



Vox Populi

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The Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians, 24 May 2024, is an ancient devotion that goes back to the beginning of the Church however its relevance today is as strong and necessary as it has ever been.

Our Lady, Help of Christians is the Patroness of Australia and the solemnity focuses on Mary's help to those in need through her intercession to confront sin and to stand against anti-Christian forces.

In times of great persecution, the Church has turned to Our Lady to invoke her intercession for the protection of all Christians.

While we are blessed to not suffer the level of persecution in Australia as other Christians around the globe for simply practicing their faith, we often encounter confronting situations.

Just as Our Lady nurtured and protected Our Lord, through her prayers, we can also be protected and helped in times of great trouble or persecution. Let us all invoke the intercession of Our Lady, Help of Christians, and pray for all those who face any form of persecution because of their faith in Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

On Sunday we celebrate another important Solemnity – The Most Holy Trinity, the central mystery of our Christian faith.

It's our unique and fundamental understanding of God, as three persons with one nature: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the revelation of this Triune God on Trinity Sunday, the week after Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We call upon all three persons of the Trinity every time we join in prayer, beginning with "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit". We are baptised in the name of the Triune God and each of our Sacraments invites us into a unique encounter with the Trinity. We are called into a relationship with each of the three persons of the Most Holy Trinity and can call upon any of them in prayer or worship.

