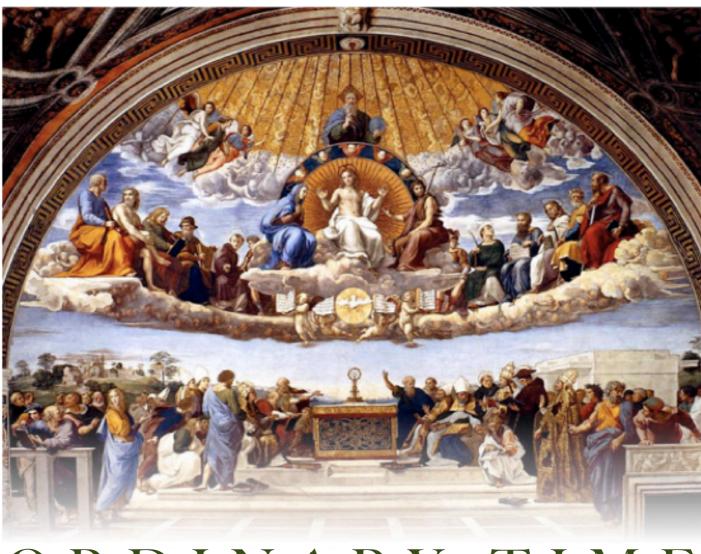
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ORDINARY TIME

With the close of Christmastide and as we approach Lent the Church enters the season of Ordinary Time. The Church now vests herself in the colour green which symbolises hope.

Ordinary Time refers to two periods of time in the liturgical year that are found in the calendar of the ordinary form of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. The name of this time is Tempus per annum translated as "time during the year". Ordinary Time comprises two periods: the first period begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday; the second period begins on the Monday after Pentecost, the conclusion of the Easter season, and continues until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. In some traditions, the first period is celebrated as Epiphanytide, and the latter of these periods is observed as Trinitytide. Both of these periods of time, combined, are the longest time in the liturgical year.

The weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered, which is where the name "ordinary" comes from because it is from the word "ordinal" meaning numbered. Several Sundays bear the name of feasts or solemnities celebrated on those days, including Trinity Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King.

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Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit cure the weaknesses of your servants, and mercifully restore them to full health. St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

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.

Holy Rosary Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rosters

Readers 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

DONATIONS

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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.

Holy Mass in Latin 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.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 4: G. Pinto, M. Asiedu, M. Moses, G. Dankwah, S. Martin, M. Magpayo, C. Elegado, J. Puni, J. Osei-Yamoah, A. Osei-Yamoah, L. Tordilla, J. Fili, J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj, S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson, 10:00 a.m. Sisters, Jake Fili

IN MEMORIAM

Kabalan Abboud, Michael Alwan, Pius Ari, Danny Azan, Miklina Azzopardi, Victor Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Kenneth Devine, John Lawrence Denmeade, Maria Gambin, Bruce Gardiner, Maureen Gardiner, Joseph Gibrine, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Kathleen Gunderson, Simon Haddad, Kelvin Huitt, Nouhad Khoury, Therese Khoury, Betty McGrath, Jack McIntyre, Giovanni Molinaro, Sam Moussa, Samantha Moussa, Des Miller, Haydee Nursoo, Neville O'Sullivan, Doris Pickering, Sheila Pidgeon, Peter Robertson, Anna Saunig, Emmanuel Tabone, Joseph Vella, Graham Wales, Dib Zaiter.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

With the current situation we are unable to take up our usual collections during Mass. Because of this, we have placed two boxes by the doors of the church for the first collection and the second collection. Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated. The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish. Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

If you would like to be part of the planned giving programme, we will be pleased to arrange a set of envelopes for you for regular contributions which greatly assist the parish in planning the work we carry out.

New Parish Bank Account Details

If you would like to make a contribution, either regularly or as a one-off, the new bank account details for the parish are:

BSB: 067-950

account number: 00007247 account name: Granville Catholic Parish of the Holy Cross

So that we can acknowledge your donation, please include your surname and a note, or your planned giving envelope number in the reference.

Thank you and may God bless you for your support and your generosity.

Requiscat in Pace Bruce Gardiner

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Bruce Gardiner. Bruce was a long time parishioner and served the parish in many ways over many years. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.

The funeral will be held this Monday (21 February) at 9:30 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel at Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. The wake will follow at Lidcombe Bowling Club from 11:00 a.m.

> May eternal rest be granted unto him, O Lord, and may he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment Applications

The Mass for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be said on Thursday, 28 July at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

Applications for enrolments are available for parishioners and those who attend Holy Mass in the parish each week.

To be eligible for enrolment, you must attend Mass each week in the parish, your child must be in year 5 or above and have been Baptised in the Roman Catholic Church (those Baptised in Eastern Catholic Churches such as the Maronites received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the time of Baptism).

Applications for enrolment in the Sacrament are available after Mass each day and the forms must be returned with the Baptism certificate to Fr. Andrew at Mass either on Sundays or during the week.

Shrove Tuesday Burning of Palms and Burial of the Alleluia and Pancake Supper

On Shrove Tuesday, 1 March, we will hold our annual Burning of the Palms and Holy Oils and Burial of the Alleluia followed by a pancake supper.

Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, is traditionally marked by the preparation of the ashes for the next day, the burial of the Alleluia for the season of Lent, and the cooking pancakes to use up eggs, sugar and dairy products before the fast of Lent begins.

The palms blessed the previous year on Palm Sunday are burned, along with the holy oils used in Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick, to form the ashes which are then imposed on people's heads on Ash Wednesday as a mark of penance. The "Alleluia" is buried to mark the fact that this word is never spoken during Lent.

Join us on Shrove Tuesday at Holy Family Church for Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. and followed by the burning of palms and the holy oils and the burial of the Alleluia.

If you can help by preparing pancakes to be brought for our pancake supper, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

Temporary Mass Times

The temporary Mass times introduced to assist parishioners to attend Mass during the pandemic will continue for the time being, but with the easing of government public health restrictions, consideration will be given as to whether these times are still needed. Currently, there are 9 Masses offered across the weekend and there are a total of at least 17 Masses throughout the week.



the CATECHISM PROJECT

The duty of each and every Catholic is to conform themselves to timeless truth. That truth is the truth revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and entrusted to the holy Catholic Church to be made known through Scripture and Tradition. Only through the revelation of Christ do we find what is good and true. It is not to be found in the world; it is found in the deposit of faith.

As St. James wrote in his epistle: "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God" (4:4).

Our Lord prayed to His heavenly Father and said of His disciples: "They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world... [but] as you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" (*Jn* 17:16,18).

The fathers of the Second Vatican Council wrote that the Church is "Divinely sent to the nations of the world to be unto them 'a universal sacrament of salvation,'... driven by the inner necessity of her own catholicity, and obeying the mandate of her Founder... ever to proclaim the Gospel to all men" (Ad gentes, n. 1). They went on to say that the role of the laity, of those who "have been incorporated into Christ and live in the world... to be a leaven working on the temporal order from within, to dispose it always in accordance with Christ" (n. 15).

It is inspired by the mission of Our Lord and given to the Church as made known in Scripture and Tradition, that we launch this new pastoral work of the parish, which we call "The Catechism Project".

We encourage all those of the parish to begin to read the *Catechism*

of the Catholic Church and to become imbued with the unchanging truth of Our Lord as taught by the Church through the ages. In this way, we will participate in the hopes of the Second Vatican Council, "that the laity should be prepared, in more immediate cooperation with the hierarchy, to fulfill a special mission of proclaiming the Gospel and communicating Christian teachings, so that they may add vigour to the nascent Church (*Ad gentes*, n. 21).

It was Pope St. John Paul II who, in 1992, decreed that a catechism of the Catholic Church should be prepared and promulgated throughout the Church. Of this he said said: "Guarding the deposit of the faith is the mission which the Lord entrusted to His Church, and which she fulfils in every age" (*Fidei depositum*). He was encouraged in this task by the call of Bishops from



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around the world who said of the laity: "Very many have expressed the desire that a catechism or compendium of all catholic doctrine regarding both faith and morals be composed... biblical and liturgical... suited to the present life of Christians" (*Fidei depositum*).

Pope St. John Paul II offered the Catechism of the Catholic Church to "every individual who asks us to give an account of the hope that is in us (cf. I Pet 3:15) and who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes" (Fidei depositum). Because of this, the parish offers to all parishioners who will dedicate themselves to participating in the work and the life of the parish and who will commit to reading a paragraph of the Catechism of the Catholic Church every day and praying for our holy mother, the Church, and our parish dedicated to the Holy Cross, a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Andrew has personally donated copies of the *Catechism* and offers them to those who will join in "The Catechism Project".

To be a part of this pastoral work of the parish, speak with Fr. Andrew and commit yourself to this project so that by the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and the Seat of Wisdom, that the deposit of faith entrusted for all time to the holy Catholic Church may be known and made known ever more widely, so that "the light of true faith [may] free humanity from the ignorance and slavery of sin in order to lead it to the only freedom worthy of the name (cf. *Jn* 8:32): that of life in Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (John Paul II, *Fidei depositum*).



As we face times of great difficulty and of confusion amidst ever-changing beliefs, we must remember, as Our Lord said, "My teaching is not mine but his who sent me (In 7:16). The Church has been entrusted with the deposit of faith handed on since the time of the Apostles by way of sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture, "both of them, flowing from the same divine wellspring, in a certain way merge into a unity and tend toward the same end... [to] form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church" (Dei verbum, n. 9,10). As St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy, we must, each of us: "avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge" (I Tim 6:20) and "guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us" (II *Tim* 1:14).

Pope St. John XXIII, inaugurating the Second Vatican Council, said that the major interest of the council is "that the sacred heritage of Christian truth be safeguarded and expounded with greater efficacy". He went on to say that "what is needed, and what everyone imbued with a truly Christian, Catholic and apostolic spirit craves today, is that this doctrine shall be more widely known, more deeply understood, and more penetrating in its effects on men's moral lives".

With this, the Holy Cross Parish "Catechism Project", we hope to make known the beauty of the unchanging truths of God made known through His Church for the salvation of all men and women. It is our hope that all parishioners will join the parish in this work of the Holy Spirit to know and to make known the faith so that we may be drawn ever deeper into the wisdom of God and to understand how, in our time and in our place, He seeks to raise us to the fulfillment of our humanity and to make known He who is the light of truth to all the world.

We thank those who have already joined us in "The Catechism Project" and we hope that many more will seek to participate in this work of the Holy Spirit in the parish and to seek to know and understand the beauty of the Catholic faith to for the glory of almighty God.



SHROVE TUESDAY Tuesday 1st March 2022

BURN

6 PM Holy Mass 6:30 PM Burning of Palms & Burial of the 'Alleluia' Pancake Supper to follow

Holy Family Church, East Granville





Each of us, by virtue of our Baptism in Christ, has a responsibility to particpate in the mission of the Church. That mission is to make known the timeless truth revealed in Christ and made known through sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture.

> Speak to Fr. Andrew for a copy of the Catechism (or use your own!)

Commit to reading one paragraph of the *"Catechism of the Catholic Church"* each day.



Pray for our holy mother, the Church, and Holy Cross Parish.

Join the parish in this work of the Holy Spirit to know and to make known the faith so that we may be drawn ever deeper into the wisdom of God.

> Will you be joining us in the Catechism Project?



The Readings

Introit (Ps. 12:6)

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading

The First Book of Samuel (26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23)

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. R.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R.

Second Reading The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:45-49)

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 13:34)

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke (6:27-38)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Communio (Ps. 9:2-3)

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.