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Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, 5 November





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Mass Timings Weekday 6:30am; 6pm Saturday

6:30am; 5:30pm **Sunday**

6:45am; 8:30am (Mandarin); 10:15am; 12pm & 5:30pm

Parish Office Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday/Sunday 9am - 1pm Public Holidays

Closed

Columbarium Monday - Friday 9am – 6pm Saturday

10:30am - 6pm

SundayOpen during Mass timings

Public Holiday

Closed

Weddings

Wedding bookings to be made 1 year in advance. Please enquire at the Parish Office.



"The greatest among you must be your servant."

Matthew 23:11

Hour of Prayer

Monday, 6 Nov, 8:00pm

Come and pray together for the universal church.

Sunday Meditation 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A Malachi 1:14–2:2, 8-10; Psalm 131:1-3, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

They tie up heavy burdens . . . and lay them on people's shoulders. (Matthew 23:4)

Today we read how Jesus accused Jerusalem's religious leaders of laying "heavy burdens" on people by imposing more and more rules on them (Matthew 23:4). But wasn't he doing the same thing? After all, he's the One who told people, "Take my yoke upon you" (11:29). Isn't a yoke—a contraption made of iron and hardwood—a burden as well?

Maybe so, but anyone who spent time with Jesus saw that the burden he spoke about was completely different—and much more attractive!

First, Jesus said that the burdens imposed by these scribes and Pharisees "nullified the word of God" (Matthew 15:6). They consisted of rules and fasts and tithes that were nowhere to be found in the Law of Moses. Some of them even contradicted God's will for his people. But Jesus' yoke is meant to help us "fulfill" the word of God (5:17). It's a yoke that calls us simply to love him and love our neighbor (22:34-40).

Jesus also said that his opponents placed burdens on people but did not "lift a finger" to help them (Matthew 23:4). By contrast, Jesus used the image of a yoke to describe his "burden." A yoke is an instrument that links two oxen together so they can help each other bear the load. And that's the point: Jesus wants to yoke himself to us so that he can walk beside us and help to lighten our burden.

Finally, and most important, the burdens of Jesus' opponents were made up of human regulations and restrictions, of additional

fasts and tithes, that could not bring people closer to God. But the exact opposite happens when we accept Jesus' yoke. We come into an ever-deepening relationship with him. And that relationship fills us with the joy and comfort of his own Spirit.

So come to Jesus today. Let him yoke himself to you in a bond of everlasting love.

"Jesus, thank you that your burden is light!"

Reflection from Word Among Us

Parish Activities

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12:00pm – 5:00pm : L8 Catechism

Day of Recollection

4:00pm - 5:00pm: Legion of Mary

for children

(Mother of Holy Innocents)

Monday (6 Nov)

7:30pm - 9:30pm: Jesus Youth

7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA Mandarin

8:00pm - 9:00pm: Hour of Prayer

Tuesday (7 Nov)

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8:00pm – 9:00pm : Christian

Meditation

Wednesday (8 Nov)

9:00am onwards : Church cleaning

(by Willing

Hands)

10:00am - 12:00pm	: JOY Ministry,
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Thursday (9 Nov)	Ž
9:30am – 12:00pm	: Mandarin
•	Bible Study
10:00am – 11:30am	•
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	Grace)
10:00am - 12:00pm	· Catholic Praying
12.00pm	Mothers
7:30pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary
	(Our Lady of
	Charity)
7:45pm – 9:30pm	: RCIA
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8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Lectors
8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary
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	(圣母升天)
Friday (10 Nov)	
7:15pm – 9:15pm	: Legion of Mary
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	(圣母领报)
8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Divine Mercy
	Devotion
Saturday (11 Nov)	_ :

: Church Cleaning (by Willing Hands)

: Legion of Mary Youth (Mary, Star of the New Evangelisation): Legion of Mary

(Queen of Angels)

Youth

9:00am onwards

1:00pm - 2:00pm

3:30pm - 5:00pm

10:00am - 12:00pm: Holy Trinity

Other Timings

Rosary Prayer before Mass Weekdays: 5:25pm @ Chapel Setunday & Sunday 4:55pm @ Main

Saturday & Sunday: 4:55pm @ Main Church

Parish News

Desktop Calendars 2024

The Catholic News calendars are available for sale at \$8. Please purchase them from the parish office.

Hour of Prayer Monday, 6 Nov, 8:00pm

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L8 Catechism Day of Recollection

The Sec 2 children and catechists will have a day of recollection on 5 Nov, 12:00pm.

Archdiocese Events

ACMI Skills Development Courses for Migrants

Registration for Jan-Jun 2024 courses are open. Pick up skills such as English,



Caregiving, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Please scan the QR code for the details.

Working with Dreams

10 Nov -12 Nov La Salle House 490 East Coast Rd



A stay-in retreat to help us with our dreams, understand their symbolic language, how the divine can speak to us. Participants are to bring a significant dream to work on. Facilitated by Sr Linda Lizada from Cenacle Sisters. Please scan the QR to register.

Advent Recollection

16 Dec, 8:00am to 5:00pm Church of the Holy Family, Pastoral Center Lyl 3



An invitation to spend a day of prayer to prepare for Christmas. This day, we will reflect and pray on the themes of "Contrasts" and "Conflicts" as we follow the Advent Scripture narratives being re-told in our daily living. Mass is included. Please Scan QR code to register.