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Through It all, We Keep on Going

Throughout these months of the churches being closed, Holy Cross Parish persevered untiringly.

As we have always done throughout this pandemic, we have worked hard and creatively, and so on the day the stay-at-home orders were announced, with only a few hours' notice, provision was very quickly made for additional Masses following 4:30 p.m. at 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. so that as many people as possible could attend Mass before the lockdown.

Just as we did last year when they said you can only have 100 people in a church, we arranged for extra Masses. And people came along. They said if you have more than 100 people you must go outside. So we did. And people came along. They said we're closing your churches. So, we took our faith to our homes, and we showed that whatever you may take away from us you will not take away our faith.

And we did it again this year. We showed that our faith is not bound by the things of this world, but finds its life by the grace of almighty God and the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. We found ways to keep on going, and our parishioners, and parishioners from many other parishes, joined us and found a way to continue to practice the faith and to give a sense of hope to the world.



The Church has always entrusted herself to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in times of trial. In A.D. 590, as Rome suffered a terrible plague, Pope Gregory the Great processed through the streets in prayer, carrying an image of Our Lady praying for protection and an end to the epidemic.

1,400 years later, we continued this noble tradition with our parish's "Perimeter of Prayer". Fr. Andrew travelled to the boundaries of the parish to bless the borders and to pray to Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Divine Love, for the protection of our parish.

With this, we asked all households to place the icon of Our Lady of Divine Love in the windows of their homes and to pray daily the prayer of to Our Lady of Divine Love to protect the world during the coronavirus pandemic.

Holy Mass

To continue this "Perimeter of Prayer, we had daily Mass on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel which allowed parishioners to continue to hear the Sacrifice of the Mass, to pray with the Church, and to see the church.

In particular, thank you to John Portelli and Maryanne Takchi who arranged and recorded the hymns for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross so that we could celebrate these days with solemnity and to give honour to Our Blessed Mother and on our parish's feast day.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was live-streamed each day so that we could continue to worship and adore Our Lord and to seek His grace and mercy.

Holy Rosary

There was the Holy Rosary every evening, as well as many times when we prayed the Rosary together by Zoom, with parishioners leading the decades.

"Walk 4 Mary"

We asked people to join in our "Walk 4 Mary", asking parishioners to pray a decade of the Rosary whenever outside for a walk, and we placed the icon of Our Lady of Divine Love in the pews with the names of all families who joined us in this.

Through it all, we just keep on going.

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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

Bus Driver

SOCIAL MEDIA



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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

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

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, Joseph Gibrine, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Maria Kim Hoang, 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 Teye, Francis Tran, Bernadette Ulbrich, Phyllis Webb, Noeleen Yott, Dib Zaiter.

Holy Cross Novena

As we celebrated the Month of the Holy Cross, parishioners joined in recording the novena of the Holy Cross. For this we thank John Portelli, Joe Chidiac, Raphaella Chidiac, Reanne Chidiac, Lana Leatherby, Tanya Martin, Elias Sleiman, Andrew Takchi, Claudette Takchi, Maryanne Takchi, Chloe Zaiter and Richard Zaiter.

Stations of the Cross

Holy Cross Youth and parishioners recorded the Stations of the Cross so that we could pray together as a parish. Thank you to Sr. Maria, Elvis, Domonic Baini, Barry Bradbery, Dylan Boatswain, Joe Elias, Kay King, Ryan Magpayo, Jim Newell, John Portelli, Spiro Portelli, Robyn Rich, Rose Succar, Maryanne Takchi, Claudia Tiller, Rafael Tordilla and Annette Wirz.

Parish Trivia Night

For some fun, we organised an online Trivia Night to celebrate the close of Holy Cross Month, and for this we thank Rosette Chidiac, John Portelli, Claudette Takchi, Chloe Zaiter and Richard Zaiter.

Our Parish Schools and Children

With the schools, we had a weekly community prayer so that staff, students and parents could find ways to pray together. We also invited the students of our schools and the children of our parish to send us their drawings and colouring-in pictures of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Parishioner Prayer Requests

We invited parishioners to send us their prayer requests so that we could share these with the parish and so that we could continue to support one another in prayer.

"Holy Cross Connects"

And not only did we find many ways to continue our spiritual life, but also our mental health and physical well-being with "Holy Cross Connects." Thank you to Rosette Chidiac, in particular, for her talk to the parish on mental health and ways which we could all adopt to help us throughout this time.



"Holy Cross Families"

We asked families to send video messages to the parish to encourage us and to tell us what they were doing through the lockdown, which we called "Holy Cross Families". Thank you to those participated, including the Chidiac family and the Zaiter family.

"Holy Cross Youth"

Our parish youth group, Holy Cross Youth, prepared our "Saints of the Holy Cross" spotlighting those Saints who have an affiliation with the Cross.

Marian Self-Isolation Challenge

Chloe Zaiter, as she did last year with the Catholic Self-Isolation Challenge, arranged the Marian Self-Isolation Challenge with great activities to help us to better our love and devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"St. Joseph's Table"

We also continued our St. Joseph's Table in honour of the Year of St. Joseph. With thanks for the generosity of parishioners, we were able to continue to provide groceries and other household items to families in need of support through this time.

Church Grounds and Cleaning

We thank, also, those who cleaned the grounds of the church and the church itself in preparation for opening again: Barry Bradbery, Spiro Portelli, Claudette Takchi and Moona Wehbe.

Piety Shop

Thank you to those who prepared the piety shops: Claudette Takchi and Annette Wirz.

Parish Bus

To John McIntyre, for all his work in looking after the parish bus and giving it a run each week to keep it in good working order.

Planned Giving and Donations

We owe our thanks to those who generously continued to give in support of the parish, either by dropping off their envelopes or making online donations. Also to all those who asked how they could make a donation and those who kept their envelopes going in readiness for the churches opening.

Thank You

To all of those who participated in the life of the parish throughout this time, and to all those who contributed so much to make all that we did possible, we all owe our sincere thanks and gratitude.

While many other places shut down, we did not. We forged ahead in faith and hope and found ways to keep it all going.

In particular, thank you to John Portelli and Rosette Chidiac for their tremendous imagination and energetic work in bringing all this together. Their creativity in developing so many ways, and for speaking with co-ordinating parishioners in their involvement with different prayers and devotions, allowed us to participate and continue being involved in the life of the parish.

Throughout this time, with so much emphasis on physical health and the well-being of the body, we worked hard to emphasise spiritual health and the well-being of the soul. The devotions, the prayers, the catechesis, the good works that we shared in these past few months were all the means to strengthen our souls, to give voice to our faith, to give encouragement and so hope. By these we found ways to keep on going. We said we wanted to be a sign of hope and faith, and so we sought ways to engage with our faith and with the community so that people could participate, in some way, in the worship of God, in the expression of faith, trusting always in Our Lord.

SEPTEMBER 5TH

SEPTEMBER 13TH

HOLY CROSS NOVENA

Led by Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish, Granville



the STATIONS of the CROSS

Read by Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish
With Music Arranged by John Portelli and Maryanne Takchi

Holy Cross MONTH



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - 14th SEPTEMBER

HOLY CROSS PARISH

TRIVIA NIGHT



Friday 24th
September

IN CELEBRATION OF
HOLY CROSS
MONTH



THE MARIAN CHALLENGE

1-31 AUGUST

@CATHOLICCARDCO

Holy Rosary


LIVE

To pray the Holy Rosary live with us, visit zoom.us
and click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting ID below



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of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**

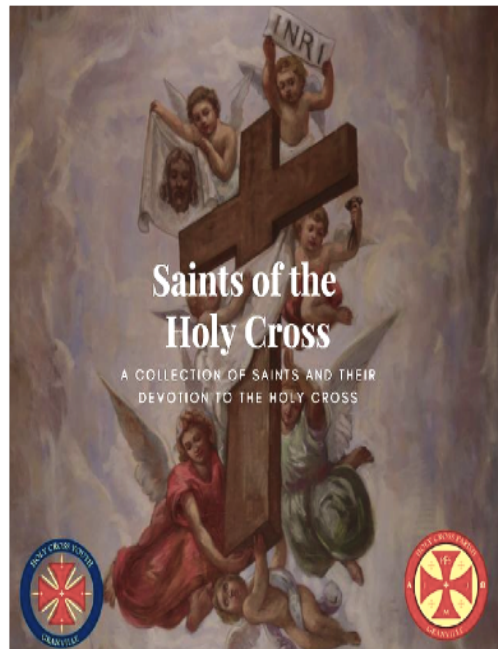
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The Holy Rosary



DAILY
ON FACEBOOK
AND ON
OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

"HOLY CROSS PARISH GRANVILLE"



Saints of the Holy Cross

A COLLECTION OF SAINTS AND THEIR DEVOTION TO THE HOLY CROSS


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 us a video or a message saying:
"I will Walk 4 Mary"



DIVINE MERCY
Chaplet

- HOLY CROSS CONNECTS -

Mental Health

This Friday | 6:30PM

Via Zoom: www.zoom.us

Meeting ID: 844 7144 9117

Presented by
Rosette Chidiac
Mental Health Social Worker




HOLY CROSS PARISH GRANVILLE



HOLY CROSS MONTH
HOLY CROSS FAMILIES

HOLY CROSS FRIENDS & FAMILY

SEND US YOUR MESSAGE

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

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

SEND THEM THROUGH FACEBOOK MESSENGER OR EMAIL TO GRANVILLE@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG

DAILY MASS ON YOUR DEVICE

 **YouTube**

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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As we continue 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

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Glorious Mysteries

Pope Francis's confidence in Our Lady developed when, in 1985, he attended a rosary that was being led by Pope John Paul II. The sight of the Pope on his knees moved him. He asked himself how much he trusted Our Lady: "I became aware of the density of the words of the Mother of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego: "Don't be afraid, am I not perhaps your mother?" From that day, he said fifteen decades of the Rosary daily.

The mystery of the Resurrection fills us with great hopeful expectation. Death does not have the final word. Our life does not end at the grave, and we can say with St. Paul, "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" (I Corinthians 15:55).

The mystery of the Ascension of our Lord reminds us to rely on the peace which Christ offers us. Shortly before His ascension He tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). Here He warns us that the peace the world offers does not satisfy. We need to remain detached from earthly possessions which do not ultimately satisfy—we were made for Heaven.

This mystery of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost encourages us to place our faith in Him as we evangelise those in our lives who are far off from him.

Meditating upon the mystery of the Assumption of Mary into heaven gives us a glimpse at "what God has prepared for those who love him" (I Corinthians 2:9) and consequently fills us with hopeful expectation. Mary, after all, is the prototypical Christian. What God has done for her He will one day do for us. If we accept salvation and persevere, we will be cleansed of sin and given glorified bodies.

With the mystery of the coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of Earth, Mary intercedes on behalf of her spiritual children, the Church. This mystery encourages us to entrust themselves and their good works to the only perfect creature, the Mother of God.



The Resurrection



The Ascension



The Descent of the Holy Spirit



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

The apostles, Saints Simon and Jude, whose feast day the Church celebrates on Thursday, are known, also, by other names in the Gospels. St. Simon is referred to as "the Zealot" and St. Jude as "Jude Thaddeus". Apart from their names, however, little else is known about them. Although tradition holds that St. Jude travelled to Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq) and St. Simon to Egypt to preach the Gospel before both arrived in Persia (modern day Iran). It was here in Sufian (or at Siani) where they suffered martyrdom in A.D. 65 by having their throats cut.

St. Jude is thought to have been a relative of Jesus and it is also believed that he is the author of the Letter of Jude in the New Testament.

Today, St. Jude is most honoured as the patron of hopeless or impossible causes, whose intercession is sought in times of great need and despair. Both St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard had visions from God asking them

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 MOST HOLY APOSTLE ST. JUDE,
 FAITHFUL SERVANT AND FRIEND OF JESUS,
 THE NAME OF THE TRAITOR
 WHO DELIVERED THE BELOVED MASTER
 INTO THE HANDS OF HIS ENEMIES,
 HAS CAUSED THEE
 TO BE FORGOTTEN BY MANY
 BUT THE CHURCH HONOURS
 AND INVOKES THEE UNIVERSALLY
 AS THE PATRON OF HOPELESS CASES,
 OF THINGS DESPAIRED OF.

PRAY FOR ME WHO AM SO MISERABLE;
 MAKE USE I IMPORE THEE,
 OF THAT PARTICULAR PRIVILEGE
 ACCORDED TO THEE,
 TO BRING VISIBLE AND SPEEDY HELP,
 WHERE HELP IS ALMOST DESPAIRED OF.

COME TO MY ASSISTANCE
 IN THIS GREAT NEED
 THAT I MAY RECEIVE THE CONSOLATIONS
 AND THE SUCCOUR OF HEAVEN
 IN ALL MY NECESSITIES, TRIBULATIONS
 AND SUFFERINGS
 AND THAT I MAY BLESS GOD WITH THEE
 AND ALL THE ELECT FOREVER.

AMEN.



to accept St. Jude as the "Patron Saint of the Impossible".

St. Jude is often depicted holding an axe and a medallion bearing the face of Christ. St. Simon is often shown holding a saw as one tradition holds that he was martyred by being sawn in half.

Today we honour both of these great apostles for making known the salvation of Our Lord, for taking the faith across the world, and for the sacrifice of their lives for this.

Let us pray that we will continue to honour these saints and that, by their intercession, they will aid us in our daily battles so that in our lives we may make known the faith that they preached and so draw others closer to Our Lord and to the Church.

As the Church and the world faces tremendous uncertainty, lest us pray that Sts. Simon and Jude will guide us and strengthen us to persevere with faith and hope, seeking Our Lord Jesus Christ above all else.



MASSES FOR THE DEAD

NOVEMBER MASSES

*To have the names of the faithful departed
of your family and your friends remembered at the altar
during Holy Masses said during the month of November,
complete one of the special November Masses envelopes
and leave this in the box by the doors of the church.*

*The names of those given will be written
in the Book of Remembrance
and placed at the altar of St. Joseph
at Holy Family Church
and in the chapel of the Missionary Sisters
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World
at Holy Trinity Church.*

During the month of November the Church asks the faithful to pray for the faithful departed—that the Holy Souls in Purgatory may be forgiven their sins and so borne to live forever with Our Lord and all the Angels and Saints.

Of this Pope Francis has said that “Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: It is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.”

Pope Benedict XVI said that “praying for the dead is a noble practice that implies belief in the resurrection of the dead... We intend our prayers of suffrage... to be united with this prayer of the Lord which is priestly *par excellence*. Christ substantiated his entreaty to the Father with the gift of himself on the Cross; let us offer our prayers in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is the real and actual representation of that unique and saving self-emptying.”

The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer of the Church, because it is the prayer of Christ Himself—the Son of God to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. There can be no greater prayer than this to be said for those who are suffering in purgatory, and no greater hope of salvation than offering this prayer.

We pray for those who have died because they can no longer pray for themselves. While in this life we can pray for ourselves and perform penances as acts of contrition for our sins. But at our death, we are no longer able to do this and so we rely solely on the love and the mercy of those who remain in this world and of the Saints in heaven to pray for us and our eternal souls.

In each Mass the Priest prays for the dead, asking the Lord to remember His servants “who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace” and asking that they may be granted “a place of refreshment, light, and peace.” This November, remember those who have died and pray for them, so that, they, when we depart from this world, will remember and pray for us.

OUR ✠ PARISH ✠ SCHOOLS



HOLY TRINITY Granville

Holy Trinity, Granville, a dynamic Catholic school community founded on the Christian values embedded in our motto, "love, serve and hope".

At Holy Trinity, we are committed to bringing our community into a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the Good News.

At Holy Trinity, we endeavour to foster a goal to give all students an opportunity to: deepen their faith, become successful learners, be confident and creative individuals, be active and informed citizens, both now and in the future.

Our dedicated staff works closely with parents and the parish community to ensure students benefit from a well-rounded Catholic education founded in the Catholic values of love, service and family.

For more information on enrolment call 8633-8500 or visit our website at htgranville.catholic.edu.au



Delany College GRANVILLE

Delany College is a Catholic co-educational secondary school from year 7 to 12, proud of our Patrician heritage and contemporary learning environment.

We aim, through Delany Connected Learning—our approach to learning and teaching, to transform the lives of our young people so that they can become successful in their adult lives and be dynamic community leaders.

The College provides a nurturing community for students to pursue excellence in their academic studies, as well as sporting and cultural activities. To do this, we instil and model the 4 C's that Delany Connected Learning mandates: Creativity, Critical Reflection, Communication and Collaboration.

To arrange a guided tour or for more information on enrolment call 8633-8100 or visit our website at delanygranville.catholic.edu.au.



Holy Family Primary East Granville

Like St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop, Holy Family Primary students understand what it means to care for and support those most in need.

At Holy Family Primary we constantly strive to educate our children in the spirit of our school motto "In Christ We Live, Love and Learn".

The school is vibrant, and is active in developing a loving and supportive community, based on Gospel values. We provide many opportunities that give expression to our Catholic faith through prayer, liturgy and social interaction. We see the importance of building a partnership between home and school to enable us to provide the best possible education that caters to the specific needs of each child.

For more information on enrolment call 8633-8200 or visit our website at hfgranville.catholic.edu.au



HOLY MASS



N.S.W. Government public health orders require all those entering the church to check-in using the QR code or to provide their full name and telephone number or email address for contact tracing purposes.



Attendance is limited to 1 person per 4 square metres.



Please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
If you are feeling unwell, please do not enter the church but visit your GP or call 1800 020 080.



Please keep 1.5 metres physical distance from those who are not members of your household.
Please sit in the pews marked "Please Sit Here".



Face masks are compulsory (except for those under 12 years old).

The N.S.W. Government can impose penalties of \$55,000 on the parish and \$11,000 on individuals for not complying with these regulations.

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps 104:3-4)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

The Prophet Jeremiah (53:10-11)

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 125. R. v. 3)

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered
Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord,
from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back,
full of song,
carrying their sheaves. R.

Second Reading

The Letter to the Hebrews (5:1-6)

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation (II Tim 1:10)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel of Mark (10:46-52)

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Communio (Cf. Ps 19:6)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

