

Scriptures, Prayers & Responses

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: EXODUS 34: 4 - 6. 8 - 9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: DANIEL 3: 52 - 56

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
Glory and praise for ever!
Blest your glorious holy name.
Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest in the temple of your glory.
Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.
Glory and praise for ever!

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You are blest who gaze into the depths.
Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest in the firmament of the heaven.
Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13: 11 - 13

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty,
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

Parish of St Charles Borromeo - Church of Mary Immaculate

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A

10 - 11 JUNE 2017

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9:15am
Saturday: 9:15am
9:45 - 10:15am *Reconciliation*
6pm *Vigil*
Sunday: 8:30am, 10am & 5pm
**Note: Children's Liturgy will alternate - 1st & 3rd weekend of the month at 8:30am mass; 2nd weekend of month at 10am mass and 4th weekend is Family mass.*

Gospel: John 3: 16 - 18

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."
"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

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For a small monthly donation of \$50 your business card sized advertisement would appear 4/5 times a month in our Church bulletin. This donation supports the printing costs of our bulletin. Please contact Carla in the office (02) 9369 9399 for more details.

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A few words from Fr Bernie

Whilst looking for ideas for my homily this week I found this reflection/history on the feast of the Trinity which is informative and interesting to read. Enjoy, - Fr Bernie.

ORIGIN — The greatest dogma of the Christian faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. (Mystery, in this connection, means a supernatural fact revealed by God which in itself transcends the natural power of human reasoning.) During the first thousand years of Christianity there was no special feast celebrated in honour of this mystery, but, as Pope Alexander II (1073) declared, every day of the liturgical year was devoted to the honour and adoration of the Sacred Trinity.

However, to counteract the Arian heresy, which denied the fullness of divinity to the Son, a special Mass text in honour of the Holy Trinity was introduced and incorporated in the Roman liturgical books. This Mass was not assigned for a definite day but could be used on certain Sundays according to the private devotion of each priest. From the ninth century on, various bishops of the Frankish kingdoms promoted in their own dioceses a special feast of the Holy Trinity, usually on the Sunday after Pentecost.

Thus the custom of observing a special feast in honour of the Trinity became increasingly popular in the northern countries of Europe. Several synods prescribed it for their respective territories in France, Germany, England, and The Netherlands. In the thirteenth century the orders of the Benedictines and Cistercians adopted the annual celebration of the feast. It was kept on different Sundays in different places, until in 1334 Pope John XXII accepted the festival into the official calendar of the Western Church and ordered that henceforth it should be held everywhere on the Sunday after Pentecost.

A new Mass text was written and published. It is interesting to note that the beautiful Preface of the Trinity as read today is the same one that appeared in the first text of the Sacramentary of Saint Gregory the Great. Most of the other prayers are of later origin. The Feast of the Holy Trinity now belongs among the great annual festivals of Christianity.

SIGN OF THE CROSS — The making of the sign of the cross, which professes faith both in the redemption of Christ and in the Trinity, was practiced from the earliest centuries. Saint Augustine (431) mentioned and described it many times in his sermons and letters. In those days Christians made the sign of the cross (Redemption) with three fingers (Trinity) on their foreheads. The words ("In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost") were added later. Almost two hundred years before Augustine, in the third century, Tertullian had already reported this touching and beautiful early Christian practice:

DOXOLOGY — The ancient Christian doxology (prayer of praise) "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit" was used in the Oriental Church. The second part ("as it was in the beginning...") seems to have been added at the time of Emperor Constantine. During the fifth century this beautiful short prayer came into the Western Church and spread very quickly. Since then it has been in constant use in both liturgical and private devotions.

FOLKLORE

SYMBOLS — During the first centuries of the Christian era the Holy Trinity was sometimes represented in paintings by three young men of identical shape and looks. By the sixth century, however, it had become an accepted practice that only the Father and Son should be shown in human form; the Holy Spirit is represented by the figure of a dove.

In medieval times there were many imaginative and symbolic pictures, as well as designs, to indicate the great mystery of the faith. The Church has not officially accepted any of them, has tolerated some, forbidden others. One of the best-known symbols of this kind is the trefoil (shamrock). A second plant to which this symbolism is attached is the pansy (*viola tricolor*), which even today is called "Trinity flower" in many parts of Europe. In Puerto Rico a delicately perfumed white flower with three petals is called *Trinitaria*. Another symbol is the figure of a triangle (Trinity) surrounded by rays (divinity) with the picture of an eye inside the triangle (omniscience and providence). This design became very popular and may be found all over Europe in homes, on wayside shrines, and even in churches.

Centuries ago, architecture made use of many, and sometimes strange, symbols to indicate the Trinity, like three animals (hares, stags, birds) in a circle, or three interlocked rings, or a candle with three flames. Some churches display an architectural number symbolism in honour of the Trinity. One of the most remarkable examples of this kind is the Holy Trinity Church of Stadl-Paura, Austria, built in 1722. It has three aisles, three towers, three doors, three windows on either side, three altars, three bells, and three rows of pews.

POPULAR CELEBRATION — During the late Middle Ages and up to the eighteenth century, the Feast of the Holy Trinity was celebrated with popular manifestations of solemnity, special honour, and joy. A proof of the great devotion to the Trinity was the Holy Trinity Confraternities, which flourished to such a degree during the seventeenth century that they surpassed most of the other similar organizations both in the number of local groups and in membership.

Adapted from <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1112>



News and Notices

Let Us Pray For...

Those who are sick

Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Meryl Tapsell, Helen Andrews, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Nick Klafas, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Kim Roper and Ian Godby

Anniversaries at this time

Ken Ward, Bill Lynch & Allan Smith, George Charles Gomes,

Those recently deceased

Christine Formosa & Margaret Lovat

Those recently baptized

Harrison Joshua Quinn, Emma Ivy Simpson & Harry Benedict Vvaran



Next Sunday's Readings

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Year A

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2 - 3. 14 - 16

Psalms: 148: 12 - 15. 19 - 20.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16 - 17

Gospel: John 6: 51 - 58

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

Please join us in celebrating the Feast of St Anthony of Padua. A special mass will be held on the public holiday, **Monday 12th June at 9.15am**



Did You Know?

- ◆ From earliest times the Church has pondered the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Doctrine of the Trinity, most eloquently defined at the Council of Chalcedon (451 AD) as three persons in one God, is the result of this.
- ◆ Theologians today continue to contemplate the mystery of the Trinity.
- ◆ 'The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 261).
- ◆ St Patrick is reputed to have attempted to explain the mystery of the Trinity as God who is three-in-one by using the shamrock as a symbol. Another commonly used symbol of the Trinity is the triangle.
- ◆ The Trinity is sometimes described as the Lover (Father), the Beloved (Son) and the Love between (Spirit).
- ◆ Our God is relational. Humans, created in the image and likeness of God, are created to be in relationship with others.

VISIT OF VOCES SACRAE

The professional vocal ensemble Voces Sacrae will be singing beautiful sacred music at the Saturday evening masses as part of our celebrations for:

- ◆ Trinity - 10 June
- ◆ Corpus Christi - 17 June.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

This will be held in the church on the weekend of 10 to 11 June 2017.

Envelopes will be available for your contribution. With your support, Vinnies can provide much needed assistance to the people in our community that need it most this winter. Together, we can do something about it!



ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday 2 July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.30am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or

LMevents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

FATHER FACTOR

This June Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of **The Father Factor**, will address the critical importance of fathering for success & happiness, provide practical info on intentional fathering & recovering from poor or absent fathering. **7.30pm Tue 13 June**, School/ Parish Hall, 21 Twentieth Ave, **Hoxton Park. 7.30pm Wed 14 June**, Parish Hall, 3 Mary St, **Hunters Hill. 7.30pm Thu 15 June**, Parish Hall, Crn Belmont and Flora St, **Sutherland**. Free Entry, all are welcome!

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

St Anne's Parish, Bondi Beach is seeking a person to work Temporarily on a part-time basis as an Administration Assistant 2 days per week. The role requires a person with experience in office procedures and demonstrated ability to work independently. Good computer skills are essential with a good working knowledge of Microsoft programs such as Microsoft Word, Publisher & Excel. You will also require a WWCC number. PACS experience would be an advantage. Please send your CV and covering letter to Fr Martin Monaghan, Parish Priest, 47 Mitchell Street Bondi Beach NSW 2026 or email to martin.monaghan@sydneycatholic.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our girls and boys who made their First Reconciliation last Wednesday evening. Their parents must be very proud of them. A big thanks to our great teachers who gently and reverently prepared the children.