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### THE ASSUMPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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In 1950 Venerable Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption, the fourth of the four dogmas or teachings of the Blessed Virgin, saying that Mary, at the end of her life, was taken up body and soul into heaven. Throughout her history, the Church, both in the east and the west, both the Catholics and the Orthodox, have held that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven body and soul.

But why is this so important? When you and I die our souls will be separated from our bodies. Our souls will stand before the throne of God in judgement and our bodies will be buried in the earth. Even for our Lord at His death His body was laid in a tomb. So why not for our Lady? Why did God not allow her body to be buried in the earth but, instead, carried her body and soul, into heaven? To understand this we need to understand just who the Blessed Virgin Mary is and why she matters in the history of our salvation.

At the beginning of time we were born into paradise and we lived with God who walked with us as He walked in the garden in the cool of the evening. But we chose ourselves, rather than God and by our pride, we were expelled from paradise to wander the earth in suffering and in pain. But neither did God remain in paradise but left His home to search for us and to call us back through Abraham, Noah, Isaac, and Jacob. But we preferred the life of filth to the life of grace and again and again we pushed God away. Until that day, two thousand years ago, when God no longer sent out others to look for us but came after us Himself.

In a young girl, of whom the world should never have heard, of a village that should never have mattered, in a country that was the backwaters of a great empire, at a time that should have been lost in history, was born God made Man. Whereas the sin of the woman Eve banished us from the sight of God — the faith of the woman Mary saw God set his sights on us. Whereas the self-esteem of the man Adam denied us our humanity — the self-sacrifice of Jesus gained for us the fulfillment of our humanity.

In her giving birth her virginity remained undefiled, in her falling asleep, she did not leave the world, but was assumed body and soul into Heaven, and crowned Queen. In the glory which she possesses in body and soul in Heaven, she is the image and the beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. And on earth she shines forth until the day of the Lord shall come, a sign of certain hope and comfort to the children of God.

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Lana Leatherby

### Sacraments and Youth Co-ordinator

Rosette Chidiac

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## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

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## 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, 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.

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### Rosters

### Church and Toilets Cleaning

C. Takchi, M. Wehbe, N. Khoury

### 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

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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.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 3: Hanh Hanh  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,  
Ingrid Bifulco

**10:00 a.m.** Sisters, Raphaella Chidiac,  
Reanne Chidiac

**Children's Liturgy** Wanda and Chloe

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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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, 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

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John Anjoul, Norma Armstrong, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad,  
Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello, Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown,  
Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Les  
Camilleri, Maria Rebecca Dinh, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea,  
Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam  
Grech, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine  
Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun,  
Bettie McGrath, Iris McIntyre, Linsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre,  
Thomas McIntyre, Sam Munro, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell,  
Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Jack Pickering, Lorna  
Pickering, Peter Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Sultaneh Salhab, Kerry  
Savvas, Alex Taktak, Maria Ho Thi Ti, John Timbs, John Toye,  
Carmelo Vella, Bich Lien Vo, Phero Vu Van Vuong, Phyllis  
Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Noeleen Yott, Dib  
Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

**Laila Iskandar Zaiter**  
*Requiescat in pace*

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Laila Iskandar Zaiter, wife of the late Dib Richard Zaiter, and mother of Richard, Sounya, Mouna, Violette, Mary Rose, George and Jacqualine.

In your charity please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.



*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
May her soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.  
Amen.*

**Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
and the Sacrament of  
Penance (Confession)**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered every week on Sunday evenings following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Family Church and on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. This is a chance to pray before Our Lord truly present Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament and to receive His abundant graces and strength.

The Sacrament of penance (confession) is available three times each week at the following times: Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church and Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Make use of these opportunities to regularly make your confession and receive the grace of Our Lord.



SOLEMNITY of the  
ASSUMPTION of the  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THURSDAY

Wednesday, 14 August at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church

Thursday, 15 August at 8:15 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church

Thursday, 15 August at 9:15 a.m.

Holy Family Church

Thursday, 15 August at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church

Candlelight Procession  
from Holy Trinity Church  
to Holy Family Church  
following the 6:00 p.m. Mass

The parish bus will be available  
at 5:00 p.m. to take people  
from Holy Family Church  
to Holy Trinity Church  
for the Mass and the procession  
and to take people  
to Holy Trinity Church  
after the procession.

For those wishing to travel by bus  
for the Mass and the procession,  
please arrive at Holy Family Church  
by 5:00 p.m.

*New Ark Films will be filming the  
candlelight procession.*

*Please advise their crew if you do not  
wish to be filmed.*

**The Catholic Foundation  
“Good Samaritan Appeal”  
for Catholic Care**

The Catholic Foundation is continuing to hold its annual “Good Samaritan Appeal”. This year’s appeal is in support of Catholic Care’s “Project Elizabeth” which provides support to women facing difficulties during pregnancy and motherhood.

You can donate by making a contribution to this appeal by using the envelopes on the pews and placing these in either of the collections.

To make a donation online, visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au) or scan the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this appeal for your kindness and support which is greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times for many people.



**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.

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CANDLELIGHT  
PROCESSION  
*in Honour of the*  
ASSUMPTION  
*of the*  
BLESSED  
VIRGIN  
MARY

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THURSDAY

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Holy Mass at 6:00 *p.m.*  
at Holy Trinity Church  
followed by procession  
to Holy Family Church

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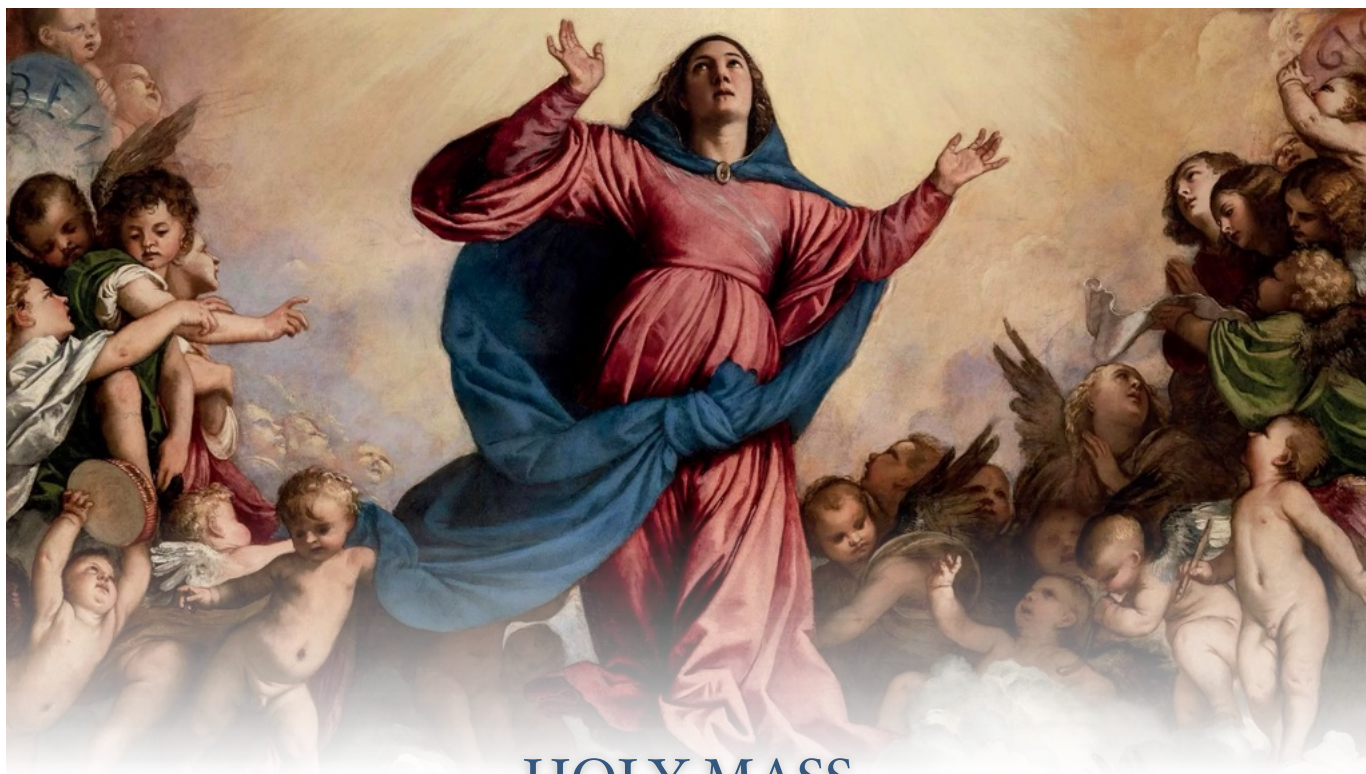
Join us on Thursday evening as we celebrate  
the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
with a candlelight procession from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

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The parish bus will be available to carry parishioners  
from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass  
and from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church following the procession.

*We are inviting parishioners to assist with this procession  
by forming groups of four people to help carry the platform  
on which will stand the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*If you would like to be a part of this,  
please speak with Fr. Andrew.*



## HOLY MASS

*on the SOLEMNITY of the*

*ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

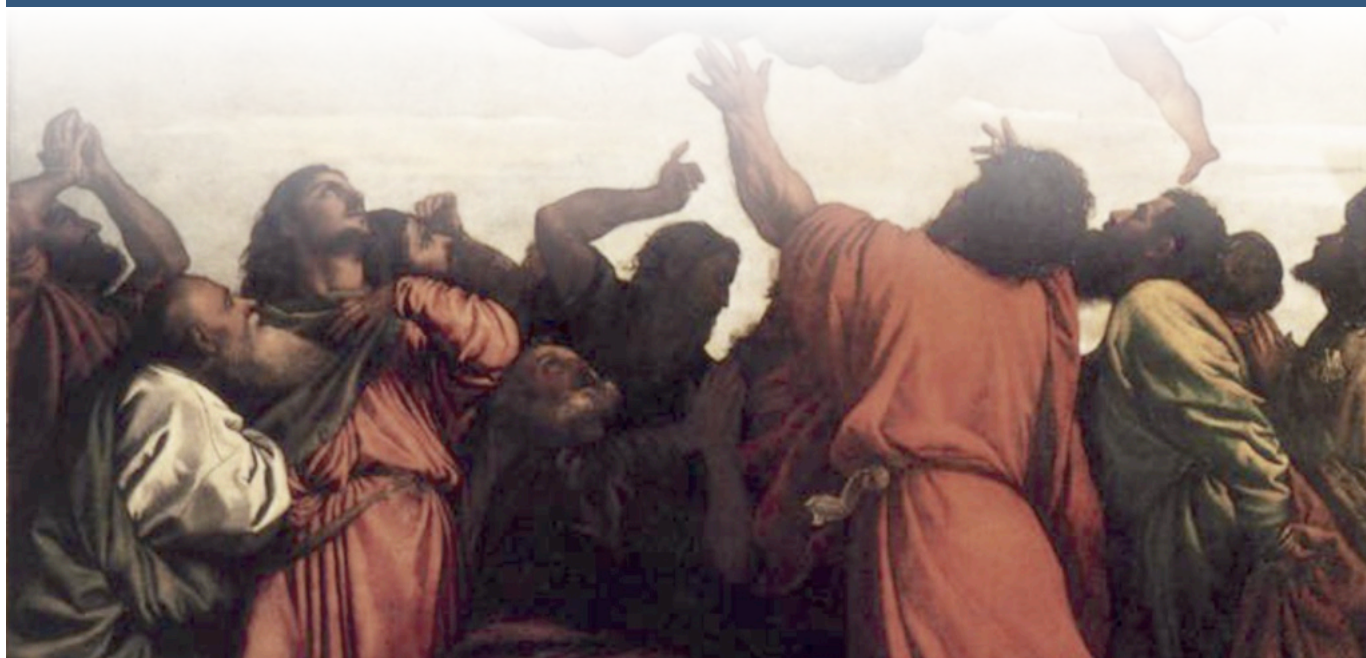
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Wednesday, 14 August at 6:00 *p.m.* | Holy Family Church

Thursday, 15 August at 8:15 *a.m.* | Holy Trinity Church

Thursday, 15 August at 9:15 *a.m.* | Holy Family Church

Thursday, 15 August at 6:00 *p.m.* | Holy Trinity Church



**Together  
we can keep  
the faith alive**



## **Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians**

In fact, we are the only international Catholic charity dedicated to this mission.



The projects most in need



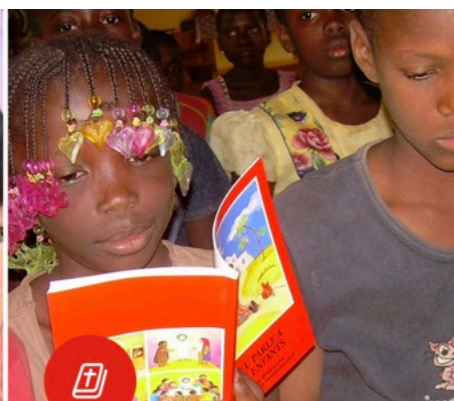
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# Saints & STUFF

## ST. DOMINIC



During this month of August, where we honour Our Blessed Mother, we also remember in a special way St. Dominic whose Feast we celebrated on August 3.

Tradition says that Our Lady gave the Holy Prayer of the Rosary to St. Dominic which has been prayed by Catholics around the world since.

The Province of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) which covers Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands is dedicated to the Assumption and so this month holds special significance for these heirs of St. Dominic.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Assumption*

**966** “Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.”

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

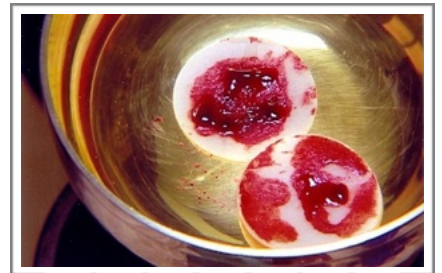
**She is our Mother in the order of grace.**

**967** By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a “preeminent and... wholly unique member of the Church”; indeed, she is the “exemplary realisation” (*typus*) of the Church.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## *Bleeding Host in Poland Confirmed to be the True Body and Blood of Christ*

In Poland a consecrated host fell on the floor and picked up and placed in a container with water, according to the report by the Bishop of Legnica. The falling of the host and its preservation occurred on Christmas day of 2013. After the host was conserved in a container with water by the Parish Priest, it gradually began to turn to change colour, possessing red-bloody stains.



The final medical statement by the Department of Forensic Medicine found that “in the histopathological image, the fragments (of the Host) were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle. Tests also determined the tissue to be of human origin, and found that it bore signs of distress.”

The Vatican, in 2017, approved the findings and reports of the case.

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The Readings

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**Introit** (Cf. *Ps.* 73:20, 19, 22, 23)

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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**First Reading**

**The First Book of Kings** (19:4-8)

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

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**Responsorial Psalm** (*Ps.* 33:2-9. *R.* v. 9)

*R.* Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R.*

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. *R.*

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. *R.*

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. *R.*

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**Second Reading**

**The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians** (4:30-5:2)

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other

names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn.* 6:51)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of John** (6:41-51)

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me  
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,  
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:  
They will all be taught by God,  
and to hear the teaching of the Father,  
and learn from it,  
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,  
except the one who comes from God:  
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,  
everybody who believes has eternal life.  
I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert  
and they are dead;  
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,  
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread  
which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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**Communio** (*Ps.* 147:12, 14)

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.