

Christianity is monotheistic—a Greek term indicating the belief in only one deity. Christians believe that God is **infinite, perfect, omnipotent, omniscient**, the creator and master over all creation, good and everlasting. He is the supreme governor and creator of the universe, and is also a loving Father to all humanity and the architect of all salvation. Christians point out that the Bible begins with God, not with philosophic arguments for his existence. They believe that God the Father has no beginning or end, and has always existed: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." God is known in the Bible by many different titles, though two are most common. * **Elohim**, from the Hebrew, is usually translated as "God" and is often used more as a title. * The term **YHWH (Yahweh)** also appears. It is usually translated as "the Lord" and used more as a personal name. The initials YHWH reflect the Jewish custom of never speaking or writing the sacred name of God. Personal pronouns attached to the Christian God are masculine, and images of him are almost always depicted as human, as the Christian belief holds that humans were created in God's image. In modern-day Christianity, some have adopted the use of gender-inclusive language. This practice usually involves referring to God only by name and never with pronouns. God the Father is a personal God who, through the revelation of Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, keeps a relationship with his people. He possesses several human attributes: he has thoughts and feelings, including anger and love for the world. God's wisdom is beyond measure, and thus he knows all things past, present and future. He is also everlasting; he has neither beginning nor end, and has never changed nor will he ever change.

"Thank you" to Heatherbelle and Romano for cleaning our gardens from all kind of weeds and debris. Anyone is welcome.

Other notices: ➤ **ALTAR SERVERS CAMP (organised by the Guild of St Stephen) from Sun 6th July to Wed 9th July** at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale for boys in Yrs 5 to 12. For more info, ring 0433 765 400 or 0417 259 617.

➤ **CANTONESE RCIA** classes will be held at St Michael's Church, 10 Croydon Rd, Hurstville from **Sun 22nd June at 10:30am**. For registration and enquiries, please ring Margaret Tham on 0411 279 007.

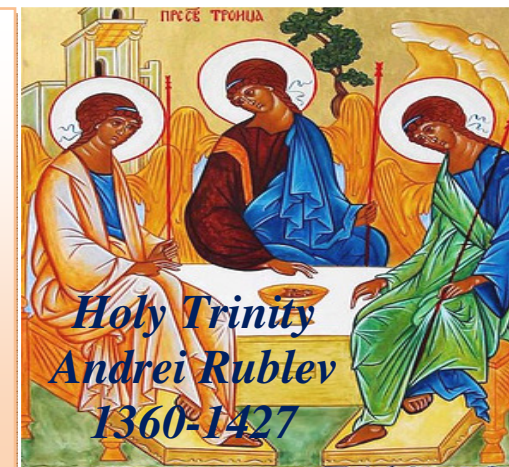
➤ **Want to learn more about your Catholic faith?** CAEC Sydney can help.

"**Apocalypse Now: The Book of Revelation**" with David Schutz is at St Patrick's Parish Summer Hill from **27th-29th June**. \$160pp. For more info. and to enrol, visit www.caec.com.au, email study@caec.com.au or ring 9646 9010.

➤ **Be a Compeer Volunteer.** Compeer is the St Vincent de Paul Society's friendship programme which trains volunteers to be matched with someone who is lonely and experiencing mental illness in their local community. To find out more please ring 9568 0295 or visit www.compeer.org.au.

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15th June 2014 (A)

Trinity Sunday

1ST READING: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Dan 3
 Glory and praise for ever!

2ND READING: St. Paul 13:11-13

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!

GOSPEL: St John 3:16-18

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You are the sons of God, so God has given you the Spirit of his Son to form your hearts and make you cry out: Abba, Father.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Stn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS:

By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 9:15am: †Teresa & Wilhelm Chrzczonowicz **Mon:** †John Heaney
Sat Vigil: †Carmen La Macchia **Tue:** †Felicula Katigbak & Family
Sun 8am: Engly Tirtadjaja Tjang (sick) **Wed:** †Efren Alimario
Sun 9:30am: Paul Thomas (Thanksgiving) **Thu:** Engly Tirtadjaja Tjang (sick)
Sun 5pm: Pro Populo **Fri:** †Saverio & Anna Costa, †Maria Gollia

OUR SICK: Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari, Joy Williams, Moira Butler, Domenico Cirillo and Jenny Yong...

Accommodation still available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr. Robert O'Shea, the manager.

Happy Birthday to Marie Busuttill (15th), Anthony Guerrero (17th), Gwen Gates and Cassandra Tjoe (19th)

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: 1) Class Mass: Fri 20th June: Yr 5 2) Family Mass: Sat 14th June: Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2; Sat 21st June: Yrs 3, 4 & 5. 3) Last day of Term 2: Fri 27th June.

CHURCH PARKING is available in the school grounds for weekend Masses. Please enter from Haig Avenue.

FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE: This weekend 14 / 15th June.

REMINDER: ♣ WALK WITH CHRIST-Next Sunday 22nd June. The Procession will start at St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard at 2:30pm and finish at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt at 4:30pm. *Write your prayers and petitions in our "Book of Life" which will be carried in the procession and placed before the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral.* For more information, please visit sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist or [facebook.com/WalkWithChristSydney](https://www.facebook.com/WalkWithChristSydney).

Thank you to all who donated to: Project Compassion, CWF and St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. All donations have been sent to relevant authorities. Requested tax receipts will be issued shortly.

FAITH FORMATION COURSE: THIS SUNDAY FROM 3:30PM TO 4:30PM IN THE PRESBYTERY – History of the Church (continuation)...

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) S Kim, Volunteer (C) G Guerrero (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) H Evening, S Gerakiteys (R) M Tjokrowdjaja (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), A Baby, R John (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) F & G Hogan(C) G Guerrero (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) P Chen, R Houghton (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M Wells

On Sunday, ahead of the event, Pope Francis said the Catholic Church should be able to "shake things up."



Pope Francis, in white, with, from left, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Israel's President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, as they head to a garden at the Vatican on Sunday. The event required delicate diplomacy. Francis admitted that he failed to host the meeting in the Holy Land, and the Vatican gardens were

chosen because they were seen as the most neutral spot in the city-state, free of the Christian symbolism that could offend the other two faiths. The evening touched on disputes over control of Jerusalem. In his speech, Peres said: "The holy city of Jerusalem is the beating heart of the Jewish people," while Abbas referred to "our holy city Jerusalem." The Palestinian leader also asked God to "alleviate the suffering of my people in the homeland and diaspora." As the strings struck up at the end of the event, the three leaders and Bartholomew embraced and kissed. Before the event, Peres, 90, said, "I hope the event will contribute to advancing peace between the parties, and in the world," he said. Francis appeared optimistic. Tweeting on Saturday, he wrote: "Prayer is all-powerful. Let us use it to bring peace to the Middle East and peace to the world."

During this month of June, Pope Francis has reminded the faithful that this month we are invited to pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At the end of his General Audience last Wednesday, the Holy Father urged the thousands gathered in a hot St. Peter's Square to turn to Jesus' heart, explaining that this devotion teaches the young to love intensely, the sick to be strong and to carry the cross of their suffering with patience, and the newly married to build their family on the foundations of the faithfulness and love of God.

Sitting of Finance Committee / Parish Mission Board at 7 pm

on Wed. 18th June

**PLANNED GIVING
APPEAL
Towards a
Stronger
Community,
Faith in Action**

As a Church we, like any business, endeavour to run it as efficiently as possible relying on the generosity of everyone in our community. The generous efforts of so many need to be recognised, but it also requires that we don't leave it to some and that we are all committed to contributing our share of the load.



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Please, take the opportunity to be a vibrant member of this Community.