

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

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

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

Response.

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke: and they came to be.

Response.

He commanded; they sprang into being. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Response.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Response.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: cf Revelation 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: Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to

them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Ex 24: 3-8; Heb 9:11-15;

Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or by calling (02) 9390 5810.

Mobile phones at Mass.

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.

Catholic Weekly is on sale.

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.

SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10am

MONDAY: No Mass.

TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.

Marriage: By appointment.

Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year B)

29th / 30th May 2021

FIRST READING: Deut 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

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

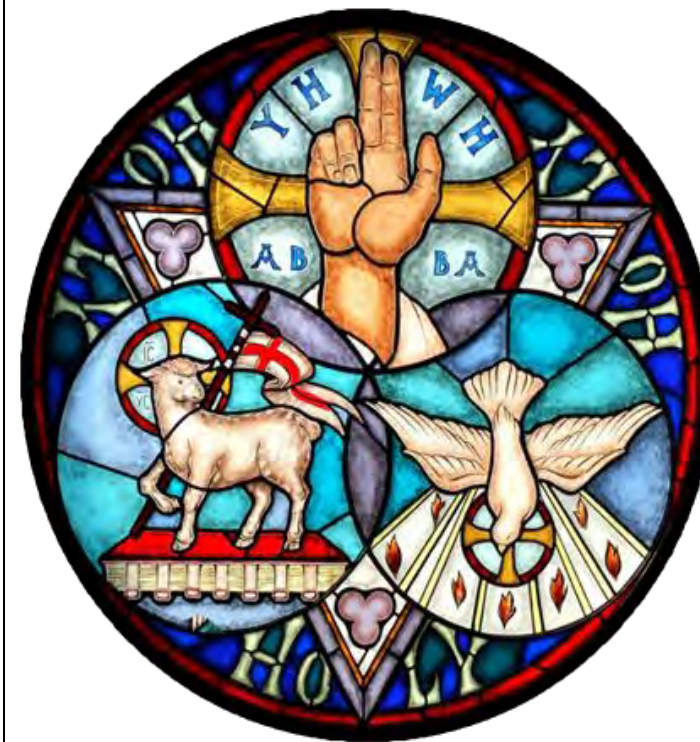
Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?'

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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.

ACOLYTES & READERS	6pm Vigil	8am	10am	
MAY 29 / 30	Acolytes	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	Flowers
	Readers	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	N HAHN

5 / 6 JUN 2021 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	J KWONG	G MOODLEY
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Altar Servers	GROUP 1A: I PILENA & A SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Altar Flowers	K PERERA / T CHAMISA	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Leonie Cracknell. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Betty Handover (1st anniversary).



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

Pray for the children preparing for their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.



- **Rehearsal for First Holy Communion** will be held in the church on 5th of June at 4pm.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 6th June at 11.30am.

Please support your Parish.

Do you wish to help support the parish by donating through the Planned Giving envelopes?

If so, please speak to either Fr Roberto after Mass this weekend or simply call Gayle during normal parish office hours and we will organise a set of envelopes for you.

A quick rundown on our collections:

- **FIRST COLLECTION** - helps cover the living expenses of your priest's everyday lives.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** - consists of "Loose" money (used for the upkeep of the church, electricity, and wages for our secretary) and "Planned Giving Envelopes" (helps to maintain the church and pay our property insurances and save for future projects). Planned Giving Envelopes enables people to actively commit to helping the parish in a financial way and therefore support us by weekly donations. Tax deductibility is 30% and a tax receipt is issued annually.

Also, if you currently contributing weekly by cash donations but would like to change to monthly credit card payments, then please also call our parish secretary and she will ensure this happens.

Covid19 update.

- Masks are no longer necessary when attending churches.
- Congregational singing is permitted.
- Singers or choir members should still remain 1.5 metres away from each other and from members of the congregation.
- There is no limit on how many people can attend Masses, weddings, funerals and other religious services subject to observing the 2m2 rule. This does not include the celebrant or church workers. Families can sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- **OUR CHURCH LIMIT is 140 people.**
- Avoid congestion before or after Mass – have strategies in place for managing people entering or leaving the Church. Attendees should also maintain a safe distance when lining up for communion.
- The same rules apply to Masses and other religious services held outdoors on Parish premises.



Newly ordained priests.

On Saturday, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will ordain two deacons from within our deanery, they are:

Daniel and Stephen Drum.

These brothers have been working at St Charles, Ryde. Please join in prayer for our new priests and give thanks to God for their future priestly ministry.



Parish Council Meeting.

Our next meeting will be held NEXT Thursday the 3rd June at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

The Most Holy Trinity – quotes from Pope Benedict XVI.

Jesus has revealed to us that man is essentially a "son", a creature who lives in the relationship with God the Father, and in this way in relationship with all his brothers and sisters. Man is not fulfilled in an absolute autonomy, deceiving himself that he is God but, on the contrary, by recognizing himself as a child, an open creature, reaching out to God and to his brethren in whose faces he discovers the image of their common Father. - 18 May 2008



The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one because God is love and love is an absolute life-giving force; the unity created by love is a unity greater than a purely physical unity. The Father gives everything to the Son; the Son receives everything from the Father with gratitude; and the Holy Spirit is the fruit of this mutual love of the Father and the Son....

The liturgical solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity that we are celebrating today invites us to contemplate this mystery, but it also urges us to commit ourselves to live our communion with God and with one another according to the model of Trinitarian communion. We are called to receive and to pass on the truths of faith in a spirit of harmony, to live our love for each other and for everyone, sharing joys and sufferings, learning to seek and to grant forgiveness, valuing the different charisms under the leadership of the bishops. In a word, we have been given the task of building church communities that are more and more like families, able to reflect the beauty of the Trinity and to evangelize not only by word, but I would say by "radiation", in the strength of living love.

And lastly, it is (the Holy Trinity) fruitful for society, because family life is the first and irreplaceable school of social virtues, such as respect for persons, gratuitousness, trust, responsibility, solidarity, cooperation. Dear married couples, watch over your children and, in a world dominated by technology, transmit to them, with serenity and trust, reasons for living, the strength of faith, pointing them towards high goals and supporting them in their fragility. And let me add a word to the children here: be sure that you always maintain a relationship of deep affection and attentive care for your parents, and see that your relationships with your brothers and sisters are opportunities to grow in love. - June 3, 2012

<https://catholicstrivingforholiness.org/pope-benedict-xvis-quotes-on-the-most-holy-trinity-for-personal-meditation/>

Article by Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

We have printed some copies of an article by our Archbishop regarding the dismissal of faith based operators in management and operation of cemeteries in NSW. Please take a copy home and read it at your leisure. It's a shocking decision that as the Archbishop says "It's also a matter of religious liberty and a matter of respect for the dead".

2021 Mass Attendance Count.

We have sent off our Mass Count Statistics and would like to share with you all the results from the last three counts in a very simple table.



Our Mass attendance is significantly down from the 2016 count and naturally COVID19 hasn't helped as there are still many people who haven't yet returned to their obligation to attend Mass every week.

	6PM	8AM	9.30 / 10AM	TOTALS
2011	148	103.50	161	412.50
2016	147.50	81.25	156	384.75
2021	94.75	57	88	239.75