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THE • FEAST • OF • THE • PRESENTATION • OF • THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 21 November. With the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary, it is the third feast of the Marian feasts which find their echo in three of the feasts of Our Lord: the Nativity (Christmas), the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and the Presentation in the Temple.

This feast is celebrated on this day by Catholics and Orthodox alike, and for those in cloistered religious life it is a day totally dedicated to God in prayer, silence and concealment.

This feast, celebrated for over a thousand years, commemorates the presentation of the young Mary in the

Temple in Jerusalem. According to tradition, the tradition found in the Protoevangelium of James, Mary's parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne, who had to this time being childless, were promised by God that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the fulfillment of this promise, the young Mary is taken by her parents to the Temple to be consecrated to God.

Today we continue to celebrate this feast as "we celebrate that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace" (Divine Office). It is, for us, a reminder of the need we have to truly dedicate ourselves to almighty God.

In a world that is increasingly marked by self-entitlement and which sees the Church as being at the service of individual demands, this feast, as does the Blessed Virgin Mary in all aspects of her life, is an example to us that our lives must be lived in dedication to God and in service of His Church, not only for our salvation, but for the salvation of the world. Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary points always away from herself and towards her son, Our Lord, so we, too, should by our lives, point always to Christ.

Let us pray, on this feast, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, will intercede for us so that we may come to share in the fullness of grace.

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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 Group 3: Mary Dao
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac,

Rebecca Hanson, Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Raphaella Chidiac,

Joseph Ojiba, Jasmine Miranda

Children's Liturgy

Counters

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Ann Blesson, 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, Haydee Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Anna Saunig, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Fr. Renato Paras, Rev. Mr. Owen Rogers, Mary Alby, Lorenza Attwill, George Azzi, Miklina Azzopardi, Vic Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Maria Gambin, Maureen Gardiner, Joseph Gibrine, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Lam Hatran, Maria Kim Hoang, John Ibrahim, Laila Ibrahim, Nouhad Khoury, Betty McGrath, Giovanni Molinaro, Sam Moussa, Samantha Moussa, Des Miller, Neville O'Sullivan, Edward Pidgeon, Emmanuel Tabone, Phil Thompson, Francis Tran, Peter Doan Van Tran, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Bernadette Ulbrich, Joseph Vella, Miriam Welangoda, Dib Zaiter.

N.S.W. Government Public Health Restrictions

Public health restrictions imposed by the N.S.W. Government continue to be in place for churches. Under the current restrictions, churches are limited in capacity to one person per two square metres, social distancing of 1.5 metres between members of different households is required, face masks must be worn indoors (for those over 12 years old), congregational singing is not permitted, and hand sanitising and check-in is required for all attending.

How to Check-In

1. Download the Service NSW app
2. Select "Covid Safe Check-in"
3. Follow the prompts
4. Write "QR" for yourself and the number of dependents checked-in on the manual sign-in sheets (this is to demonstrate that we comply with capacity limits)

If you do not have the app, write your full name and telephone number on the manual sign-in sheets.

Please assist us with following these requirements to ensure the health and safety of all who attend Mass.

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass, while restrictions are in place that limit the number of people allowed per two square metres, we will continue with the temporary Mass times of Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

The temporary confession times of Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church will also continue whilst the temporary Mass times schedule is in place.

Betty Borg *Requiescat in Pace*

We are saddened to announce the death of Betty Borg, who died on Wednesday with her family by her side.

Betty, with her husband John, served the parish for many years in many ways, and we pray that these good works go before her now and that Our Lord will grant her the reward of her labours.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, 17 November at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

The current N.S.W. Government public health restrictions on funerals mean that only those who are fully vaccinated can attend the funeral.

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.



*Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen.*



Volunteers Needed for Sunday, 5 December

On Sunday, 5 December at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Sr. Theresa will celebrate her silver jubilee of religious profession. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Peter Williams and a number of visiting Priests.

Because of the number of guests attending this Mass, we need volunteers to assist at the doors of the church to help people check-in and to advise of the public health restrictions.

If you can volunteer at the doors of the church for this Mass, please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office. Thank you.

Please Respectfully Assist with the Public Health Restrictions

Please be aware that the current public health restrictions are those imposed by the N.S.W. Government and are **not at the discretion nor are they choice of the parish.**

All organisations, including churches, across New South Wales are obligated to follow these restrictions and to ensure that all those entering their buildings follow these restrictions. Failure to follow these government restrictions mean that the parish can be fined up to \$55,000 and individuals can be fined up to \$11,000.

Three of our parishioners, Rosette Chidiac, Spiro Portelli and Claudette Takchi, have very generously volunteered their time each and every week at multiple Masses to assist you with these restrictions. They regularly volunteer at up to three Masses every weekend and have been doing this ever since the restrictions were imposed last year. Please show your gratitude to them for their incredible generosity and please respect them as they assist parishioners at the doors. Because of their generous service to us, we are able to open the churches. Without their help, we could not continue to offer Mass publicly.

Please respectfully assist them and the parish by checking-in at the doors of the church and wearing a face mask whilst inside the church.

They do this for the love of God and the Church and to offer their service voluntarily to parishioners.

Holy Family Church Readers

If you would like to be rostered as a reader for Holy Mass at Holy Family Church for the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass or the 5:00 p.m. Mass, please speak with Fr. Andrew or call the parish office.

SEPTEMBER 5TH

SEPTEMBER 13TH

HOLY CROSS NOVENA

Led by Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish, Granville



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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

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of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**

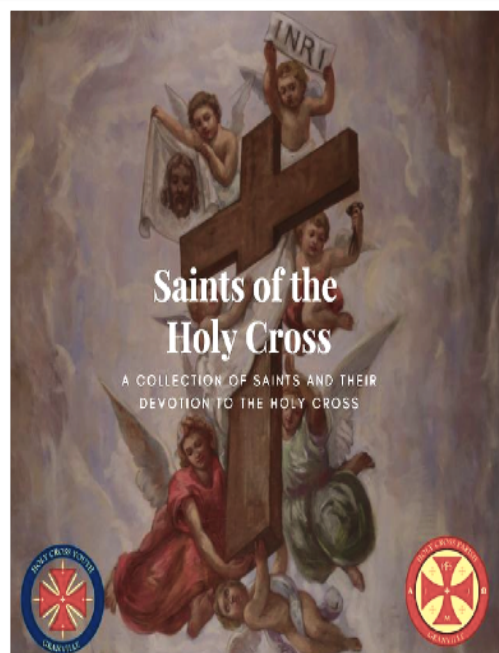
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WALK 4 MARY

*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




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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**





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.



The 2022 Columban Art Calendar is on sale now at the piety shop for \$10.

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2022 marks the 100th edition.

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The Readings

Introit (Jer 29, 11-12, 14)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

The Prophet Daniel (12:1-3)

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 15:5, 8-11. R. v. 1)

R. Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm. R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul
among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. R.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. R.

Second Reading

The Letter to the Hebrews (10:11-14, 18)

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation (Lk 21:36)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel of Mark (13:24-32)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

Communio (Ps 72:28)

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

**“ I believe
in Christianity
as I believe
that the sun has risen:
not only because
I see it,
but because by it
I see everything else ”**

— C.S. Lewis