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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

Flower Arranging

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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.

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

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La Rosa,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda, Sisters,
Mary Georges

Children's Liturgy Elmo Xavier and
Shanthi Xavier

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,
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Khalil, Kay King, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,
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, Gerard Watts.



*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

Victor Azzopardi, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie
Camilleri, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Maria Dinh, John Dover,
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Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

Important Notice Regarding Receiving Holy Communion

There has been an unfortunate increase in Sacred Hosts been dropped when receiving Holy Communion. Whilst these are accidents, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the Sacred Host—the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ—is guarded and protected.

When receiving Holy Communion, please do not step to the side to consume the Sacred Host, and under no circumstances, turn away from facing the altar before you consume the Sacred Host.

Please ensure that you consume the Sacred Host whilst still facing the altar and the Priest or the Extraordinary Minister.

Flower Arranging Groups and Donation of Flowers for Holy Family Church

Volunteers to form groups to arrange the flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family Church are needed. There are currently only two groups which mean that there can only be fresh flowers decorating the church once a month. This means that for the other weeks of the month there will necessarily be artificial flowers.

If there are to be fresh arrangements of flowers to decorate the sanctuary every week then it is necessary that groups of at least two people be arranged who will buy the flowers and arrange them on Saturday mornings.

The more groups there are then the less often will each group need to be rostered.

If you can form a group, please speak with the parish office.

Additionally, let us know if you have flowers in your garden that you can cut and donate for the flower arranging groups to use.

First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation

This past week the parish has celebrated two Masses for first Holy Communion and Mass for the reception of Confirmation.

We owe our thanks to those who made all of this possible. To Rosette Chidiac, Sacraments Co-ordinator, to John Portelli, Maryanne Takchi and Chloe Zaiter for arranging the music, and to Anthony, Brandon, Patrick, Joshua, Jonah, Michael, Patrick, Paul and Raphael for serving at the altar, and to Alex Tasho of Tasho Creative for the photographs.

Pray for these young parishioners that they may co-operate with the grace of these Sacraments they have received so that they may be faithful witnesses to the salvation of Our Lord.

Important Notice

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this evening (Sunday) at Holy Family Church.

The Sacrament of Penance (confessions) from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. will be as usual.

The Australian Holy Shroud Conference

The Australian Holy Shroud Conference 2025 intends to make available to the Australian public the most up-to-date findings on the Holy Shroud. In particular it will deal with the 1988 carbon dating issue and subsequent developments. Top-line international and local speakers, including Bishop Richard Umbers, will present the latest information on the Shroud.

The conference will be held from Friday, 27 June to Saturday, 28 June at the Liverpool Catholic Club.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting holyshroud.com.au.

Planned Giving Envelopes Available Now

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are now available at the doors of the church.

Thank you to all those who are already a part of this programme and give to the parish each week. Your generous support is greatly appreciated and is a tremendous source of support for the parish.

If you would like to be a part of this programme please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office during the week and we can arrange this for you.

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.





ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

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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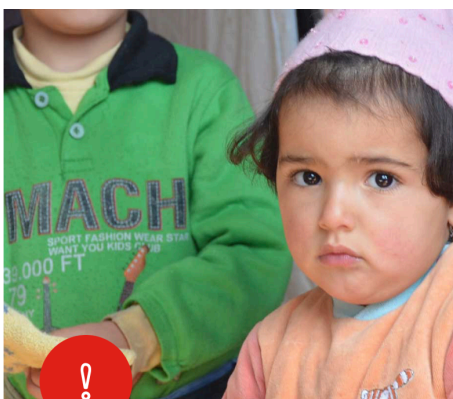
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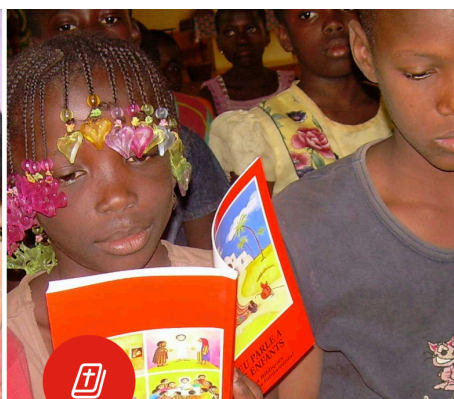
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Saints & STUFF

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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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 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

The Gospel of St. 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.

**“Christian *perfection* consists in three things:
praying heroically,
working heroically,
*and suffering heroically.”***

—St. Anthony Mary Claret