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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.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

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

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

waiting for volunteers

Flower Arranging

*requesting volunteers to form groups of
at least 2 people to arrange flowers for
the sanctuary*

SOCIAL MEDIA



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Holy Cross Parish App



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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 1: D. Portelli,
L. Toman, W. Krasinski, J. Galea,
A. Quinlan, N. Begley

Readers

Vigil Sisters, Ingrid Bifulco,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges,
Rosza Kazmer, Wadzi Mushininga

Children's Liturgy Reanne and
Raphaella

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, Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello,
Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, John Drake, Alan Frost,
Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary
Grech, Sam Grech, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Salim Karaki, Paul
Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La Rosa, Jim Mackie, Frouzine
Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun,
Crising Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Giovanna Mondello,
Sam Munro, Joseph Nammour, Susan Nammour, Jack Newell,
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Pestano, Rolando Pestano, Samuel Pickering, Peter Pidgeon,
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Willian Yott, Dib Zaiter.



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

Flower Arrangement Groups for Holy Family Church

Parishioners are asked to volunteer to form groups of at least two people to arrange flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family Church. The groups will be rostered for Saturday mornings after the 9:15 a.m. Mass and will be responsible for buying and donating the flowers, arranging the flowers for the sanctuary and removing the flowers from the previous week.

Thank you to the six people who have already volunteered for this work. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. This means there are three groups but it also means that flowers can only be arranged every two or three weeks.

If there are to be flowers decorating the sanctuary every week, as people want, then we need many more people to volunteer.

St. Joseph's Table

As the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Holy Cross Parish holds its annual St. Joseph's Table.

We are asking parishioners to donate canned goods and other non-perishable foods and toiletries to this table which will then be distributed to those in need.

Tables have been placed before the altar of St. Joseph in Holy Family Church and by the statue of St. Joseph in Holy Trinity Church for your donations.

In previous years your contributions have supported many families in our parish and in our schools as well as those in other parishes and across the diocese.

Please support this good work of Holy Cross Parish by donating to the St. Joseph's Table through the month of May in support of those who are having difficulties. Your donations can do a great deal to support those in need.

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.



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.

As the new financial year will soon begin, if you would like to support the works of the parish by becoming a member of the planned giving programme and receive a set of envelopes or to make regular direct deposits, we will be grateful for your generosity and your support of the parish.



Diocesan "Pastoral Plan Think Tank Sessions"

The diocese is hosting "think tank sessions" about the proposed diocesan pastoral plan. The fifth session will be held on Wednesday, 29 May from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Penrith parish.



ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.



H O L Y C R O S S P A R I S H

WALK WITH CHRIST

NEXT SUNDAY

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



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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year B

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 Deuteronomy (4:32-34, 39-40)

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12)

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. R.

With his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:14-17)

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear

into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation (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 Matthew (28:16-20)

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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.

“ The strongest proof
that we are made
in the image of the Trinity
is this:

Love alone makes us happy
because we live in a relationship,
and we live to love
and to be loved. ”

— Pope Benedict XVI