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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

"My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me"

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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.

Holy Rosary Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rosters

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

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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 2: P. Zaiter,

M. Taumalolo, N. Chidiac

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Racquel La Rosa,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Raphaella Chidiac,

Tanya Martin, Pierre Mariasson

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,
Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee,
Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton,
Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory
Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini,
Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*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.*

IN MEMORIAM

Kabalan Abboud, Pius Ari, Danny Azan, Victor Azzopardi,
Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles
Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, John
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Robertson, Anna Saunig, Kabalin Sissi, Emmanuel Tabone,
Phil Thompson, Bernadette Ulbrich, Joseph Vella, Miriam
Welangoda, Xian Xi (Joseph) Yao, Dib Zaiter.



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

the CATECHISM PROJECT

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 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. 1 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 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 (Jn 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" (1 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.

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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.

You can also financially support the parish by arranging a direct debit. If you would like to set up a regular contribution, let us know and we will be happy to assist you with this. Or, 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.

Revocation of the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass

As of Wednesday, 15 December, the Bishop of Parramatta has revoked the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. The dispensation was granted during the time of public health restrictions, but with the lifting of most restrictions, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday has been re-instated and the Sunday obligation is imposed.

Requiescat in Pace

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Anna Saunig, a long time parishioner of the parish.

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

The requiem Mass for the repose of her soul will be said on Tuesday, 22 February at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel at Rookwood Catholic Cemetery.

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*Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
May her soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

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

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

The Catechism Project

If you wish to join the parish in "The Catechism Project" as launched this weekend, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

It is our hope that all parishioners will join us in this pastoral work and so seek to know and understand the truths of our Catholic faith.

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

On Shrove Tuesday, 1 March, we will hold our usual Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia followed by our pancake supper. This will be held at Holy Family Church beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then followed by the burning of palms 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.

N.S.W. Government Public Health Restrictions Extended to 28 February

The N.S.W. Government has extended the public health restrictions to 28 February.

Please use hand sanitiser and note that **face masks are mandatory**. Checking-in by use of the government QR code or by manually completing the sign-in sheets is also compulsory as it is for other places in order to assist with notifications of case alerts and contact tracing when necessary.

Please be aware that if you do not check-in on arrival that the N.S.W. Government can impose fines on individuals. N.S.W. Police and N.S.W. Health officials may conduct spot checks on individuals to ensure compliance.

Government Public Health Requirements

1. Check-in using the QR code.
2. Wear a face mask indoors.
3. Maintain social distancing.

Please assist the churches to remain open by following these simple requirements which are for our sake and for the sake of the common good.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 1st March 2022

6 PM Holy Mass

6:30 PM Burning of Palms &
Burial of the 'Alleluia'

Pancake Supper to follow

Holy Family Church, East Granville



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**Prayer to Our Lady of Divine Love
to Protect the World
During the Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Saints & STUFF

St. JUDE

St. Jude, known as Thaddeus, was the brother of St. James the Less, and one of the twelve Apostles. He is often depicted with the attributes of a flame above his head, meaning that he was present at Pentecost, and holding an image of Christ. Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. He preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya, and returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem. Most scholars agree St. Jude was martyred either in Armenia or Beirut. His bones are interred now in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is devoutly honoured by Catholics as the patron of difficult cases, because of his encouragement to perseverance in his epistle (the Letter of St. Jude). Moreover, both St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as "the Patron Saint of the Impossible." So let us honour St. Jude and his generous intercession before the throne of almighty God, that he may pray for us and help us in our needs, and that, by the grace of God, we will persevere in faith in all difficulties.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ways of Coming to Know God

33 The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. the soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material", can have its origin only in God.

34 The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".

35 Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man, and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith.(so) the proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Protestant Preacher Admits Catholics Have Most Miracles

A video is being shared around on social media (<https://youtu.be/VvYeXh3JHco>) of Pentecostal preacher Benny Hinn telling a Pentecostal audience that Catholics experience more miracles than Pentecostals.

Amazingly, he credits this to the Catholic belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which Hinn says he also affirms (at least a version of it). He also credits the fact that Catholics don't "church hop" (or jump from church to church) as much as Pentecostals.

Hinn tells his audience, "They just released a study that more people are healed in a Catholic church than in Pentecostal churches... Because Catholic people revere the Eucharist."

And he adds, "There's healing in the Catholic churches because these people are devoted and show up every Sunday. They don't church hop. We hop, they don't. That's why we're sick, and many of them are healed."

Maybe we should appreciate a little more the fullness of truth given to us by the Catholic Church...



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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 94:6-7)

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (6:1-8)

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord
seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary;
above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And
they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice
of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with
smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King,
the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his
hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a
pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:
'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken
away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom
shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered,
'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v. 1)

R. In the sight of the angels

I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. R.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' R.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:3, 8-11)

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught
myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in
accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and
that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance
with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and
secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than
five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of
whom are still alive, though some have died; then he
appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last
of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born
when no one expected it. But what matters is that I
preach what they preach, and this is what you all
believed.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 4:19)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke (5:1-11)

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret,
with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word
of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the
bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were
washing their nets. He got into one of the boats—it was
Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore.
Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.
When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put
out into deep water and pay out your nets for a
catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night
long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out
the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a
huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they
signalled to their companions in the other boat to come
and help them; when these came, they filled the two
boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell
at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful
man.' For he and all his companions were completely
overcome by the catch they had made; so also were
James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's
partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from
now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their
boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communio (Cf. Ps. 106:8-9)

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.