



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5.30 pm

Sunday: 9.00 am and 10.30 am

JOHN TERRY CHAPEL (DAY CHAPEL)

Monday 8.30am Mass
Tuesday 6.00pm Mass
Wednesday 6.00pm Communion Service
Thursday 8.30am Mass
Friday 9.00am Mass
Saturday 9.00am Mass

MASS AT WILLMOT CHURCH

Sunday 7.30am
Cnr Pelsart & Carteret Ave Willmot

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Saturday from 9.30 am to 10.00 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 10.00am—1.00pm
Tue-Thur: 9.00am—3.00pm
Friday: 9.00am—12.00pm
CLOSED ON WEEKENDS

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

TRINITY SUNDAY

The Trinity is always heavy theology however you want to deal with it – how can we represent both the separateness and relationality of Father, Son and Spirit at the same time? The best theologians in history have had to struggle with this dilemma. St Patrick tried to symbolize it through the (3-leaf) clover, St Ignatius used the 3 notes of a single musical chord.

It is right to say that each element of the Trinity is separate and distinct. We tend to think of individuals as static and self-contained, each with their own characteristics. In the Trinity we often assign to the Father that of being Creator; to the Son of being Incarnate as a human being, the one who redeems us; and to the Spirit as the one to make us holy, the one who sanctifies us.

Yet none of this happens without what binds the Trinity together – love! Love overcomes separateness and unites everything together. Robert Doud, in an article on the Trinity, writes: “The Father overcomes His separateness so intensely as to generate the Son. The Son’s love is equal to the Father’s love and is returned with equal intensity. Then, the Father and the Son generate the Holy Spirit, who returns their over-abounding love... The love that makes us serve the wants and needs of others enhances, and does not diminish or detract from, our own self-love and self-interest. Love can transform sacrifice into joy.”



In the first letter of John, he tells us that God is love. The Trinity is the hallmark of this love. The Trinity is also, therefore, the hallmark of how we should be living in love as individuals and as Church. We are each called to be who we are created to be. We are also called to act in love for each other and all creation, to act with full intensity in our love.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

TRINITY SUNDAY

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses spoke to the people saying, "Ask now about former ages, long before your own, ever since the day that God created man on the earth; ask from one end of heaven to the other: 'Has anything so great as this ever happened or has its like ever been heard of?'"

"Has any people ever heard the voice of a god speaking out of a fire, as you have heard, and lived? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by terrifying displays of power, as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?"

"So acknowledge today and take to heart that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Keep his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding you today for your own well-being and that of your descendants after you, so that you may long remain in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22.

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

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. R.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm. R.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their souls from death,
and to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord,
be upon us, even as we hope in you. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Brothers and sisters: All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption to sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorify to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 16-20

Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6th of JUNE 2021— THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



LET ME DO GOOD AND NEVER KNOW

Let me do good and never know
To whom my life a blessing brings,
E'en as a lighthouse freely flings
O'er the dark wave its steady glow,
Guiding ships that to and fro
Flit unseen with their white wings,
Let me do good and never know
To whom my life a blessing brings.



As thirsty travellers come and go,
Where some fresh mossy fountain springs,
It cools their lips and sweetly sings
And glides away with heedless flow;
Let me do good and never know
To whom my life a blessing brings.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Alayna Livi-Papalii and Khaileyah Vaisima who were baptised last Sunday 23rd May 2021.

LIST OF THE SICK: Sandra Roseworn, Kenny McConnell, Jean Toovey, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Robert Piper, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Lopisoni Makario, Faith Nimmo, Janette Queensell, Vaha Vave, Barry Barrakett, Kenny Clements, Paul Cusack, Ian Watts, Corina Valentine, Jeffrey Bonnici, Jose Lay, Fay Iffland, Mayda Attachian, Tim Meagher, Ray Fenech, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave Fara Vargas, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

ANNIVERSARIES: Hingano Ma'afu, Tania Williams, June Benueza, Michael Ford, Kath Ryan, Loleni Tatuila, Patrick Piercy, Kelly Ton, Fr. Paul Duffy SJ, Keith Carter, Guy de Casanove, Alma Bossini, Mannix Family, Tony Makosic, Rick Mansfield, George Albert Ignatius Lowles, Bill Morell, Jai Chalker, Peggy Truma, John Hanna, Tisola Lolesio Mouna, Leanne Herring, Ken McLaren, Barbara Lawler, Carmil Hill, John Kachan, Tony Eves.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vangana Kautai.





- *Register your details upon entering the church.
- *Masks are mandatory!
- *Maintain safe distancing.

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES

- *Wash your hands regularly, and use the hand sanitisers supplied.
- *No singing allowed.
- *Wipe down your chairs before you leave.

*Please do not enter the church if you are unwell and/or experiencing flu-like symptoms.
MAXIMUM CAPACITY in the CHURCH = 232ppl

PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 23rd MAY 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta **\$ 794.10**
2nd Collection—for parish expenses **\$ 1,992.55**

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

- If you would like to make a donation towards the Diocesan Priests' Pastoral Revenue, i.e. 1st Collection, you can do so via:
Acc Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 004265
Make sure to Reference: 6024 Donation
- If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please make a direct transfer payment to:
Commonwealth Bank
Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 0000446



We invite you to a **Prayer Vigil for Myanmar and India**. These two nations are in crisis and are in need of our support and prayers more than ever.

When: Wednesday 2nd June

Time: 6.00pm

Where: Holy Family Church

Please note that this will be a Communion Service, and so, will be replacing our normal Mass schedule.

Alternatively, you can join the prayer vigil online. It will include input from Jesuits in Australia, Philippines, India and Myanmar.

Please register via: <https://jesuitmission.org.au/prayer-vigil>.

Support our seminarians to serve as good shepherds of our Church

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
Your Faith | Your Foundation



At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community.

****Please give generously to this appeal 29/30 May.****

Priestly vocations are nurtured and formed in the womb of the family, the womb of the seminary, but also the womb of the larger Catholic community here in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

Please give generously to the
Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/donate-seminary



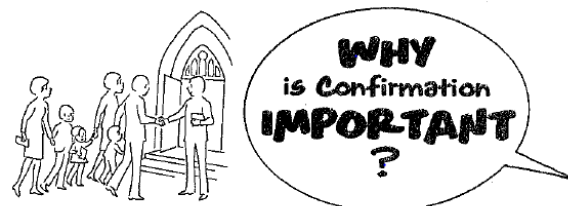
The Solemnity of Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday. Also known as Holy Trinity Sunday, Trinity Sunday honours the most fundamental of Christian beliefs - belief in the Holy Trinity.

The human mind can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. There is only one God, and the three Persons of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - are all equally God, and They cannot be divided.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Because it helps a person
BECOME A BETTER CHRISTIAN --

BY BEARING WITNESS TO THE LORD

- through a public acknowledgement of faith
- through a more charitable life of Christian service and sharing of faith
- as a committed and responsible member of the Church.

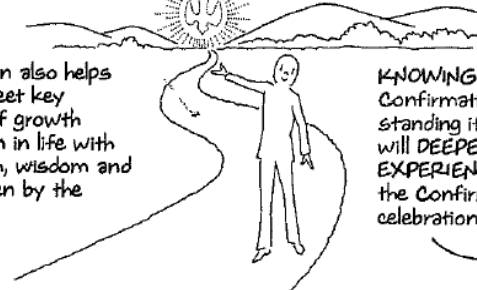
BY GROWING IN FAITH

- through continuing study of God's Word
- through ever more meaningful reception of the Eucharist.



Confirmation also helps a person meet key moments of growth and decision in life with the strength, wisdom and courage given by the Holy Spirit.

KNOWING about Confirmation and understanding its meaning will **DEEPEN THE EXPERIENCE** of the Confirmation celebration.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
will be celebrated here in Holy Family Parish
at 10.30am Sunday 13th June 2021, and
7.00pm Wednesday, 23rd June 2021.

On the weekend of the 12th/13th June, please consider attending the 5.30pm Vigil Mass OR the 9.00am Sunday Mass. We expect a large congregation at the 10.30am Mass because the Sacrament of Confirmation is being celebrated during that Mass. Naturally, Confirmation Candidates, their Parents, and Sponsors will swell the numbers, and we still have to keep the social distancing and other related rules because of COVID restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH VISION

† **Holy Family Mt Druitt is a welcoming community:**
 † **on a journey towards a personal encounter with Jesus;**
 † **called to unity and celebrating our diversity;**
 † **living and sharing the joy of the Gospel.**



TRINITY SUNDAY : GOD'S PRESENCE

In *Illustrated Sunday Homilies* Mark Link tells the story of a missionary in China. On an inside wall of the church he drew a huge triangle to stand for the Holy Trinity. In the first corner of the triangle, he drew an eye symbolising God the Father. In the second corner of the triangle, he drew a cross, symbolising God the Son. In the third corner of the triangle, he drew a dove, symbolising God the Holy Spirit.

After he finished the drawing, an old Chinese woman came up to him and said: "Honourable Father and his eye I understand. Honourable Father sees everything we do.

Honourable Son and his cross I understand. Honourable Son died on the cross for us.

But Honourable Holy Spirit and his bird I do not understand.

The Trinity is not about equilateral triangles, shamrocks or mathematics, nor is it about a "bird". Trinity Sunday celebrates God's presence and action in the world, from creation to today.

Trinity Sunday is about God's personal involvement with us as Father, as Son and brother and as Spirit and life. So on this feast we celebrate the God of experience, the God we meet in everyday life.

God is experienced in many ways: as source of life; as the 'mind' behind the wonders of the universe; one who cares, one who can set us free; as one who is closer to us than our very selves, and one who is far beyond all our imaginings. This variety of experience is reflected in today's readings.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE OF GOD?

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

PARISH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED.

You can find the office hours on the front page of the bulletin. You can contact the office via email, website OR Facebook, and we will respond as soon as we can.
 Thank you.

DATES for your DIARIES

PARISH EXPO

This would be an opportune event to get to know the who's and what's of our parish community. The Parish Expo will highlight the different groups and activities associated with the Parish—prayer groups, activities, other agencies etc, that we belong to or that use our site.

When: Sunday 20th June
Time: 11.30am—3.00pm
Where: Holy Family Primary School Hall

Pencil these dates in your diaries also, for upcoming parish events. More details will come out soon:

- Sacrament of Confirmation celebrations 13th & 23rd June
- NAIDOC Week Celebrations: Monday 5th & Thursday 8th July
- Parish Alpha (Formation program) July—September
- First Communion celebrations August—September
- Parish Retreat Day—Sunday 15th August
- Parish Fair—Saturday 23rd October 9am—4pm
- Carols by Candlelight—Sunday 19th December

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2021-2022

The new planned giving envelopes for the 2021/2022 financial year are now available at the back of the church.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **MOST ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED!!**
 Envelopes have been sorted in alphabetical order by your surname. **PLEASE SEARCH FOR YOUR NAME and NOT YOUR PREVIOUS ENVELOPE NUMBER!!!**
- **THROW OUT ALL OF YOUR OLD ENVELOPES!!!** Please do not use any old envelopes in the new financial year, as your number may have changed. This may result in your donation being recorded under someone else's name.
- If you do not want your envelope anymore, please contact the parish office.
- If you would like to sign up to the planned giving envelope scheme, please fill out the form at the back of the church, and place it in the 2nd collection.

THANK YOU!

GET MORE OUT OF MASS



Gloria

The liturgy now shifts from the sorrowful repentance of the *Kyrie* to the joyful praise of the *Gloria*. It begins with the words sung to the shepherds outside Bethlehem: "*Glory to God in the highest...*" (Lk 2:14). The rest of the *Gloria* continues to be saturated with words and titles from Scripture – *Lord God, heavenly king, God, almighty Father* are found throughout the Scriptures from Genesis, to the Psalms and onto the book of Revelation.

The *Gloria* is Trinitarian as it opens up the teaching of God as Father, Son and Spirit. The Father is all-powerful, yet not like a dictator but as a loving father who wants to share his love. This becomes manifest in the Son – a 3-act story in itself. Firstly, Christ is the Incarnation of God's self-giving love – the *only begotten Son* who has come to show us the way to the Father. Secondly, Jesus is the *Lamb of God* who comes to redeem us from our sinfulness and restore us to God; the Lamb triumphs over sin and the devil, so we can join with all heaven in this great chorus of praise. Thirdly, is Christ's Ascension into heaven: *you are seated at the right hand of the Father*. Here Christ intercedes for us. In the *Gloria*, we bear witness to Christ's reign over heaven and earth and his kingdom, which will have no end (Dan 7:14). And we humbly ask him to *receive our prayer and have mercy on us*.

We have contained in the *Gloria*, therefore, a summary of our salvation history – incarnation, paschal mystery and enthronement in heaven. This is our hope and praise for our own life story: to be taken up into this mystery with Christ.

We end the Introductory Rites of the Mass with the Collect. When the priest says: "*Let us pray*" there is a silent pause, this is intended as a time for our own prayer before the priest joins all these prayers together in the Collect. (This also happens at the end of Mass.)

*Glory to God
in the Highest*

