

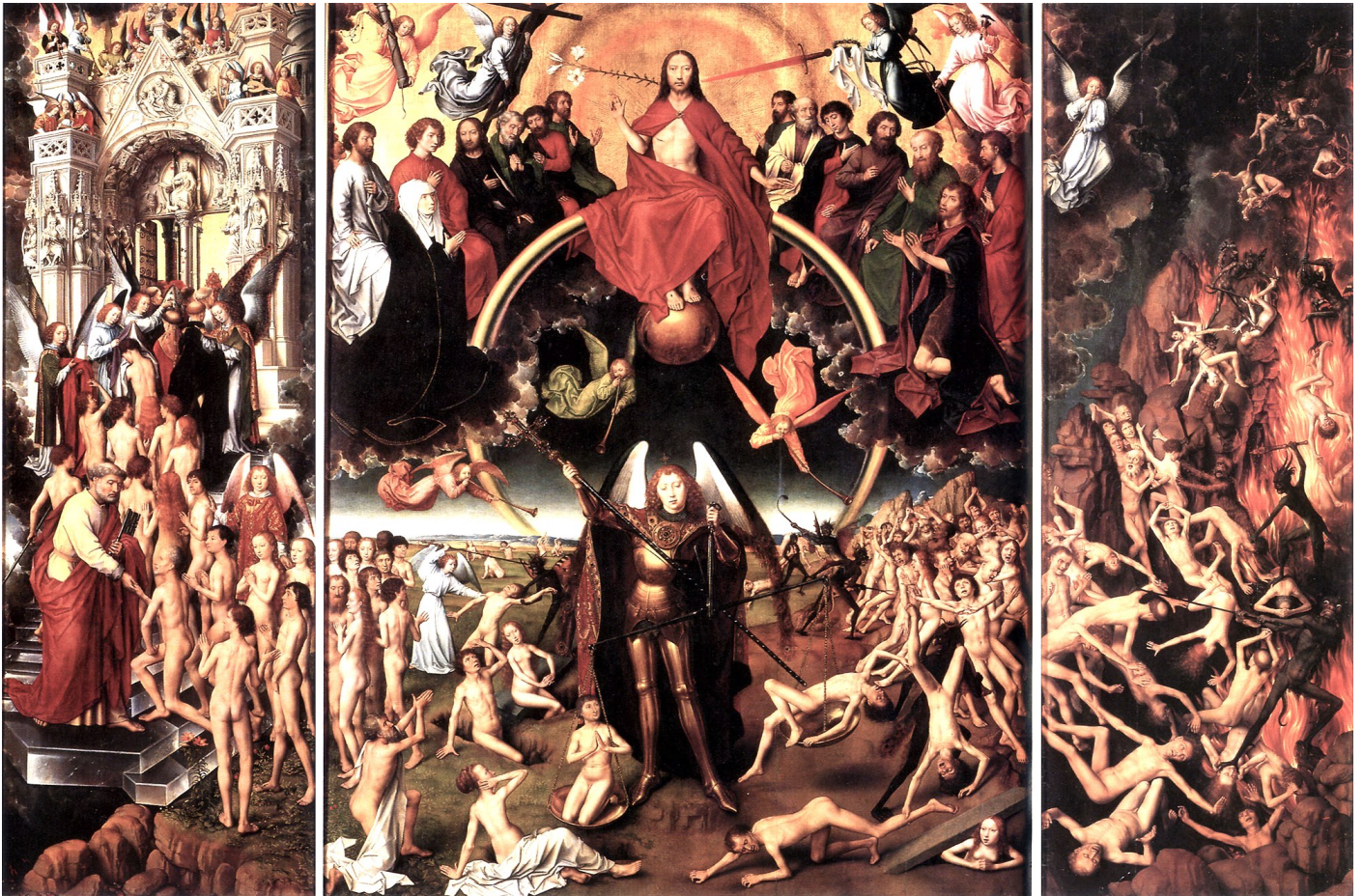
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THE FOUR LAST THINGS

Heaven and Hell

At our death we will be brought before the throne of God to be judged on the course of our life and we will be condemned to hell or, after our time in purgatory if warranted, be borne to heaven.

When the form of this world has passed away, those who have welcomed God into their lives and have sincerely opened themselves to His love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human life. As the Church

teaches, this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity, this communion of life and love with with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed, is called "heaven". Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

For those who reject God in this life by their apathy or their hatred will bear the consequence of their abandonment of the Church and suffer the torments of hell. God is the infinitely good and merciful Father.

But man, called to respond to Him freely, can choose to reject His love and forgiveness once and for all, separating himself for ever from communion with Him. It is not a punishment imposed externally by God but a development of premises already set by people in this life.

God desires our salvation and grants us every chance for eternal life. But it is we, by our lives, who make the choice for Him or against Him. There is nothing else (*Matthew 12:30*).

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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

P. Zaiter,

M. Kalouche, M. Taumalolo,

N. Chidiac

Readers

Vigil Sarah Vella, Rosette Chidiac,

Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Belinda Martin, Jake Fili,

Pierre Mariasson

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, Lorenza Attwill, George Azzi, Miklina Azzopardi, Vic Azzopardi, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Diane Dib, George Dib, Hanna Dib, Nadia Dib, Tony Dib, Maria Gambin, Maureen Gardiner, Joseph Gibrine, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Lam Hatran, Maria Kim Hoang, John Ibrahim, Laila Ibrahim, La Macchia family, Nouhad Khoury, Betty McGrath, Giovanni Molinaro, Mondello family, 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, Dib Zaiter.

2022 Columban Art Calendars for Sale

The 2022 Columban Art Calendars are on sale for \$10 from the piety shop. The Columban Art Calendar is a major fundraiser for the Missionary Society of St. Columban—an order of priests who work with the poor and the exploited around the world.



The calendars are available for sale in the piety shop and the sale of these supports the work of the Columban Missionaries and of the parish.

Compulsory Child Protection Training for Volunteers

The Diocese of Parramatta has mandated that all volunteers in all roles in parishes must undertake child protection and vulnerable adult training.

Training is available online or in person. There are three compulsory modules and each takes from 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

If you have not submitted your details to the parish office, please speak with Fr. Andrew or call the parish office and we can assist you with this process.

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 four 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 four 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.

N.S.W. Assisted Dying (Euthanasia) Bill

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (N.S.W.) will begin to be debated in the New South Wales parliament in November.

The bishops of New South Wales are encouraging people to contact their local M.P. to express their concerns about the bill.

For more information on how to contact your M.P. visit www.no euthanasia.org.au.

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.

Holy Trinity Church Readers' Roster

The readers' roster for Masses at Holy Trinity Church is now available. The roster commences from next weekend. The roster has been emailed to all readers and copies are available in the piety shop. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to read at Mass for your service to the Church and to the parish.

Holy Trinity Church Cleaners' Roster

The cleaners' roster for Holy Trinity Church resumes next Saturday. Copies of the roster are available in the piety shop.

We are also asking for volunteers to assist with the cleaning of Holy Trinity Church once a month on a Friday morning. If you are able to assist with this, please speak with Fr. Andrew or call the parish office.

Thank you to all those who regularly volunteer to clean the churches.

Ten things you should know about the NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

1 Mental illness no barrier

The bill (the "**Greenwich Bill**"), makes it clear that mental illness does not make a person ineligible to access euthanasia or assisted suicide. Treatable mental health conditions such as depression, which are known contributors to the decision to suicide, do not prevent lethal drugs being prescribed or administered.

2 No requirement for psychological or psychiatric referral

There is no requirement for a doctor to refer a patient for psychiatric or psychological assessment or treatment before prescribing them lethal drugs. The last time a bill to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide was debated in NSW was 2017. That bill (the "2017 Bill") required a qualified psychologist or psychiatrist to examine a patient before the patient was able to be given the means to kill themselves. This has been removed in the Greenwich Bill.

3 No obligation to offer palliative care before deadly drugs

The Greenwich Bill does not require that palliative care first be offered and made available to a patient with a terminal illness. That 2017 Bill required doctors to offer a referral for palliative care that they could accept or decline. Alex Greenwich MP has removed this requirement, meaning a patient seeking end-of-life 'choices' is not given the real choice of palliative care.

4 Doctors can suggest patients should take their own lives

Doctors are allowed to suggest euthanasia and assisted suicide to their patients, something that is prohibited under the Victorian law. Doctors have enormous influence over a patient's end-of-life decisions, and allowing them to suggest a patient end their life puts vulnerable patients at risk of undue influence from inexperienced, incompetent, exhausted or even unscrupulous doctors.

5 Doctors do not need to specialise in a patient's illness

The doctors who certify that a patient is suffering from a terminal illness and is likely to die within six months and who are supposed to provide them with details about potential treatments do not need to be a specialist in the patient's condition. This is another one of the key safeguards that was in the 2017 Bill that has now been removed. The doctors do not need to have any experience in treating a particular condition, but still be permitted to prescribe deadly drugs to someone suffering from that disease.

6 Doctors do not need to meet or physically examine the patient

The doctors approving a patient's request for euthanasia or assisted suicide never have to meet the patient or examine them in person. A doctor can use telehealth to sign off on a request for death.

7 Death can be approved in as little as 5 days

The time between a patient's first and final request for death can be as short as 5 days. This condensed timeframe means that there is no time for serious reflection, for family to be notified, or for palliative care or mental health specialists to have time to step in and consult. In some circumstances (where the patient is expected to die or lose mental capacity within 5 days), the time period can be even shorter.

8 Conscience rights of doctors is not protected

The Greenwich Bill removes conscientious objection rights for doctors, requiring all doctors to provide information to a patient about where they can access euthanasia. It also requires doctors to inform the Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board every time they conscientiously object to providing euthanasia or assisted suicide. For many doctors who know the scrutiny of health regulators when it comes to those who wish to follow their consciences, this requirement to announce their objection will amount to an implicit threat to their careers.

9 Faith-based institutions must participate

Faith-based aged care facilities cannot opt-out of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Even if staff members do not want to be involved, the facility is required to allow doctors and nurses on to the premises for every stage of the euthanasia process, including allowing them to enter and kill a patient on site. Faith-based hospitals can object to having euthanasia occur on the premises, but must still allow Voluntary Assisted Dying Navigators to consult with patients on site.

10 Offenders protected against prosecution

Under NSW law, crimes like murder or manslaughter can be prosecuted at any time. In the Greenwich Bill, there is a 2-year statute of limitations, which means that once evidence comes to light of foul play, prosecutors only have two years to bring charges. If they don't, then a person can go unpunished for a wrongful euthanasia death.

Please contact your local MP, and ask him to vote against this Bill.

For more information on how to contact your local MP
or to sign the petition opposing the bill,
visit www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw



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.
 The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar,
 well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information.
 2022 marks the 100th edition.

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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps 87:3)

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

The First Book of the Kings (17:10-16)

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 145:7-10. R. v. 2)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. R.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. R.

Second Reading

The Letter to the Hebrews (9:24-28)

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to

offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt 5:3)

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

Gospel of Mark (12:38-44)

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communio (Cf. Ps 22:1-2)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

