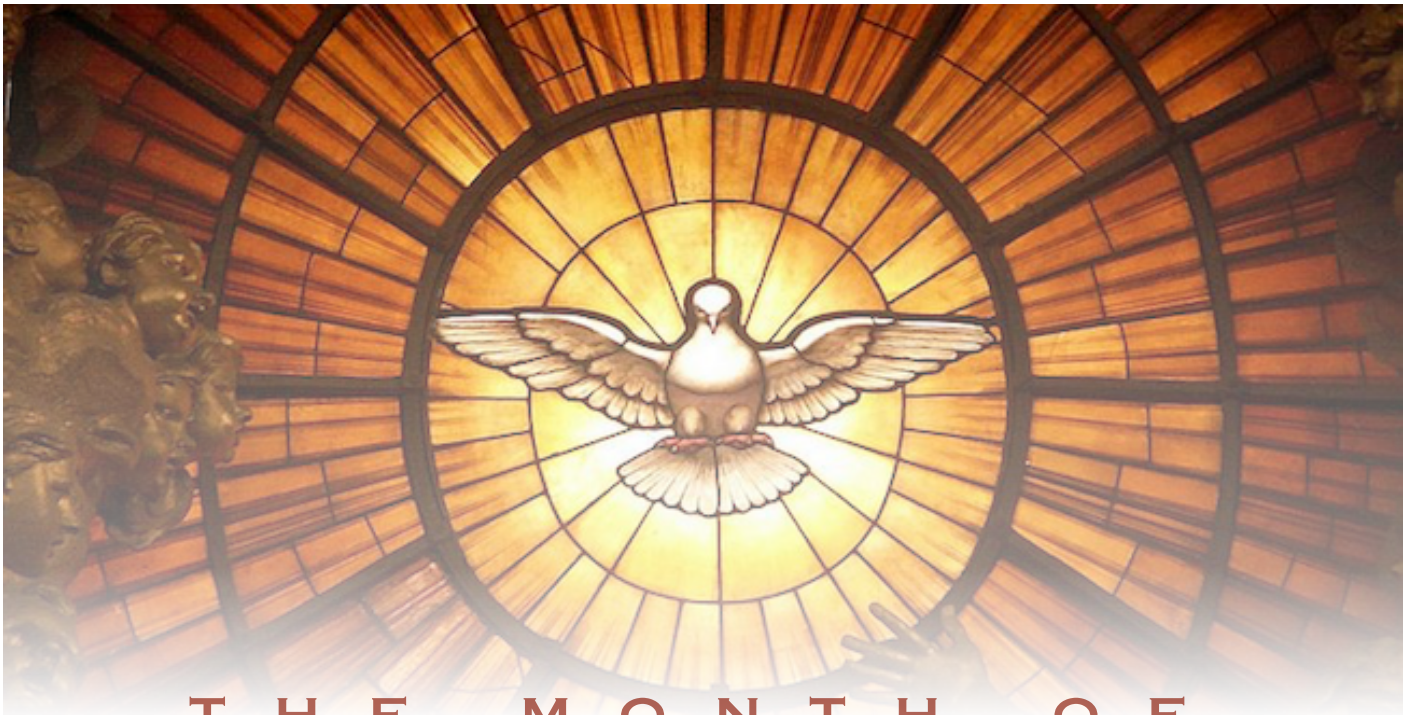

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T H E M O N T H O F

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: “with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified” (The Nicene Creed).

The Holy Spirit is the Person of love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite love, from which we draw the breath of life.

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the Church that to symbolise it “there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:2).

But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come, for the group in the cenacle represented the whole Church. The Holy Spirit came to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Our Lord Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. It is He Who makes the Church blossom forth with a marvellous supernatural fruitfulness, for He brings to life and full fruition in martyrs and confessors those heroic virtues which are one of the marks of true sanctity (“The Mysteries of the Rosary” by Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B.).

Everything depends on the Holy Spirit's operation in us. The more we allow ourselves to be drawn and guided by the Holy Spirit, the closer we shall come to Our Lord and His mysteries and graces. The Holy Spirit must draw us to every good thought, word and deed. Even though we are endowed with all the supernatural virtues, we remain mere apprentices in the spiritual life. We know what we must do; and yet lack the virtue and the faculty to perform these things with ease. The Holy Spirit must guide us. He must seize our intellect and our wills and guide us in prayer, in work, in the decisions we have to make, and in the difficulties we encounter every day (“The Light of the World” by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.).

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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.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:45 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning

Readers

4:30 p.m. Rosemary Wehbe

8:30 a.m. Claudia Tiller

5:00 p.m. Samar Karaki

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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 Gerry Pinto, Rebecca Hanson,
Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Wadzi Mushininga, Sisters

Children's Liturgy school holidays

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese
Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos,
Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo,
Sarah-Joy O'Connor, 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.*

IN MEMORIAM

Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Attard family, Axiak family, Victor
Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello, Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown, Jim
Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert
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Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria
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John Timbs, Peter Vu Van Vuong, Willian Yott, Dib Zaiter.



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

Important 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. Please do not write your request for a specific day and time on an envelope and leave it in a collections box, but speak directly with Fr. Andrew to make your request. Without doing this there is no guarantee that the Mass can be offered at that time but instead will be offered at the next available opportunity. Also note that it is not the custom of the Roman rite to announce the intention of the Mass. If you want the name said aloud, you will need to speak with Fr. Andrew in regard to this.

Enrolments Now Open for the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist (First Confessions and First Holy Communion)

Enrolment forms are available for the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist (first confession and first Holy Communion). These can be collected from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be returned to Fr. Andrew at a Mass.

Masses for first Holy Communion will be said on Saturday, 8 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church and on Saturday, 15 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Those enrolling their children for these Sacraments will be obliged to attend Mass every Sunday in the parish as well as the lessons and preparation.

Enrolments will close on Thursday, 9 May.

The Sanctity and Reverence Due to the Blessed Sacrament when Receiving Holy Communion

There has been a rise in the number of instances where people present themselves for Holy Communion but walk away without consuming the Sacred Host. To profane the Blessed Sacrament in this way is one of the most heinous crimes that can be committed. So much so that the Church declares that anyone who does so incurs an automatic excommunication (*latae sententiae*).

For those of us who are Catholic and desire to be faithful to Our Lord and to His Most Precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, which we receive in Holy Communion, please ensure that, being in a state of grace, when you receive the Sacred Host that you consume the Host whilst facing the altar. It is the altar which is the place of the sacrifice of Our Lord and so it is to the altar that we should face, recognising that it is from there that we receive such abundant graces.

Never walk away carrying the Sacred Host. Should you see someone who does this, remember that it is all of our duty before almighty God to protect the Blessed Sacrament and so please stop this person immediately and let the Priest know straight away.

We all have a duty to almighty God to show reverence to Him above all others and all other things. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Our Lord has made Himself vulnerable by allowing Himself to be placed into human and sinful hands and so we, in turn, have a responsibility to care for and to protect Him and to defend Him from all blasphemy, sacrilege and profanity. To do so shows our love and our faith and our commitment to He who is our only hope.

Paschal Precept

The Paschal Precept, or Easter Duty, is the law of the Church obligating the faithful to confess their sins at least once every year and to receive Holy Communion during the season of Easter (CIC *nn.* 920, 989). There are three times each week scheduled for the Sacrament of Penance by which you can make your confession. The times are Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 at Holy Family Church.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below. This can be used to make a single donation or, for those who are part of the planned giving programme, to make your contribution.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.





The gifts
of the
HOLY
SPIRIT

Counsel:

Helps us to discern what is right and wrong.

Wisdom:

Helps us to see the world from God's point of view.

Piety:

Helps us to love God and obey His laws out of love for him.

Fortitude:

Helps us to overcome difficulties with faith.

Knowledge:

Helps us to discover God's will in all things.

Understanding:

Helps us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.

Fear of the Lord:

Helps us to desire to flee from sin and choose to please God.

Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.



“God doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called.”
— recently ordained priest, Father Matthew Dimian.



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ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

Saints & STUFF

THE PROPER NAME of the HOLY SPIRIT

The Church teaches that “Holy Spirit” is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new children.

The term “Spirit” translates the Hebrew word *ruah*, which, in its primary sense, means breath, air, wind. Jesus indeed uses the sensory image of the wind to suggest to Nicodemus the transcendent newness of him who is personally God's breath, the divine Spirit. On the other hand, “Spirit” and “Holy” are divine attributes common to the three divine persons. By joining the two terms, Scripture, liturgy, and theological language designate the inexpressible person of the Holy Spirit, without any possible equivocation with other uses of the terms “spirit” and “holy.”

Besides the proper name of “Holy Spirit,” which is most frequently used in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles, we also find in St. Paul the titles: the Spirit of the promise, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of God—and, in St. Peter, the Spirit of glory. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 691, 693).

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Spirit

687 “No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.” Now God's Spirit, who reveals God, makes known to us Christ, his Word, his living Utterance, but the Spirit does not speak of himself. The Spirit who “has spoken through the prophets” makes us hear the Father's Word, but we do not hear the Spirit himself. We know him only in the movement by which he reveals the Word to us and disposes us to welcome him in faith. The Spirit of truth who “unveils” Christ to us “will not speak on his own”... [T]hose who believe in Christ know the Spirit because he dwells with them.

688 The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit: in the Scriptures he inspired; in the Tradition, to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses; in the Church's Magisterium, which he assists; in the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ; in prayer, wherein he intercedes for us; in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up; in the signs of apostolic and missionary life; in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation.

CATHOLIC Trivia

The HOLY S P I R I T

THE SEVEN GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT

Wisdom
Understanding
Counsel
Fortitude
Knowledge
Piety
Fear of the Lord

(Cf. *Rite of Confirmation*)

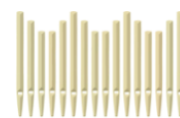
THE NINE FRUITS of the HOLY SPIRIT

Love
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-Control

(Cf. *Gal 5:22-23*)

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3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 65:1-2)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

The Acts of Apostles (3:13-15, 17-19)

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v. 1)

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me,
O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! R.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. R.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. John (2:1-5)

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,

but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation (Lk. 24:32)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Luke (24:35-48)

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So 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.'

Communio (Lk. 24:35)

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.