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The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity stands as the central truth of our Christian faith and life. It shows us who God is in Himself, acting as the firm foundation for everything we believe and hold dear in our daily lives. While our human minds can never fully understand how God can be three distinct Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - in one single divine nature, the Church invites us this Sunday to look past complex arguments and simply praise God's infinite majesty and love. This great solemnity, reminds us that we are created in the image of a Trinitarian God. We were not placed on this earth by a lonely, distant deity, but by a holy communion of perfect love. Our ultimate destination is to be drawn forever into that eternal exchange of love between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

For all of us at Holy Cross Parish, this solemnity carries a deeply personal and local meaning. This weekend marks the feast day of Holy Trinity Church, one of our cherished parish churches. A dedication feast is a time of great blessing for a church

building and the community that prays inside it. It is an opportunity to look back with gratitude at the generations of faithful people who have gathered here for Holy Mass - which for us dates back to 1881 - and to look forward with hope to the future. Every time we step inside Holy Trinity Church, and whenever we make the sign of the Cross, we are reminded of our own Baptism. On that day, we were claimed for Christ and immersed into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

This local celebration challenges us to look closely at how the reality of the Trinity shapes our daily lives. Because God is a communion of Persons, we are called to live in harmony and charity with one another rather than in isolation. The unity of the Three Divine Persons is the perfect model for our own parish family. In a world that is often fractured and divided, our community must stand as a visible sign of God's peace. This means practicing humility, patience, and forgiveness in our homes, in our

workplaces, and when attending Mass, allowing the grace of the Holy Trinity to smooth away our differences and bind us together in true Christian fellowship. We must strive to reflect the love of the Godhead in our interactions with our families, neighbours, and fellow parishioners each day.

As we celebrate the feast of Holy Trinity Church within the wider life of Holy Cross Parish this weekend, let us renew our devotion to the Triune God. We pray that our parish may continue to be a place where the Father is loved, the Son is adored, and the Holy Spirit is invoked. May our worship this Sunday fill us with a holy reverence of God, guiding us safely through this life until we come to see the undivided Trinity in the eternal glory of heaven.



Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, who created us in love and gathered us together in the unity of the true faith. May the grace of the Most Holy Trinity guide our earthly pilgrimage and bring us at last to the eternal glory of heaven. Amen.

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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

Narelle Khoury, Claudette Takchi,
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Flower Arranging

Patricia Robertson and Sharon Minns

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

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco,
Sisters

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda,
Armani Barakat, Merlin Sandhiya

Children's Liturgy

Elmo and Shanthi Xavier

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

Juanita Zavalla Adato, Gil Adato, 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, Lucila De Manuel, Roy
McDonald, Aileen McIntyre, Jack McIntyre, Nancy McIntyre,
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Taktak, Anthony Vella, John Vella, Peter Van Duc Vu, Graham
Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine
Wehbe, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter, Jessie Zammit

Holy Mass and Solemn Procession in honour of Corpus Christi

Join us at Holy Trinity Church next Sunday, 7th June, for the celebration of Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. as we honour the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On this sacred feast, we express our profound gratitude and devotion to Our Lord for the divine gift of the Most Holy Eucharist.

After Holy Mass, we will openly and publicly profess our faith with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Together, we will accompany Our Lord through the neighbouring streets surrounding the church. This public act of adoration allows us to bring Christ's blessings directly into our local community.

The procession will then return to the church for final prayers and solemn Benediction. Please join us, and invite others to come along next Sunday for this beautiful day of worship, public witness, and deep spiritual grace, giving thanks for the gift of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin Postponed in June

Please note that the regular First Thursday of the month Holy Mass in Latin will be postponed in June. Consequently, there will be no Latin Mass offered on Thursday, 4th June.

Updates and details regarding when the Mass will resume will be provided in the parish bulletin and online sources.

Visit our Church Piety Shops

Our piety shops offer a beautiful selection of religious items, including rosaries, missals, Bibles, and other devotional items. Please stop by to browse our stock. All proceeds raised support the continued work of the parish.

Sunday Confession at Holy Family Church cancelled this Weekend

Please note that the usual scheduled Confessions at Holy Family Church on Sunday afternoon (4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., prior to the 5:00 p.m. Mass) will be cancelled for this week only due to celebrations being held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Parramatta at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The usual Confession times will resume as normal next Sunday.

First Friday Mass, Rosary and Adoration

Join us this Friday at Holy Trinity Church for our regular First Friday of the month devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Confessions will be heard from 6:15 p.m., the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

Silver Jubilee of Ordination: Congratulations Fr. Joseph!

Holy Cross Parish extends its warmest congratulations and heartfelt prayers to our Assistant Priest, Father Joseph, who celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination this weekend. We give deep thanks to Almighty God for the gift of Father Joseph's vocation and for his twenty-five years of faithful service, dedication, and ministry to the Church.

We express our sincere appreciation for his spiritual example, pastoral care, and devotion to our parish. May Our Lord continue to strengthen him in his priesthood, and may he be blessed in abundance for his holy service. Congratulations, Father Joseph, on your Silver Jubilee!

Wednesday Adoration at Holy Family Church

Please note that weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be temporarily cancelled during Fr Galbert's annual leave. Adoration will resume its usual schedule on Wednesday, 15 June.

During this time, Holy Mass will continue to be offered as normal on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Penance (confession) will also remain available at the usual scheduled time. Please maintain your regular devotions and attendance at the Holy Mass during Fr. Galbert's absence.

Holy Trinity Church Audio System Upgrade Appeal

Our sincere thanks to the parishioners who have already generously responded to our audio system appeal. While this equipment has served Holy Trinity well during Holy Mass for many years, the time has come for a vital upgrade to modern standards.

This project represents the next phase of our ongoing refurbishment and restoration program, which has successfully renewed both parish churches over recent years. Our goal is to replace the existing setup with a modern, professional-grade system, ensuring the prayers and the Word of God can be heard clearly in every corner of the church.

We are still actively seeking major sponsors and significant donations to help us complete this important work. We fully appreciate that current cost of living pressures affect many in our community, but we invite anyone in a position to assist with a contribution to contact the Parish Office this week.

Thank you for your ongoing support, stewardship and care of our parish churches.



AN EVENING WITH THE LORD

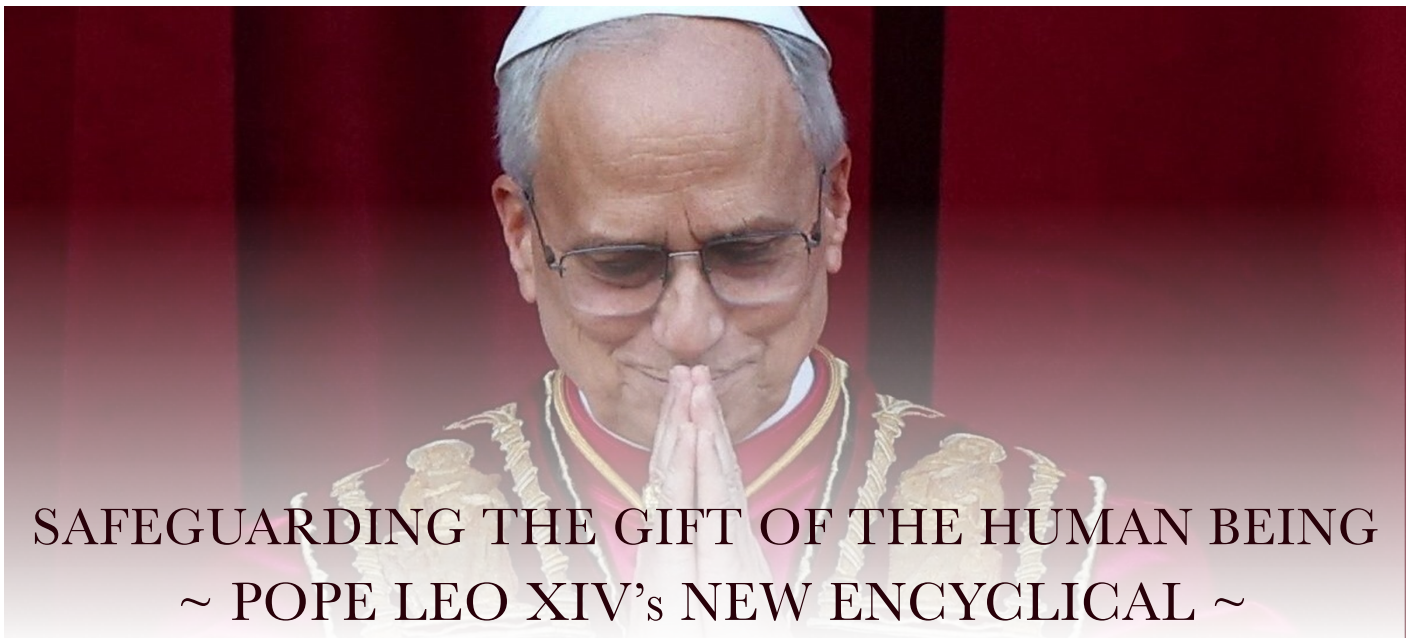
6:15pm - 6:45pm: Confession

6:30pm: Holy Rosary

7:00pm: Holy Mass followed by Adoration

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Holy Trinity Church
Cnr. Randle St. and Bennalong St. Granville



The global Catholic Church has just received a major teaching document from the Holy See. On 25 May 2026, Pope Leo XIV released the very first encyclical of his papacy, titled *Magnifica Humanitas* (which translates to “Magnificent Humanity”). In an unprecedented move, the Holy Father actually presented the document himself at the Vatican, joined by global theologians and leading figures from the technology sector. An encyclical is an official papal letter sent to the whole Church to guide understanding of current world issues. Pope Leo signed this letter on 15 May, deliberately choosing the 135th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum* - the famous 1891 letter by Pope Leo XIII that defended the rights of workers during the Industrial Revolution. Just as the Church stepped up to guide humanity through the rise of factories and machinery back then, Pope Leo XIV is now shining the light of the Gospel on a new turning point in human history: the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technology.

At the heart of *Magnifica Humanitas*, the Pope asks a very simple but profound question: As technology transforms our world, what is happening to the human person? To help visualise this, the Holy Father points to the biblical story of the Tower of Babel. He warns that when humanity relies purely on technical power, efficiency, and

profit, we risk building a modern Tower of Babel - a world that looks impressive but is ultimately cold, self-sufficient, and deeply unjust. Instead, Pope Leo invites us to choose a different path; building the “City of God,” where technology is used to foster genuine community, share wealth fairly, and protect the vulnerable. He beautifully reminds us that the splendour of a human being - created and willed by God - can never be replaced by any machine.

One of the most talked-about phrases in the encyclical is the Pope’s urgent call to “disarm AI.” By using this strong language, he does not mean we should reject computers or technology entirely. Rather, he means we must strip technology of the power to dominate, exclude, or diminish human life. The Holy Father outlines several key cautions for our modern world, beginning with the loss of real relationships. The Pope expresses concern that using chatbots or AI for emotional or spiritual support can trick us into confusing artificial empathy with real human connection. We are made for true human interaction, not simulated care.

Furthermore, he highlights the problem of “invisible infrastructure.” Because massive AI systems are controlled by a very small number of wealthy tech companies, there is a risk that a few powerful individuals will embed their own moral frameworks into the software,

dictating how the rest of the world thinks and operates. Finally, the encyclical warns against a new form of exploitation. The Pope strongly defends the dignity of low-paid workers worldwide - especially young people in developing nations who are paid minimal wages to label data or mine the rare minerals needed to keep global computers running. He calls for tech wealth to be shared universally rather than gathered in the hands of the few.

Ultimately, Pope Leo’s message is not just for tech experts in Silicon Valley; it contains very practical wisdom for Catholic families. The encyclical takes a close look at how modern devices affect our daily lives, particularly warning about the impact of unsupervised smartphone access on child development, which can lead to isolation and a weakening of the patience required to seek truth. *Magnifica Humanitas* is a joyful reminder of how special we are in God’s eyes. It challenges us to step away from our screens, look at the people around us, and invest in real, loving relationships. As our Australian bishops recently noted when welcoming the document, Pope Leo’s encyclical helps us all grapple with a rapidly changing world. Let us take up the Pope’s invitation to “remain profoundly human” by prioritising family time, practicing real listening, and ensuring that technology always serves the common good rather than controlling our hearts.

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
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Saints & STUFF

St. Joan of Arc

To close out May, we look to St. Joan of Arc, whose feast day falls on 30 May.

While many know her as the teenage peasant girl who led French armies during the Hundred Years' War, the lesser-known details of her life reveal a young woman of astounding intellect and fierce faith. Completely illiterate, Joan astounded the era's most learned theologians during her trials with her sharp, direct answers regarding the visions and voices she received from the saints.

Captured by enemy forces and subjected to a politically motivated trial, Joan was ultimately condemned and executed at the stake in 1431 at just nineteen years old. Witnesses recounted that as the flames rose, she asked for a crucifix to be held before her eyes and continuously called out the name of Jesus until her final breath.

Today, she is uniquely honoured as the patron saint of military personnel, captives, and those ridiculed for their faith. Her extraordinary life stands as a testament that God often chooses the most unlikely instruments to accomplish great things, proving that true courage is found in absolute trust in His word.

St. Joan of Arc, pray for us!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Most Holy Trinity

221 By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

234 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith".

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."

CATHOLIC Trivia

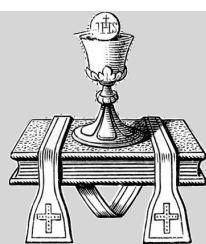
Artistic Secrets Hidden in Art

Have you ever looked closely at a painting and felt someone was watching you? In the world of religious art, that feeling might be more than just imagination. Throughout the Renaissance, great masters often tucked hidden messages or secret self-portraits into their work—a practice that serves as a playful bridge between the artist and the viewer.

Perhaps the most famous example is found in the Sistine Chapel. Michelangelo, tasked with painting the Last Judgement, decided to leave his own mark in an unconventional way. St. Bartholomew, a martyr who was skinned alive, is depicted holding his own flayed skin. If you look closely at the face on that skin, you will find a distorted, haunting portrait of Michelangelo himself. It was a humble, if slightly macabre, admission of his own struggles and identity.

Artists used these methods to honour patrons, include friends, or simply add personality to divine subjects. These details remind us that the great creators were people with a sense of humour, a flair for the dramatic, and a desire to be remembered.

Next time you view a classic painting, take a second look. You might find a little piece of the artist, waiting to be discovered by you.



MASS MATTERS

~ The Kyrie Eleison ~

Following the Penitential Act, we lift our voices in the Kyrie Eleison ("Lord, have mercy"). This significant chant is unique within our Liturgy because it is sung not in Latin, but in Greek—the original language of the New Testament Gospels.

By retaining these ancient Greek words, the Church preserves a historic link to the early Christians who cried out for Christ's mercy. The Kyrie is a litany of praise and a plea for healing, addressed alternatively to the Father and the Son: Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison; Kyrie, eleison. As we echo this timeless cry, we acknowledge our dependence on God's boundless grace to sustain us on our sacred pilgrimage. Having asked for forgiveness and mercy, our hearts are now unburdened and ready to burst into the joyful praise of the Gloria.

The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

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 Exodus (Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9)

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm (Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52)

℟. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. ℟.
Blest your glorious holy name. ℟.

You are blest in the temple of your glory. ℟.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. ℟.

You are blest who gaze into the depths. ℟.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. ℟.

Second Reading Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation (See Apocalypse 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 John (John 3:16-18)

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion (Galatians 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.

