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*Happy
Mother's Day*



A Mother's Love and the Spirit of Truth

This Sixth Sunday of Easter presents us with a profound promise from Our Lord: the coming of the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, who ensures we are never left orphans. This assurance of divine companionship is particularly poignant during this month of May, a time the Church traditionally dedicates to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we also pause this weekend to honour our earthly mothers, we find a beautiful tapestry of spiritual and natural motherhood woven together in the liturgical life of the Church.

The Gospel reminds us that love for Christ is not a mere sentiment but is found in the keeping of His commandments. By doing so, we abide in His love and prepare our hearts to be temples of the Holy Spirit. This interior life is perfectly exemplified by Our Lady. During May, we look to her as the model of faithful obedience and the Help of Christians. She is the one who perfectly kept the words of her Son, pondering them in her heart. By crowning her images and reciting the Rosary, we acknowledge her unique

role in the history of salvation and her continued protection over the faithful.

This devotion to our Heavenly Mother naturally elevates our appreciation for the gift of motherhood in our own lives. On Mother's Day, we recognise that the vocation of a mother is a sacred participation in God's creative love. A mother is often the first teacher of the faith, the one who first whispers the names of Jesus and Mary into a child's ear. Like the Blessed Mother at the foot of the Cross, earthly mothers mirror the sacrificial love of Christ, often labouring in silence and prayer for the sanctification of their families. They provide a glimpse of the tenderness of God, offering a sanctuary of peace in a restless world.

There is a deep connection between "Spirit of Truth" promised in this week's reading and the quiet influence of a mother. Just as the Holy Spirit guides the Church into all truth, a mother of faith guides her children toward what is good, true, and beautiful. In an age that often

forgets the value of hidden service, the Catholic home - the domestic church - stands as a witness to the power of selfless devotion. Whether through the joys of new life or the trials of domestic care, mothers participate in the redemptive work of the Church.

As we celebrate this weekend, let us offer our prayers for all mothers, both living and deceased. We ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their high calling and to grant them the wisdom needed to lead their children toward Heaven. We also fly to the patronage of Mary, our Mother and Queen, asking her to wrap her mantle around our families. In these final weeks of Easter joy, may we never feel like orphans, but rather like beloved children of a Father who provides for us, a Spirit who sustains us, and a Mother who constantly intercedes for our peace. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, may our homes become reflections of the Holy House of Nazareth and be filled with the peace of the Holy Spirit.

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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

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

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

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

Tuyet Suong, Trinh Thi Xuan Thu, Hoang
Duong, Anna, Chi Kieu

Flower Arranging

Ana Brown and Latu Manu

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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, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.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 3:

Vietnamese Chaplaincy

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Racquel La Rosa

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

Children's Liturgy

Wanda Krasinski and Chloe Zaiter

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, John Borg,
Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Gioenco,
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter
Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Jacob Lee, Josephine
Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben
Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo
Tognini, 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, Joseph Baini, Carmen Bonello, Charlie
Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert
Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Christine Derwin, Joe
Paul Fehir, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John
Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons,
Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Chini Maya Kc, Nouhad Khoury,
Kaye King, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Mouna
Malkoun, Roy McDonald, Aileen McIntyre, Jack McIntyre,
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Mondello, Anthony Newell, Jessica Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen,
Michael O'Brien, Peter Olsen, Zackary Orenshaw, Doris
Pickering, Edward Pidgeon, Robert Pidgeon, Sheila Pidgeon,
Anna Pham, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Grace Saliba, Louis
Saliba, Garry Smith, Carlito So, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone, Alex
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Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine
Wehbe, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter, Jessie Zammit

Bus Trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima this coming Wednesday 13 May with Fr. Galbert and a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy. This special day provides a wonderful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and devotion honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please be aware that seats are strictly limited. We are asking for all interested parishioners to register their names at the back of the church this weekend only.

Due to the limited capacity, registrations will close promptly after the final Sunday Mass, and we cannot accept further bookings once the seating capacity is reached.

A Call to Action: Your Parish Needs You!

Are you inspired to serve, or are you waiting for others to step forward? Our parish community cannot thrive—or even function—on the efforts of a few alone. We are currently at a critical point where we urgently seek volunteers for vital ministries, including altar serving, reading, cleaning, music, hospitality and children's liturgy.

We must move beyond being a congregation of spectators. To be a living body of Christ, every member is called to active participation, not just attendance. Sharing your unique gifts is not merely an option; it is a vital responsibility to help build our parish and honour God through tangible, generous service. A parish is only as strong as the people who sustain it.

Please do not leave the work to someone else. We need your hands and your heart to ensure our mission continues. If you are ready to commit, please contact the parish office. Your service is essential. Use this Easter season to jump-start your vital parish service.



*Make frequent visits to Jesus
in the Blessed Sacrament
and the devil will be
powerless against you.*

—*St. John Bosco*

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance at Holy Cross Parish

Parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance for the sanctification of their souls and spiritual renewal. Through humble confession and the priest's absolution, we receive God's mercy, purifying our hearts and restoring our union with the Church.

Confessions are heard each Wednesday at Holy Family Church from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. At Holy Trinity Church, the Sacrament is available every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Come and experience the profound peace of Christ's mercy.

2026 National Count of Attendance

Our parish is currently participating in the 2026 National Count of Attendance. This nationwide project occurs every five years alongside the Australian Census to help the Church better understand current patterns of religious practice.

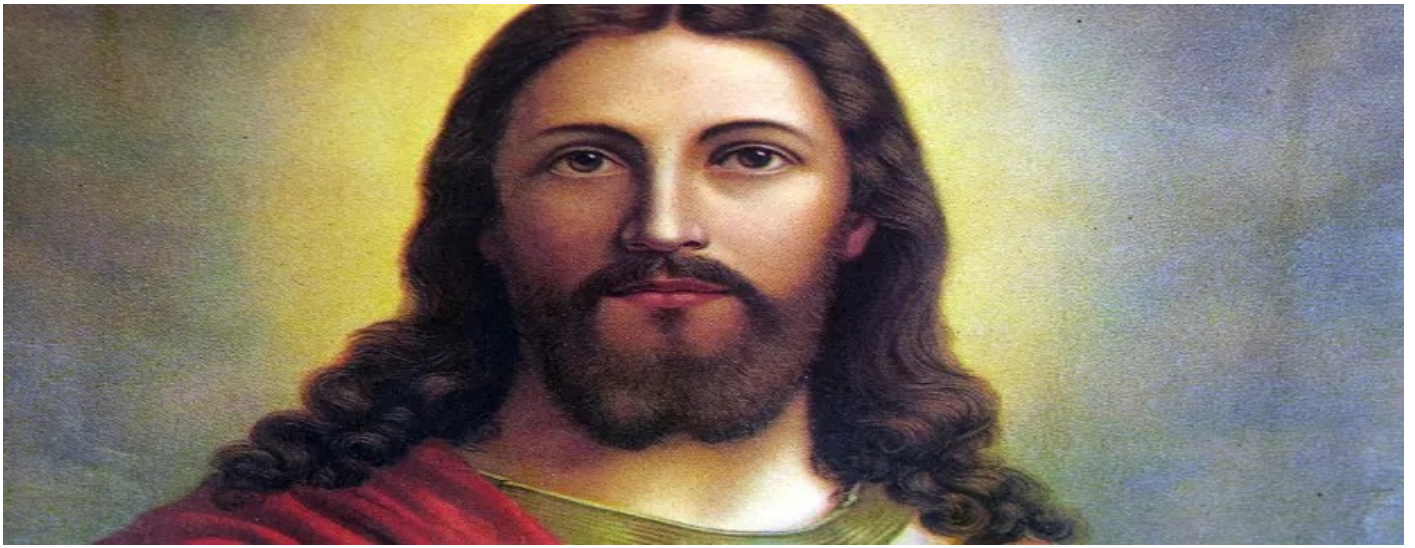
During the remaining weekends in May, we will continue counting everyone attending our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. This process will not disrupt our liturgy and is essential for future pastoral planning.

Holy Trinity Church Audio System Upgrade Appeal

For over twenty-five years, the audio system at Holy Trinity Church has been the backbone of our communications during Holy Mass. However, the equipment is now frequently malfunctioning and in need of upgrading. This essential upgrade is a continued part of our long-term refurbishment and restoration program, which has been effectively improving both parish churches for many years.

To ensure that every parishioner can hear the prayers and the Word of God with absolute clarity, we are embarking on this project to install a modern, professional-grade system throughout the building. This work will provide vastly improved sound coverage, ensuring no member of our community is excluded due to poor acoustics. We are seeking major sponsors and significant donations to fund this vital work for the glory of God.

While we understand current cost of living pressures may make it difficult for some to contribute, we invite those in a position to do so to consider a significant financial contribution. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Galbert directly.



THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT AND TRUTH

This week's Gospel takes us deeper into the farewell discourse of Jesus, transitioning from the promise of a place in the Father's house to the promise of a permanent indwelling within the believer. Jesus introduces the Holy Spirit as the "Paraclete" or Advocate, the Spirit of Truth who will remain with the Church forever. This teaching is vital for the disciples, who are grappling with the reality of Christ's physical departure. It serves as a powerful reminder that the Christian life is not a solitary struggle of will, but a life lived in constant, divine companionship. By promising the Spirit, Jesus ensures that His presence is not confined to a specific time or place, but is woven into the very fabric of our soul's life.

The condition for receiving this gift is clearly stated: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." In the biblical sense, love is not a fleeting emotion or a sentiment; it is a decisive act of the will expressed through fidelity. Keeping the commandments is the outward sign of an inward reality. It is the way we create space in our hearts for the Spirit of Truth to reside. When we align our lives with the teachings of Christ, we move beyond a purely intellectual understanding of God and enter into a living, breathing communion. This obedience is not a burden but a liberation, as it protects us from the shifting truths of the world and anchors us in the unchanging love of God.



THE ROLE OF THE ADVOCATE

The term "Advocate" carries deep legal and personal significance. In the ancient world, an advocate was someone called to stand beside a person in a time of trial, offering counsel, strength, and a voice. By sending the Holy Spirit, Our Lord provides us with a divine witness who defends us against the accusations of the world and the whispers of despair. This guiding light acts as an internal compass, helping us to discern the path of righteousness in a culture that often lacks moral clarity. He does not bring a new Gospel, but rather illuminates the words of Christ, making them come alive in our hearts and challenging us to live them with greater authenticity.



NEVER LEFT AS ORPHANS

This spiritual companionship means that we are never "orphaned", a term Our Lord uses to describe a state of great abandonment. Even when we face the darkest valleys of grief, loneliness, or persecution, the Advocate remains. This is the source of the "reason for your hope" that St. Peter speaks of in the second reading. Our hope is not based on wishful thinking, but on our own experiences of the Spirit's power residing deep within us. This power enables us to respond to life's challenges with gentleness and reverence, witnessing to the Risen Lord through our peace

rather than through aggressive argument. It is through this quiet strength that we demonstrate the reality of the Resurrection to a world that often feels abandoned by the divine.



THE WITNESS OF DIVINE TRUTH

The Holy Spirit transforms us into a community reflecting the "Spirit of Truth" amidst moral ambiguity. We are called to be living witnesses to God's love through daily interactions, demonstrating that Christ remains active in history. This divine residence grants us courage to choose kindness over retaliation and truth over convenience, ensuring our parish and homes remain a sanctuary of peace. Through the Advocate's guidance, our commitment to holiness strengthens the whole Church, cementing our lives in the charity of the Gospel.



A CALL TO ACTION

Reflect this week on the moments when you have felt spiritually isolated or overwhelmed by the world's demands. Invite the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to fill those spaces of loneliness and to strengthen your resolve to follow Christ's commandments. Trust that His presence is a permanent gift that provides the wisdom and courage needed for every trial. By leaning on the Spirit of Truth, we find that we are never alone, for the Advocate remains our constant companion and source of eternal hope.

HOLY CROSS PARISH GRANVILLE

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

Corpus Christi

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

10:00AM

HOLY MASS FOLLOWED BY
PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Holy Trinity Church
Cnr. Randle St. & Bennalong St. Granville*



ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

*Month of May
in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

VISIT OF THE INT'L CENTENNIAL PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

200 The Trongate, South Granville

Saturday, May 16, 2026

4:30pm HOLY MASS (Saturday Vigil)
with Welcoming & Crowning of Our Lady
and Parish Consecration to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Regular Mass Times: 8:30am, 5:00pm

At every Mass this weekend:

- Short inspirational talk on the Message of Fatima
- Family Consecration to the Holy Family of Nazareth
- Investiture of the Brown Scapular

**THE URGENT CALL
FOR PRAYER AND REPARATION:
THE APPEAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**



*Our Lady of Fatima
with her Immaculate Heart
blessed by Pope Francis*

Saints & STUFF

St. Damien of Molokai

A Belgian missionary priest, St. Damien famously volunteered to minister to a colony of people suffering from leprosy on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. At a time when the world lived in absolute fear of the disease, Damien chose to live, eat, and eventually die among those society had cast aside.

St. Damien was not merely a spiritual leader; he was a practical servant of the Gospel. He used his skills as a skilled carpenter to build over 700 coffins by hand, ensuring that every resident of the colony was buried with the dignity they deserved. He also constructed houses, schools, and a church, turning a place of despair into a vibrant community. By identifying so closely with his flock, he famously began his sermons with "We lepers," rather than "My brethren," after he eventually contracted the illness himself.

St. Damien stands as a great witness to the Resurrection. He reminds us that Christ's victory over death is found in the places of greatest suffering. His life teaches people of faith that true love requires us to step out of our comfort zones to restore dignity to the forgotten, proving that no soul is ever truly abandoned by God.

St. Damian of Molokai, hero of the outcasts, pray for us.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Spirit of Truth

692 When he proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus calls him the "Paraclete," literally, "he who is called to one's side," ad-vocatus. "Paraclete" is commonly translated by "consoler," and Jesus is the first consoler. The Lord also called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth."

729 Only when the hour has arrived for Jesus to be glorified does he promise the coming of the Holy Spirit, since his Death and Resurrection will fulfil the promise made to the fathers. The Spirit of Truth, the other Paraclete, will be given by the Father in answer to Jesus' prayer; he will be sent by the Father in Jesus' name; and Jesus will send him from the Father's side.

1824 Fruit of the Spirit and fullness of the Law, charity keeps the commandments of God and his Christ: "Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love."

2082 God's summons to love him involves a "commandment." The Decalogue (The Ten Commandments) must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law.

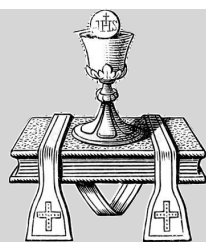
CATHOLIC Trivia

From Cloister to Classroom

The university as we know it today was born in the Middle Ages. Before this time, education was mostly tucked away in quiet monasteries. As European cities grew, there was a new and urgent need for trained professionals in law, medicine, and theology. This led to the formation of the first "universitas"—a Latin term for a guild or corporation. These were not just buildings, but legal groups of people dedicated to learning.

Two famous models soon appeared. In Bologna, Italy, the students were in charge; they hired their own teachers and managed the school. In Paris, the "masters" or teachers held the power. This Parisian style eventually became the blueprint for famous institutions like Oxford and Cambridge. Students followed a strict path called the seven liberal arts. They started with the basics of grammar and logic before moving on to advanced subjects like music and astronomy.

What truly made these schools special was their independence. Kings and powerful Popes granted them special legal charters, which protected scholars from local laws and interference. This established the vital concept of academic freedom, allowing people to debate difficult ideas safely. This system remains the foundation for how we share knowledge globally today.



MASS MATTERS

Genuflecting and Bowing

Our "body language" during Mass reflects our interior devotion. Before entering the pew, we genuflect—bending the right knee to touch the floor—as an act of adoration toward the Real Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle. This significant gesture acknowledges Christ as our King. If the Tabernacle is not in the sanctuary, we offer a profound bow of the body toward the Altar instead.

During the Liturgy, we also use a bow of the head when the names of the Three Divine Persons are joined, at the name of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honour Mass is celebrated.

These movements are not mere habits; they are outward signs of humility on our sacred pilgrimage.

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

The Readings

Introit

(Cf Isaiah 48:20)

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

The Acts of the Apostles

(Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17)

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1)

℟. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! ℟.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. ℟.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. ℟.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. ℟.

Second Reading

First Letter of St Peter

(1 Peter 3:15-18)

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you

should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

(John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John

(John 14:15-21)

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communio

(John 14:15-16)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

*Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the gift of
mothers and the selfless love they
share with the world.
Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
may they be blessed with strength,
joy, and your eternal peace.
Amen*

