



## St Peter's Parish, Surry Hills

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### Feast Days of the Week:

Mon 31 May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 1 Jun	Saint Justin
Wed 2 Jun	Saints Marcellinus and Peter
Thur 3 Jun	Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of St Peter's Church
Sat 5 Jun	Saint Boniface

### MASS TIMES – Ordinary Time *Ninth week*

Mon: 7:30am

Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat 10:00am daily

Thur: 5:15pm

Sundays: 9:00am and 10:30am (Sung Mass)

Every Tuesday: Cenacle (after 10:00am Mass) (Thurs 10:00am)

Every Friday and Sat: 9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

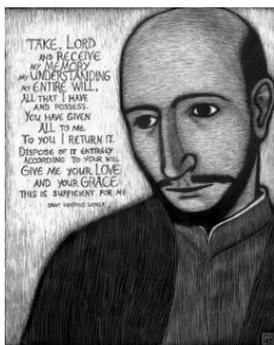
Confessions: 9:30am Friday and Saturday

***Our prayers for the Sick*** – Florence Grech, Nathan Essey, Mira Krcma, Josephine Finneran, Poppie Xwierzb, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un and Dan Southee.

***We remember our deceased*** – Anne Kelly (Deborah White's mum (14/5), Betty Harkins (12/5), Ken Leonhardt (18/4), Caterina Vieira (12/4), Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood, Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Michelle Perez Saldivar, Garry Hansen, Rita Azzopardi, Pauline Micallef and Loreta Manawag.

**Irish Music Festival - Special Mass at 12:30pm on Sunday 30 May 2021** at St Peter's Parish Surry Hills to bless the attendees at the Irish music festival in the Gaelic Club on the weekend. Fr Brendan Purcell will be the celebrant. All are welcome.

**Worldwide Rosary Relay May 2021** - The Marian marathon convened by Pope Francis for the month of May to pray for an end to the pandemic brings to the fore the power of prayer in times of danger, and in particular, the intercession of the Virgin, to whom Christians have had recourse since the dawn of the Gospel.... Read all: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-04/prayer-rosary-sanctuaries-mary-marathon-pope-francis.html> and link to Shrine list and daily intentions - <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/life-marriage-and-family/month-of-may-worldwide-rosary-relay/>



**Christian Life Community (CLC) -**

Where was God in my month? All are welcome to a 'review of the month' in the form of the Ignatian examen.

The examen is a prayer exercise developed by Ignatius Loyola to recall and savour those moments where God was present to us (and not all might be moments of peace and tranquillity!) We will be guided through the exercise with an opportunity for sharing at the end. Presented by Christian Life Community, the Ignatian association for lay people. A limited number of people can attend in person in the BXVI Room under St Peter's Surry Hills and RSVP your attendance to [mbwalk001@myacu.edu.au](mailto:mbwalk001@myacu.edu.au)

Learn more about CLC at [www.clcaustralia.org.au](http://www.clcaustralia.org.au)

**PARISH GROUPS**

**RCIA** – The Duffy Hall – Thursday: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Neocatechumenal Way** – Duffy Hall - Thursday: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

**Mother's Group** – Courtyard – Friday: 2:30pm

**AA Surry Hills Group** – Duffy Hall – Tuesday: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

**Christian Life Community (CLC)** – B16 Room - Tuesday: 7:30pm

**Young Adults** – Sun 11:30 – 2:00pm (morning tea, Regina Coeli, Evangelium & pub lunch)

**Marian Group** – before mass daily

**Divine Mercy Group** – before mass daily

**Cenacle** – Church – Tuesday: 10:30 am to 11:30am (Thurs 10:00am)

**Bible Group** – Church – Monday: 8:00am

**Liturgy Group** – B16 – after Sunday lunch

**To be announced**

Legion of Mary

## Trinity Sunday

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: *Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.*

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving *Te Deum* rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.



The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honour of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple;

on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the day of the Most Holy Trinity*.

*Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch*

**The fascinating history and symbolism of Trinity Sunday - [Philip Kosloski](#) - published on 06/16/19**



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*Initially this feast wasn't celebrated after Pentecost and took a few centuries to find its place in the calendar.*

After the celebration of Pentecost, the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church continues to meditate on the great mystery of God through the feast of Trinity Sunday. The Sunday following Pentecost has been dedicated to the Holy Trinity for many centuries, but was not always celebrated by everyone in the Church.

According to the [Catholic Encyclopedia](#), initially this Sunday was known as a *Dominica vacans*, with no specific focus or theme. At that time there was no particular feast celebrating the Holy Trinity, but soon enough there arose a need for the Church to further define her beliefs in God.

A heresy known as the *Arian heresy* began to spread in the 4th century, disputing the traditional Christian belief of one God in three divine persons. The bishops of the Church decided to compose a Mass in honour of the Trinity to reaffirm the belief, but it was not given a specific date in the calendar.

By the 8th and 9th century, however, the Church found a perfect place. The *St. Andrew Daily Missal* explains how Sunday was the most fitting day.

*Sunday is consecrated throughout the year to the Holy Trinity because God the Father began the work of creation on the "first day," the Son made man rose from the dead on a Sunday morning, and the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday.*

Besides celebrating the Trinity in some fashion on each Sunday, there also grew a need to fill the "vacant" Sunday after the feast of Pentecost. This need was heightened by the fact that ordinations occurred during this time and there existed no specific liturgy. As the *St. Andrew Daily Missal* explains, "The feast of the Holy Trinity owes its origin to the fact that the ordinations of the Ember Saturday, which took place in the evening, were prolonged to the next day, which was Sunday and had no proper Mass at that date ... [a votive Mass of the Holy Trinity] was celebrated in some places on this Sunday; and since it occupied a fixed place in the liturgical calendar, this Mass was considered as establishing this Sunday as a special feast of the Blessed Trinity." Celebrating Trinity Sunday after Pentecost also allows the Church to further reflect on the mystery of God after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. This helps us see the connection that if we truly want to understand the Trinity, we need to have the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can never fully understand who God is on our own and desperately need his guidance and inspiration.

The Trinity is one of the most fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Church and so it is fitting that we dedicate a particular Sunday to that mystery.

### **Novena to the Sacred Heart [June is the month of the Sacred Heart]**

O my Jesus, Thou has said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek, and I ask for the grace of [*state your request here*].

- Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.

O my Jesus, Thou hast said: "Truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Behold, in Thy name, I ask the Father for the grace of [*state your request here*].

- Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.

O my Jesus, Thou has said: "Truly I say to you, Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Encouraged by Thy infallible words, I now ask for the grace of [*state your request here*].

- Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.

*Let us pray.*

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have mercy on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of Thee, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, thy tender Mother and ours.

- Hail, Holy Queen, *etc.*

St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.



### **Alive in the Spirit: Being The Community Christ Calls Us to Be**

**A National Virtual Conference to Enliven Catholic Communities** -This innovative conference, from **8 to 10 July 2021** will feature over 30 on-demand workshops with prominent national and international guest speakers, exploring areas such as best practice for RCIA, planning for mission and renewal and supporting pastoral care. For more information, visit the conference website: [www.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au).

**Open Day at Eileen's Place – Sunday 6 June** - Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up Eileen's place for dedicated monthly Open Days to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor. The next Open Day will be held on **Sunday 6 June** at 35 Dudley Street in Coogee from 10:45 am-1:00 pm (including Mass). For more information and to register visit: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>.

## **Ordinary**

*Missa pro editione tertia* - C.G. Mueller (2011)

## **Offertory Motet**

*Laudate Dominum K. 399 no. 5* - W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Praise the Lord, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us;  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.  
(Ps 116(117))

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## **Communion Chant**

*Data est mihi*

All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth, alleluia;  
go therefore and teach all the nations,  
baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.  
Ÿ. Attend, O my people, to my law;  
incline your ear to the words of my mouth.  
(Mt. 28: 18-19; Ÿ. Ps. 77(78): 1)

## **Communion Motet**

*Херувимская песнь № 1 (Cherubic Hymn no. 1)* - P.I. Tchaikovsky

We who mystically represent the Cherubim,  
and who sing to the life-giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn,  
let us now lay aside all earthly cares  
that we may receive the King of all,  
escorted invisibly by the angelic orders.  
Alleluia.

## The Story of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (31 May 2021) – Franciscan Media

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.



Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus

makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist’s account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet’s rendition of the scene. Elizabeth’s praise of Mary as “the mother of my Lord” can be viewed as the earliest Church’s devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth’s (the Church’s) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God’s words.

Then comes the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

### Reflection

One of the invocations in Mary’s litany is “Ark of the Covenant.” Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God’s presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David’s capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her son. At times, devotion to Mary may have occasioned some divisiveness, but we can hope that authentic devotion will lead all to Christ and therefore, to one another.