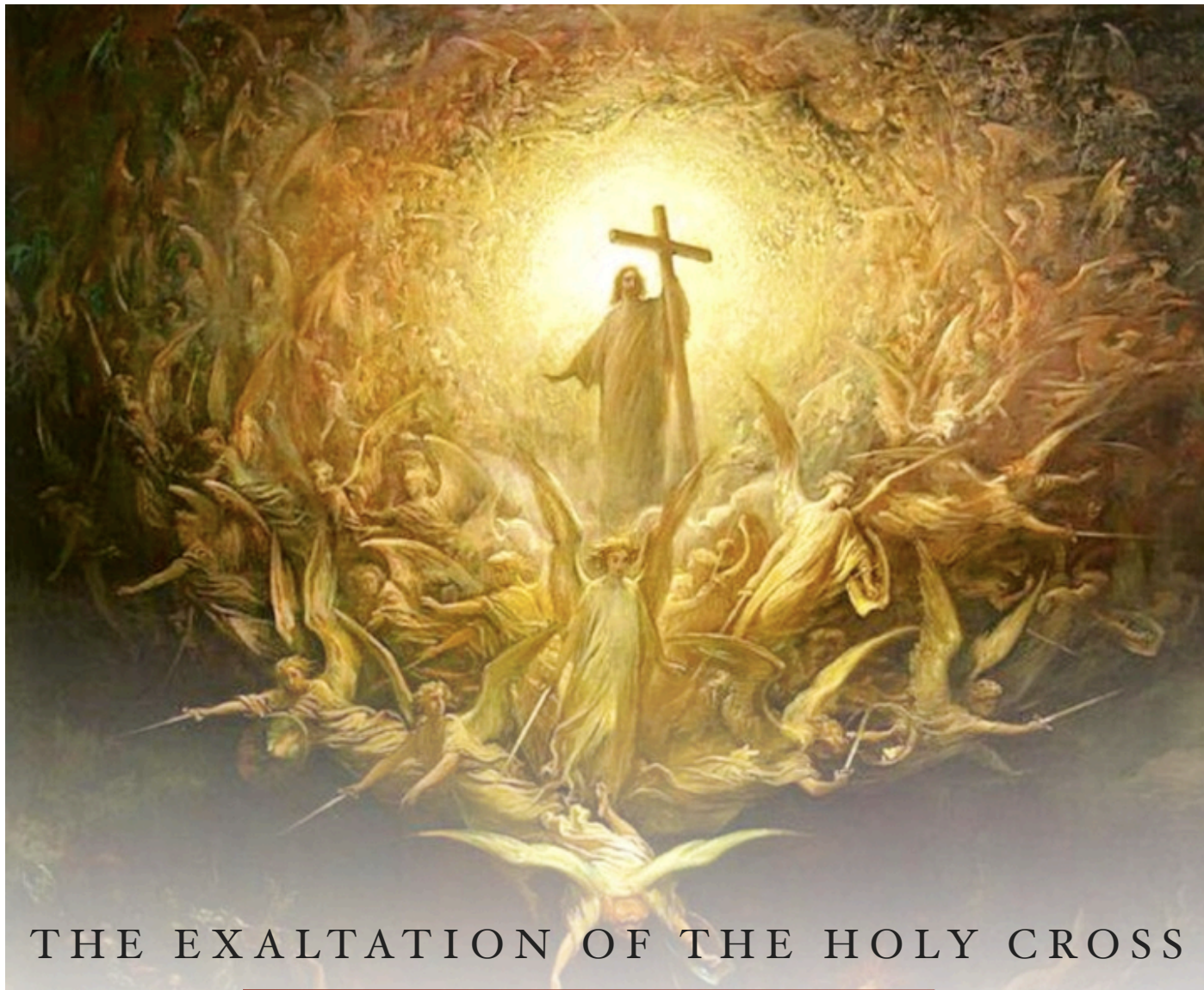

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On Tuesday the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast recalls three events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of the churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in A.D. 629 by the emperor Heraclius after it had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians in A.D. 614.

Under Constantine, around A.D. 327, Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem, caused excavations to be made in order to determine the location of Calvary as well as that of the Holy Sepulchre. It was in the course of these excavations that the wood of the Cross was recovered. It was recognised as authentic, and for it was built a chapel or oratory. Soon after the discovery of the Cross its wood was cut up into small relics and quickly scattered throughout the world.

It is the Holy Cross, the ancient symbol of humiliation and failure, which is for us the sign of triumph and salvation.

For us the Holy Cross is the sign of the victory of good over evil, of life over death, and we honour this symbol whenever we make the sign of the Cross on ourselves. For by this we mark ourselves out as faithful Christians and we unite ourselves with the agony of the Cross so that we may be brought to share in its exaltation.

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Rosary Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rosters

Altar Society

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Counters

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

First Friday of the month, 6:15 p.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Latin Mass

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning

Readers

Vigil

10:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy

Counters

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

IN MEMORIAM

Sr. Maria Chau, Mary Alby, Norma Armstrong, Lorenza Attwill, George Azzi, Miklina Azzopardi, Vic Azzopardi, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Jim Devlin, Betty Dickson, Maria Gambin, Maureen Gardiner, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Maria Kim Hoang, John Karam, Nouhad Khoury, Lindsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Betty McGrath, Des Miller, Dennis O'Brien, Neville O'Sullivan, Jack Pickering, Herbert Pidgeon, Felicitas Pronoble, Badir Raffoul, Hamid Raffoul, Hanna Saade, Kerry Savvas, Emmanuel Tabone, Phil Thompson, John Toye, Francis Tran, Bernadette Ulbrich, Phyllis Webb, Noeleen Yott, Dib Zaiter.

Holy Cross Parish YouTube Channel

With the churches closed under public health orders, we are, again, unable to celebrate Mass publicly. So Mass is being filmed each day and is available to hear on our dedicated Holy Cross Parish Granville YouTube Channel. Or you can click the link on our Facebook page to view Mass daily.

In this way, we can still pray the the Mass and have a connection with our parish churches.

Father's Day Appeal for Sick and Retired Clergy

The Clergy Support Foundation is holding its annual "Father's Day Appeal" in support of sick and retired clergy.

Your thoughtful gift to the appeal will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves.

With the current stay-at-home orders, the appeal is being held online. For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a donation, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal.

Thank you, from the Clergy Support Foundation Committee.

Compulsory Child Protection Training for Volunteers

The Diocese of Parramatta has mandated that all volunteers in parishes must undertake child protection and vulnerable adult training. Training is available online by Zoom on various days in September and October. Each of the three compulsory modules takes from 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

Requests to join the Zoom sessions can be made by email either to the parish office at granville@parracatholic.org or safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



The Church has always entrusted herself to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in times of pandemics. In A.D. 590, as Rome suffered a plague, Pope Gregory the Great processed through the streets in prayer, carrying an image of Our Lady. And so today, 1,400 years later, we continue this noble tradition with our parish's "Perimeter of Prayer". We are asking all households to download from our Facebook page the image of Our Lady of Divine Love and to place that image in a window of your home and each day to pray the prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady of Divine Love to protect the world during the coronavirus pandemic. Or, if you are unable to print the image, to place any image you have of the Blessed Virgin Mary in your window.

In this way we can build a perimeter of prayer around our parish seeking the protection of Our Lady, and witness to our neighbours and our community the power of prayer and our faith and hope in the grace of almighty God. And when you have placed an image in your window, send us a photograph (www.facebook.com/HolyCrossGranville or email granville@parracatholic.org) so that we can post pictures of our perimeter of prayer and so be a sign of hope to the broader community, to the diocese, and to the world.

So join with the parishioners around the parish to witness to that faith and place an image of Our Lady in a window of your home.

Regular Devotions During the Lockdown Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Even though the public health stay-at-home orders mean we are unable to visit the church and to pray, we can continue our devotions at home.

Our parish is offering a number of ways to pray and to continue to practice our faith, even away from the church.

Holy Mass is available daily on our YouTube channel. Just visit "Holy Cross Parish Granville" to hear the Mass prayed each day from our parish churches of Holy Family and Holy Trinity.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is streamed live from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on our YouTube channel. Join the parish before the Blessed Sacrament and pray not only for your own needs and the needs of your family, but for the parish, the Church and the whole world.

The Holy Rosary is prayed each day at 6:30 p.m. and you can join in these prayers by visiting our Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

On Sundays at 3:00 p.m., the Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed and is available on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

Join the parish in these prayers as we continue our "Perimeter of Prayer," beseeching the grace and mercy of almighty God and the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Divine Love, for an end to the pandemic.

Whilst we are encouraged to care for our physical health, we must never forsake our spiritual health, and by these devotions we can ensure that we care for our souls and for the souls of those for whom we care.



NOVENA OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 5 to SEPTEMBER 13

As we celebrate Holy Cross Month in honour of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, our parish feast day, and as we prepare to celebrate that feast, we will pray the novena of the Holy Cross for the nine days leading to the feast day on September 14. This will be another way we hope to join our community in prayer as we are unable to celebrate our feast day in person.

Every evening at 7:00 from Sunday, September 5 to Monday, September 13, the novena will be led by some of our parishioners and streamed on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel for all to join. You can follow along or pray in your own time using the Holy Cross Novena booklet. To download your copy of the booklet, visit: <https://bit.ly/3yMOtbR>.

This beautiful book is filled with the prayers of the novena, the litany of the Holy Cross, and paintings, mosaics and etchings of the crucifixion and Our Lady.

A novena, from the Latin word *novem*, meaning “nine,” is an ancient tradition of devotion made up of prayers repeated for nine consecutive days. The origin of this kind of devotion may lie in the nine days from the Ascension of Our Lord to the day before the descent of Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the disciples, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, gathered in the upper room devoted themselves to constant prayer.

During the middle ages, the practice of praying novenas grew, in particular as a means of preparation for a particular feast of the Church. In the 11th century, the practice grew to include praying for personal needs, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary or one of the Saints.

Today, the Church honours this practice of nine days in various ways, either in preparation for a particular feast day, or in seeking intercession for a certain need, or in mourning, praying for nine days for

repose of the soul and forgiveness of sins for someone who has died, as we do on the death of the Pope.

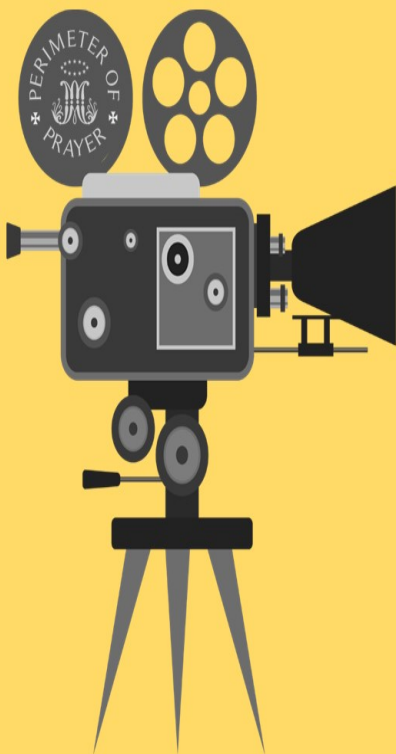
As we dedicate this month of September as Holy Cross Month in recognition of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we pray this novena in honour of the Holy Cross of Our Lord. In this way, we show our adoration of the instrument of our salvation and seek the grace to unite ourselves with the passion of Our Lord, not only for our salvation, but for the salvation of all the world. Our parish has been granted the great honour of this title of the Holy Cross, a title which draws on the history of so many who have served the parish, and we pray that our Saviour and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, will strengthen us to hold fast to that Cross, so that, united in faith, hope and love, we will serve Our Lord in His holy Church and so make known that Holy Cross by which He has redeemed the world.

HOLY CROSS MONTH HOLY CROSS FAMILIES



HOLY CROSS FRIENDS & FAMILIES!

SEND US YOUR VIDEO MESSAGES!



SEND A VIDEO OR PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR
FAMILY WITH A SHORT MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR
THE PARISH FOR HOLY CROSS MONTH.

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HOLY CROSS PARISH WALK 4 MARY

*Pray a decade of the Rosary
while out on your daily walk!
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in your home or in your garden!*

*Send us a Video or Message saying:
“I Will Walk 4 Mary!”*



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Whilst many of us are currently confined to our homes, we are still able to go outside to exercise, so we are therefore encouraging you all to continue to take part in the Holy Cross Parish “Walk 4 Mary” initiative.

Through the “Walk 4 Mary” initiative, you are encouraged to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary when you go outside to exercise. This will serve as a personal procession to offer our needs and seek the assistance of the Blessed Virgin Mary for ourselves and the

world. If you are unable to leave your home, you may wish to pray the decade while walking inside your home or in your garden.

We would love for many more parishioners to get involved in this initiative—simply comment on the Facebook post with the words “I will Walk 4 Mary” to show others of your involvement, or alternatively send us a video while you are out walking saying “I will Walk 4 Mary” and we will share these on our parish social media.

Will you take up this physical and spiritual challenge? these on our parish social media. In this way, you will be able to honour Our Holy Mother, Mary, and so join your prayers to the prayers of the parish and of the Church.

As we continue to bear the burden of the pandemic, we never fail to place our trust in divine providence and in the intercession of Our Holy Mother, Mary, who, as Our Lady of Divine Love, cares for us and leads us to her Son, Our Lord.

I WILL WALK 4 MARY

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Sir. 36:18)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (50:5-9)

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 114:1-6, 8-9. R̄. v.9)

R̄. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. R̄.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord my God, deliver me! R̄.

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. R̄.

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. R̄.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. James (2:14-18)

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation (Gal 6:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel of Mark (8:27-35)

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Communion (Cf. Ps. 35:8)

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wing.