

ADULT EDUCATION and FAITH FORMATION at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood June 2009 Sunday Feast Days



The Holy Trinity

The origins of the celebration of Trinity Sunday go all the way back to the Arian heresy of the fourth century, when Arius denied the divinity of Christ by denying that there

are three Persons in God. To stress the doctrine of the Trinity, the Fathers of the Church composed prayers and hymns that were recited on Sundays as part of the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church. Eventually, a special version of this office began to be celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, and the Church in England, at the request of St. Thomas à Becket (1118-1170), was granted permission to celebrate Trinity Sunday. The celebration of Trinity Sunday was made universal by Pope John XXII (1316-34).

For many centuries, the Athanasian Creed was recited at Mass on Trinity Sunday.

For more information, including the complete Athanasian Creed, go to the parish website <http://www.chatswoodparish.org.au/> Adult Education page and click on the link.

While seldom used today, why not read the creed privately or recite it with your family to revive this ancient tradition?



Adult Education Opportunity *St Paul: The man, his mission and message today!*

The St Paul eConference will take place on Tuesday, 30 June 2009. It is an initiative of The Broken Bay Institute and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and will be hosted from the Broken Bay Diocesan offices in Pennant Hills – reaching out across the globe to all interested participants. To date more than 110 sites had registered to participate - including Peru and parishes across New Zealand. Every Diocese in Australia will be represented. Live sessions, facilitated by television identity Mike Bailey, will feature world renowned Scripture scholars, Brendan Byrne SJ, Michele Connolly RSJ together with international communicator and commentator on the contemporary Catholic Church, Fr Richard Leonard SJ. This innovative project, working with technology provider Vividas, will allow the Church across Australia to participate in high quality education in a cost effective way. Local gatherings, logging in to the live web-cast, will experience an exceptional learning environment with leading Pauline scholars, and then will have opportunities to discuss the sessions with the guidance of their trained facilitator.

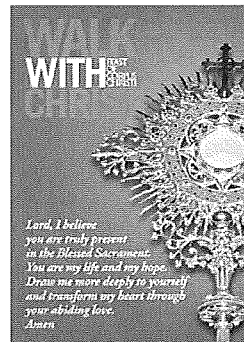
Our local centres are at St Thomas's Willoughby and Mercy College, Chatswood and a parish group is being organised as the conference will replace our regular Tuesday Bible Discussion group. Contact Suzanne or Madelyn (9419 4986) for more details or click on the link on the parish website <http://www.chatswoodparish.org.au/>

The Body and Blood of Christ

In 1246, the Bishop of the Belgian diocese of Liège convened a synod & instituted the celebration of this feast. On September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus," which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday.

At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office (the official prayers of the Church) for the feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the traditional Roman Breviary (the official prayer book of the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours), and it is the source of some famous Eucharistic hymns.

For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by.



Sydney's Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament Feast of Corpus Christi

Walk with Christ on Sunday
14 June 2009. Starting at 2:30pm
at St Patrick's Church Hill
(near Wynyard Station), the
procession will travel along
Grosvenor/ George/ Hunter/
Elizabeth Sts ending at St Mary's
Cathedral

For more information go to <http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au/news/Eucharist09/>