

Date: 14th June/15th June 2025The Most Holy Trinity				
Mass Time:	Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
5:00 PM	Ian Miles	Anne Maureen Scarff	Felix Kobus	No one
8:00 AM	Marek Grus	Loida Derbyshire	Tanya Graham	
9:30 AM	John Belfanti	Margaret Hickey	Matt Aldous	Chris Wilson
Morning Tea:	Church Cleaners			

Date: 21st June/22nd June 2025The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ				
Mass Time:	Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
5:00 PM	Ed Junis	Margaret Smith	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Chris Wilson
8:00 AM	Randall Noney	Georgia Cook	Ros Comfort	
9:30 AM	Bernard Ellis	Lisa Vaughan	Phil Saville	Streeters

KID’S CORNER

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity  
Sunday June 15th, 2025



John 16.12-15

as it was in the beginning,  
and now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

The shamrock or clover can be used to represent  
the Blessed Trinity, one God in three Persons.  
Look in the mirror to find a prayer to the Trinity.

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Parish Pastoral Council: Email suggestions to springwoodparishpc@gmail.com  
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: 9:30 am & 7:00 pm; Wednesday - Saturday: 9:30 am  
Adoration: Tuesday: 8:15 am & 6:00 pm; Wednesday - Saturday 8:15 am  
First Friday Adoration: Every first Friday of the month 5:30 pm  
Reconciliation: Saturday after 9:30 am Mass and 4:00-5:00 pm before the Vigil Mass  
Children’s Liturgy: 3rd Sunday of every month, 9:30 am  
Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 11:00 am and by appointment  
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.



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Trinity Sunday - A Mighty Glorious Processions

(Reflection by Prof Scott Hahn)

In today’s Liturgy we’re swept through time in glorious procession—from before earth and sky were set in place to the coming of the Spirit upon the new creation, the Church.

We begin in the heart of the Trinity, as we listen to the testimony of Wisdom in today’s First Reading. Eternally begotten, the firstborn of God, He is poured forth from of old in the loving delight of the Father.

Through Him, the heavens were established, the foundations of the earth fixed. From before the beginning, He was with the Father as His “Craftsman,” the artisan by Whom all things were made. And He took special delight, He tells us, in the crowning glory of God’s handiwork—the human race, the “sons of men.”

In today’s Psalm, He comes down from heaven, is made a little lower than the angels, comes among us as “the Son of Man” (see Hebrews 2:6–10).

All things are put under His feet so that He can restore to humanity the glory for which we were made from the beginning, the glory lost by sin. He tasted death that we might be raised to life in the Trinity, that His name might be made glorious over all the earth.

Through the Son, we have gained grace and access in the Spirit to the Father, as Paul boasts in today’s Epistle (see Ephesians 2:18).

The Spirit, the Love of God, has been poured out into our hearts—a Spirit of adoption, making us children of the Father once more (see Romans 8:14–16).

This is the Spirit that Jesus promises in today’s Gospel. His Spirit comes as divine gift and anointing (see 1 John 2:27), to guide us to all truth, to show us “the things that are coming,” the things that were meant to be from before all ages—that we will find peace and union in God, share the life of the Trinity, and dwell in God as He dwells in us (see John 14:23; 17:21).



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.

First Reading [Proverbs 8:22-31](#)

A reading from the book of Proverbs

*Wisdom was born before the earth was made.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.  
From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth came into being.  
The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.  
Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;  
before he made the earth, the countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's dust.  
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,  
when he assigned the sea its boundaries –  
and the waters will not invade the shore –  
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,  
I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 8:4-9, R. v.2](#)

(R.) O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

- 1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)
- 2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. (R.)
- 3. All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters. (R.)

Second Reading [Romans 5:1-5](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation [See Apocalypse 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 [John 16:12-15](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon [Galatians 4:6](#)

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:** Maria Thi Nguyen, Mardie Galea, Naziha George  
**Sick:** Cliff Smith, Peter Avery, John Hunia, Eva Fitzgerald, Philip Coggan, James Connor, Richard Ford, Julie Somerville, Fr Bob Bossini, Dane San Pedro, Marama Watson **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

**FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND ITS WORKS:** Please support our Parish and its projects.

- **Direct Debit:** Please contact the Parish Office for more details.
- **Direct Deposit:** Details are as follows:  
Bank Account Name: Springwood; BSB: 067-950  
Bank Account Number: 00000560  
Reference: Your name in full.

**FIRST COLLECTION: This goes to the Board of Management.** The fund supports the living expenses of the priests within our Diocese.

**SECOND COLLECTION: This goes to our Parish of St Thomas Aquinas**—directly funding operational costs, pastoral activities and various programs that enrich our community.

**MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES** are also available which can be used to express your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you.



For all the latest information and updates about our parish, please follow our Instagram page:  
[@stthomasaquinas\\_springwoodnsw](#)

**ST THOMAS AQUINAS READING GROUP:** Parishioners who are eager to take on the exciting challenge of knowing more about our Patron Saint are more than welcome to attend. This is an ongoing session **every Sunday at 3pm** in our Parish Centre.



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family  
*Declan Joseph O' Callaghan*  
who was recently baptised here.



**TO OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS:** Our new schedule of roster is now available at the back of the church.  
We pay tribute to the valuable work that you do for our parish and thank you for being selfless, generous and thoughtful volunteers!

All Parishioners are invited to join a visit to **Mary McKillop Museum and Chapel** on **FRIDAY 18th JULY**. The outing will include a train journey with only a small amount of walking. Lunch will be available to purchase at the on-site café. Contact Colleen Kime (0407 125 427) to register your interest. Further details and costs will be available later. Reminder to members of STA Ladies Fellowship that the next meeting is on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** after morning Mass.

**IGNITE CONFERENCE 25:** is an event of Ignite Youth, a national Catholic youth ministry that springs out of the Emmanuel Community, Brisbane. This is going to be held on the 10th to 13th July 2025 (Thursday afternoon to Sunday lunchtime) at 27 Yardley Avenue, Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct, Waitara NSW 2077. For more details or enquiries contact: Noah Tabone on 0493 490 960; E: [ntab12110@gmail.com](mailto:ntab12110@gmail.com)



**MOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOLS OFFER FEE DISCOUNTS:**

To help more families access quality Catholic education, three local schools are offering major fee discounts from 2026 (T&Cs apply). Our Lady of the Nativity Lawson and St Thomas Aquinas Springwood will offer a **50% discount on Diocesan fees** while St Canice's Katoomba will be **fee-free!** Contact the schools or visit their websites to learn more.



**STA 2025 Reconciliation Sacramental Program**

All parents with children in Year 3 and older in 2025, who have not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to attend. For enquiries, please call 02 4754 1052 or email: [springwood@parracatholic.org](mailto:springwood@parracatholic.org)

**Parent Information Sessions:**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm, STA Church  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm, STA Church

**Children and Parent Information Sessions:**

Thursday 21st August at 7.00pm, STA Church  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm, STA Church (**and practice**)  
*Reconciliation will take place on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.30pm*  
*St Thomas Aquinas Church*

**Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church, STA Parish Office or online by visiting our website:**  
[www.stachurchspringwood.org.au](http://www.stachurchspringwood.org.au)



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2025:**

As foreshadowed last week, we local Vinnies volunteers again invite you, our generous fellow parishioners, to contribute to the 2025 Winter Appeal. We will collect donations at the end of all masses this weekend as cash (preferred) or card (via special Vinnies envelopes). Thank you. Tax receipts available on request.  
Our Conference always welcomes new members, so if you are interested in joining us, talk to one of the members during the Winter Appeal.

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH MORNING TEA – 29/6/25**

As Fr Jack settles into our parish, we invite you all to join us for a Morning tea after the 9.30am morning mass.  
This will be a great opportunity to meet Fr Jack, ask questions, and get to know our Parish Administrator, who has been appointed to guide us all faithfully.  
You are welcome to bring a share plate for morning tea.

**EXCITING NEWS: STA PIETY SHOP OPENING SOON!!!**

Our parish will be opening a piety store with catholic gifts for all sacramental occasions, religious gifts for families and for your own spiritual journey. We ask for your support in purchasing and helping our parish as all sales goes towards the maintenance of our beautiful church.

We will officially open in July, but you are more than welcome to come visit us to see our extensive range.  
**Store will be open; Tuesday – Friday: 9am – 2.30pm, Sunday: 9am – 11am**

Located in the parish office building!

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE – STARTS SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795. Registrations close **19th August**, but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

**MOUNT SCHOENSTATT MONTHLY SHRINE TIME FOR MEN:**

This is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the **second Wednesday of the month from 8-9pm**. Includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer and opportunity for confession. The Shrine is also one of the three locations in the diocese to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.