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The Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus (St. Teresa of Ávila) (1515-1582) on 15 October. Canonised by Pope Gregory XV in 1622, she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope St. Paul VI in 1970.

St. Teresa is most widely renowned for her mysticism, a way of mental prayer and contemplation, which she described as “nothing other than a close sharing between friends. It means frequently taking time to be alone with Him whom we know loves us.” (C.C.C., n. 2709).

Born in Ávila in Spain in A.D. 1515, she entered a Carmelite convent at the age of twenty. In time, she sought a reform of that order, seeking to overcome the lack of discipline and to strengthen the spiritual practices and prayer life of the nuns. For these reforms, she was greatly persecuted but was eventually granted the protection of the Pope and the Spanish king.

St. Teresa is the patron saint of Spain, declared such by the government in 1627, as well as the patroness of those who are sick, those in religious orders, people ridiculed for their piety, and lacemakers.

A prayer she wrote, known as the Bookmark of St. Teresa of Ávila, says: “Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices.”

So let us pray that St. Teresa of Jesus will intercede for us and guide us, through our prayers, to seek that perfect union with Our Lord.

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MEMORIAL OF  
ST. TERESA *of* JESUS

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### 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.

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### Rosters

#### Altar Society

#### Readers

**8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

#### Counters

#### Bus Driver

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### 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.

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### Rosters

#### Church Cleaning

#### Readers

##### Vigil

**10:00 a.m.**

#### Children's Liturgy

#### Counters

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Ann Blesson, Betty Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Ruth La Rosa, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Anna Saunig, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Miriam Welangoda, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.

*St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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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, June Ollerenshaw, 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.

# THE HOLY ROSARY

## *The Joyful Mysteries*

Of the joyful mysteries of the holy Rosary Pope St. John Paul II said: “[these] are marked by the joy radiating from the event of the Incarnation. To meditate upon the joyful mysteries is to enter into the ultimate causes and the deepest meaning of Christian joy. It is to focus on the realism of the mystery of the Incarnation and on the obscure foreshadowing of the mystery of the saving Passion. Mary leads us to discover the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, first and foremost, evangelisation, ‘good news’, which has as its heart and its whole content the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the one Saviour of the world.”

Meditating on the joyful mysteries demands that we meditate on our own lives and hold them against the lives and faith of our Lord and His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and His earthly father, St. Joseph.

The mystery of the annunciation inspires us to put our faith in God, who wants good for His children (Matthew 7:11), rather than succumbing to temptation, as Eve did, that God is in some way holding out on us.

The mystery of the visitation demands humble service. Just as Mary, now the mother of God, did not consider herself too important to serve, so we too should be willing to serve, magnifying the Lord (Luke 1:46) as Mary did.

The mystery of the nativity calls us to great confidence; for just as the God of the universe chose to be born in a stable, so too does He choose to be born in the heart of anyone who will accept Him, regardless of the state of their soul.

The mystery of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple encourages us to strive and pray to look upon the material poor, such as Joseph and Mary were, with kindness and respect.

The mystery of the finding of the boy Jesus in the Temple demands that we evaluate our earthly relationships to see whether we are guilty of placing them before the will of God. Our Lord warns us, “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37).



*The Annunciation*



*The Visitation*



*The Nativity*



*The Presentation in the Temple*



*The Finding of Jesus in the Temple*

## **Holy Cross Parish YouTube Channel**

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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**

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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](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal).

Thank you, from the Clergy Support Foundation Committee.

## **Compulsory Child Protection Training for Volunteers**

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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](mailto:granville@parracatholic.org) or [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/HolyCrossGranville) or email [granville@parracatholic.org](mailto: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**

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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.



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1 October 2021

The Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As your Bishop you are all constantly in my prayers, especially during this difficult time. Our Diocese has been working with the health authorities and other religious leaders towards the day when we can once again tangibly express our faith through gathering in our dear churches to celebrate the Eucharist.

Given the recent announcements by the NSW Government of the easing of restrictions between 11 October and 1 December, I write to provide you an update on how this will impact the Diocese of Parramatta.

It is to the core of our ministry that we resume our pastoral care of the people as soon as that is practicable. In order to accommodate all the People of God, I have determined that we should wait until the 80% threshold has been achieved before we reopen our churches as this would then permit all Catholics to attend regardless of vaccination status. The projection is that this is likely sometime towards the end of October.

Once a date has been finalised by the NSW Government as to when 80% fully vaccinated has been achieved an advice to reopen will come from the Chancery.

With my prayers for you and your communities,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**

# HOLY CROSS PARISH WALK 4 MARY



*Pray a decade of the Rosary  
while out on your daily walk!  
If you are housebound, take a  
stroll in your home or in your  
garden!*

*Send a comment,  
photo or  
message saying:*

*“I will Walk 4 Mary”*



HOLY  
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GRANVILLE



As we begin the month of October, which the Church honours as the month of the Holy Rosary, we are 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



ADORATION  
*of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT

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*The Holy Rosary*

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ON FACEBOOK  
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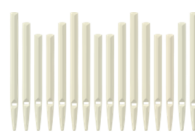
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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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### The Readings

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#### Introit (Ps 129:3-4)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

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#### First Reading

##### The Book of Wisdom (7:7-11)

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

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#### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 127. R̄. v. 5)

R̄. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. R̄.

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. R̄.

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. R̄.

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#### Second Reading

##### The Letter to the Hebrews (4:12-13)

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

#### Gospel Acclamation (Mt 5:3)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

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#### Gospel of Mark (10:17-30)

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land—not without persecutions—now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

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#### Communio (Cf. Ps 33:11)

The rich suffer want  
and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord  
lack no blessing.

# I WILL WALK 4 MARY