

**Reading Roster**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>3rd/4th June 2023</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	
<b>Mass Time:</b>	VIGIL 5:00PM	8.00AM	9.30AM
<b>Priest:</b>	Fr Paul	Fr Paul	Fr Paul
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ed Junis	John Belfanti	Richard Merchant
<b>Commentator:</b>	Colleen Baker	Kim Crawford	Katherine Mahns
<b>First Reading:</b>	Lynette Boyd	Cecilia Hunt	Ingrid Merchant
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Jim Gresser	Steve Bishop
<b>Music:</b>	Andrew Wilson	None	Chris Wilson
<b>Date:</b>	<b>10th/11th June 2023</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	
<b>Mass Time:</b>	VIGIL 5:00PM	8.00AM	9.30AM
<b>Priest:</b>	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ian Miles	Randall Noney	Bernard Ellis
<b>Commentator:</b>	Margaret Smith	Cecilia Hunt	Domnhall MacCormac
<b>First Reading:</b>	Felix Kobus	Ros Comfort	Matt Aldous
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Tanya Baldwin	Loida Derbyshire	Greg Malone
<b>Music:</b>	Chris Wilson	None	Streeters

Morning Tea Roster - 4th June after 9:30am Mass: Church Cleaners / Polish Group

To our Confirmation children:  
Ask your family and/or sponsor to pray with you during this final week of preparation.

This week the Gifts that I prayed and gave thanks for each night are:

**MONDAY:**  
Gift I prayed for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift I gave thanks for: \_\_\_\_\_

**TUESDAY:**  
Gift I prayed for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift I gave thanks for: \_\_\_\_\_

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Gift I prayed for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift I gave thanks for: \_\_\_\_\_

**THURSDAY:**  
Gift I prayed for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift I gave thanks for: \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY:**  
Gift I prayed for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift I gave thanks for: \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY:**  
Gift I prayed for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift I gave thanks for: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER:** We have a Confirmation Rehearsal on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. Sponsors DO NOT need to attend.



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**Assistant Priest:** Fr Shinto Francis - 4754 1052 *Emergency ONLY:* 0415 077 969  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Suggestions to the Box at the Back of the Church  
**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00 pm, Sunday 8.00 am and 9.30 am  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 am  
**Healing Mass:** 1st Friday of the month, 9.30am  
**Rosary & Devotions:** Monday-Saturday, 9.00am  
**Children's Liturgy:** 3rd Sunday of every month, 9:30 am  
**Adoration, Rosary:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, 7.30 - 8.30 pm  
**Baptisms:** 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 10.30am and by appointment  
**Reconciliation:** Please Contact the Parish Office  
**Weddings:** By appointment  
**Funerals:** Please Contact the Parish Office

*We respect the Darug people and their elders both past and present, as the traditional custodians of this land on which we celebrate the Eucharist.*

**THE SECOND READING**  
**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

*The fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

Two,  
in the Trinity,  
love one another.  
Their love becomes the third.  
The sharing of these three makes one.  
Let us love one another, in pale imitation.  
Make us one in your Holy Spirit.  
Make love our instinct.  
Let us be Godly with each other in you.

**A Poem to Sit With**

*Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favour with you, O Lord, do come along in our company."*

**(First Reading)**

**The Halo Persisting**

And all that is living and true and of growth is slow and steady there are rupturings and tearings (seeming violences) all known and expected in the seed it was a slow steady growth that could not be rushed certain things had to come first in the growing the involving and evolving

J. Janda

**Today's Readings:** Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

**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.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Daniel 3:52-56

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

**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!

**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.

**Recently Deceased: David Williams, Joan Goldsworthy**

**Sick:** Maria Kay, Gwen Daly, Ray Lyons, Lally Sabater, Baby Leonardo Diaz, Susie Ziino, James Wallace, Mischa Damaguc and family, Margaret Day, Adam McCully, Christopher Coombs, Kate Moore, Luca Hurley and all Private Intentions.

*Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.*

**PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS**

**SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL:** Please see details on the next page.

**DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Please join us in congratulating **Mr Roger Comfort** on his appointment as our new Springwood representative for the Deanery Pastoral Council. Roger will be working alongside Chris Howard in bringing our concerns to the Deanery and in turn, bringing information from the Deanery to our parish.

**INFORMATION ON LITURGY:** The Parish Pastoral Council would like to hear from any parishioner who would be interested in helping our liturgical ministry. Liturgy is more than only words. We would like our parish to be a vibrant, meaningful and inclusive place of worship. Help us to establish a consistent, prayerful, and inviting liturgy for each Mass. Please email the Parish Pastoral Council on [springwoodparishpc@gmail.com](mailto:springwoodparishpc@gmail.com) or place your name into the suggestion box at the back of the church and the PPC will review submissions at the next meeting in June.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting for the PPC will be held on Tuesday, 20th June. If you would like to include any items to the agenda, please place into an envelope and put into the PPC Box situated at the back of the church.

**COUNTERS:** If you would like to be part of our weekly contribution counters, you are available during the week at 10.00am for one day a month, please send an email to the parish office at [springwood@parracatholic.org](mailto:springwood@parracatholic.org)

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA:** Last week's *Biggest Morning Tea* was a wonderful social and financial success. Over forty parishioners and visitors gathered to enjoy each other's company over delicious cakes, tea and coffee. Organised by the STA Ladies Fellowship, the gathering was in aid of the Cancer Council of NSW. The Ladies Fellowship will be donating \$1000 to the Cancer Council from the event. Many thanks to those who brought sandwiches, cakes and biscuits.

**TRAFFIC LIGHTS 168 HAWKESBURY RD:** A fault has been identified as an in-ground sensor at the traffic lights which was affecting the ability for the side road to be given a green phase to exit onto Hawkesbury Road. It has been necessary to temporarily force the traffic signals to provide a green phase to the side road. This matter is now with the maintenance contractor to address the matter. - Transport for NSW.

**PAINTING:** Our Parish has been gifted a beautiful, original oil painting and we would like to have help from someone that may know of how the art world operates and how we can sell the art to raise money for our Parish (at the donors request). If you think you may be able to help, please speak with Debbie in the office. Thank you.



**AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE:** The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For further information please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION:** Thank you for being the face of Christ to our First Nations people. Fr Fernando Montano Rodriguez, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for this appeal. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raised over \$250.00, which will help provide life-changing support to our Aboriginal brothers and sisters and anyone experiencing hardship.

**PARISH LIBRARY:** The approach of winter seems a timely opportunity to remind you all of the parish library which operates from the shelves on the eastern / organ side of our church. Wander over for a browse and take, swap or donate as your interests move you.

**FREE WELLBEING GROUPS HOSTED BY CATHOLIC CARE'S SPRINGWOOD DROP-IN CENTRE:** *About Time* is an exciting new group for men to discover, connect and be inspired at every stage of life. If you're looking to make new connections, to join in on a stimulating conversation or simply be in a group where ideas and stories are shared, valued and welcome,

*About Time* is the group for you! Led by an experienced educator and trained facilitator, *About Time* will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Springwood Town Centre from 10am-12pm. Men from all ages and stages of life are welcome. Be inspired. Discover things and people you didn't know and connect with your community.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Zoe Wilcox from St Thomas Aquinas Primary School celebrated her Holy Communion at our 9.30am Mass. Zoe had a wonderful morning and then celebrated with her family. Please join us in praying for Zoe on her completion of this beautiful Sacrament.

**Spirituality of the Readings  
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity****The "Story" of the Trinity**

In order to know about the Trinity, we can think back to the great story that we have been celebrating for many weeks. Let us tell it one more time.

God the Father invited people on earth to a *lasting and loving relationship* with him and with each other. "I want to be your God and I want you to be my people. My love for you is tender and precious. Won't you love me in return?"

The Holy Spirit is graceful and deep and comforting, like a blanket in cold winter.

People understood and entered into the agreement. Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Elisha, Elijah, just to begin the list. But we humans keep choosing things closer to hand: money and honours—barns full of them—which can also bear a refusal of God's love.

How would God react to such refusal?

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. For your sake I scourged your captors and their first-born sons, but you brought your scourges down on me! My people, answer me! [from Good Friday, [The Reproaches](#)]

So, eventually God tried a new and quite brilliant way. To paraphrase, "I will show them what true love looks like. Since I am all love and nothing but love, I will go out to them completely, as love does. I will become one of them. I will live humanity to its depths, and they will see Love in its full truth."

So God was born as a human called Jesus, who told the people to love God above all things and their neighbours as themselves. He was the very heart of God-made-flesh. One with the Father but different as well.

And so the world knew about *two persons in one God*.

Many human beings had been hurt and betrayed, forced to live with their own mixed-up motives, and selfishness and greed. Having to live with the faults of others. Love can get lost in such a world.

So God the Son plunged into this ocean of cruelty and loss, diving all the way down to death. This was a display of the most profound insides of God: give everything, receive everything.

So far, the disciples knew two parts of God, Jesus and his Abba; and they were not very sure about these. So before he left, Christ said the following to them (again paraphrasing):

If you know me, you know the Father. He is in me fully, and after I go back I will make a home in you by sending the Holy Spirit. It will comfort you, and will be the very love that I and the Father have for each other and for you. That way I will be with you until the end of time!

He was talking about the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, which snuggles close to our souls if we let it. *If we let it*. The Holy Spirit is like a blanket in cold winter. It is the love between Father and Son. So real that it is *the third person of the Trinity*.

So there are three parts to God. Ok, not parts but ... well, go figure.

But how could God interact with us in these three very different ways? By being "plural" (in a sense), that is, by being what believers have called three "persons."

Alright, how can three persons in God be one? By not letting the number three be a divider but a plus sign. All three, in a great dynamic of love; come so close that they are One God.

Let us simply let God the Trinity touch us!

John Foley, SJ

**PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS CONTINUED:**

**SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL:** There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au).

**Sign the Petition, GET INVOLVED!**

**To the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly:**

- ◆ We are extremely concerned at the announcement that the ACT Government intends to forcibly acquire Calvary Hospital.
- ◆ Catholic hospitals have faithfully served the community for 170 years. They treat more than 1.5 million patients yearly, or three patients every minute.
- ◆ The actions by the ACT government are an abuse of property rights and religious freedom.

**We are concerned especially that:**

- ◇ The legislation was drafted and tabled without any consultation with Calvary Hospital, management, staff or patients.
- ◇ The proposed timeframe demonstrates a complete unwillingness on the part of the ACT Government to dialogue with its citizens.
- ◇ The ACT government does not have the competency to run a second hospital, as it is already struggling to provide adequate services at the Canberra Hospital.
- ◇ The government will target other faith, welfare and community groups without consultation. The signatories to this petition have a variety of religious beliefs and value the work of Calvary Hospital under its current management.