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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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It may seem odd that in Lent the Church proclaims the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Lent is usually associated with Jesus in the wilderness and our penance and preparation for the glory that comes with Easter, not with glory that comes in Lent. However, the glory of Christ is not something separate from His suffering forty days and nights in the desert nor His passion and crucifixion. The glory of Christ is the consequence of His suffering, for there would be no glory without the resurrection and there would be no resurrection without the crucifixion.

On that mountain-top of Tabor 2,000 years ago, with His close friends, Peter, James and John, our Lord was transfigured and “the aspect of His face changed and His clothes became brilliant as lightning.” All the dirt of the trek up the mountain, all the tiredness, all the hunger pangs and thirst were transfigured and our

Lord stood before them with all the brightness and beauty of the glory that would not be seen again until His rising from the dead.

The three apostles that were with Christ—Sts. Peter, James, and John—are the same three that will be with Him in the garden of Gethsemane and there too they will be tired. Here on the mountain they were tired but managed to keep awake. In the garden they, again, will be tired, but will fall asleep. St. Luke says, “they were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw His glory.” In other words, if they had fallen asleep they would have missed it all—the transfiguration would have passed them by. Because they stayed awake, a phrase so often used by Christ, they saw His glory. In the garden of Gethsemane as Christ suffered and sweated blood in agony, they slept and so did not see His suffering.

So often our own suffering and our own joys are separate from one another and it is difficult to see how suffering can be thought of with joy. Sts. Peter, James and John could not see it, but Moses and Elijah did. The Transfiguration was shown to them, and is told to us, because we need to believe that our life has meaning, and that there is purpose in suffering, and that it is not an end in itself but a means to an end. The Cross is not the final outcome, but it is the Cross that gives birth to the resurrection.

We all want to feel that our experiences matter and make sense, even in the midst of what seems senseless. St. Thomas Aquinas said: “For a person to go straight along the road, he must have some knowledge of the end... he must have some knowledge of the end. Above all this is necessary when hard and rough is the road, heavy the going, but delightful the end.”

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### 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.

**Stations of the Cross** Friday, 6:00 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,

11:00 a.m.

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### Rosters

#### Readers

**8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### 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.

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

Thursday, 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.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 3: Mary Dao and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Sarah Vella, Rosette Chidiac, Gerry Pinto

**10:00 a.m.** Sisters, Raphaella Chidiac, Ingrid Bifulco

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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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

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Kabalan Abboud, Michael Alwan, Attard Family, Axiak Family, Danny Azan, Miklina Azzopardi, Victor Azzopardi, Bonello Family, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Phyllis May Denmeade, Maria Gambin, Bruce Gardiner, Maureen Gardiner, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Kathleen Gunderson, Simon Haddad, Kelvin Huitt, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Nouhad Khoury, Mary Lam, Roy McDonald, Betty McGrath, Aileen McIntyre, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Neville O'Sullivan, Doris Pickering, Sheila Pidgeon, Peter Robertson, Saliba Family, Anna Saunig, Gilda Stillen, Emmanuel Tabone, Joseph Vella, Graham Wales, Dib Zaiter.



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

**New Plinth for the  
Missionary Sisters of Mary,  
Queen of the World's Chapel**

The chapel dedicated in honour of the Missionary Sisters of Mary, Queen of the World at Holy Trinity Church has been adorned with a new plinth for the statue of Our Lady.



The plinth has been ornately handcrafted by Joe Apap, who also constructed the altar for the chapel. This plinth is decorated on four sides with the symbols for Our Lady as Queen, Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Sacred Heart of Our Lord.

It is a beautiful piece of work, with each piece carved by hand. This plinth will hold the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows during Lent and Holy Cross month, and the statue of Our Lady of Fatima during Ordinary Time.

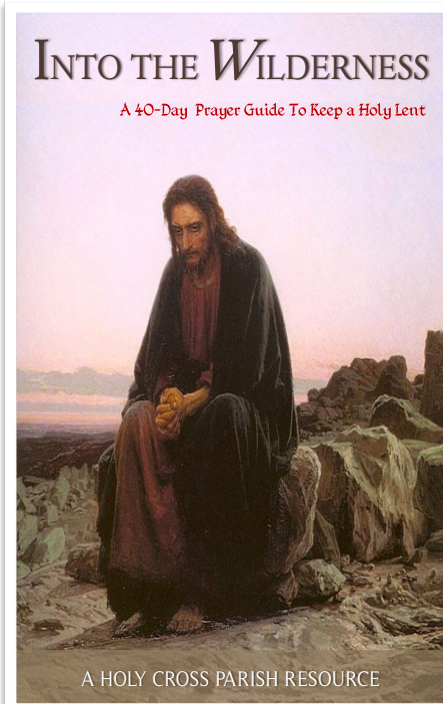
We are very grateful to Joe for his work and for the time and dedication he has taken in crafting this plinth as a gift to the parish and in honour of Our Lady.

Please pray for Joe and for his family, that they may be blessed for their service to the parish and for their devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother.

**“Into the Wilderness”  
A Holy Cross Parish  
40 Day Prayer Guide  
to Keep a Holy Lent**

Following the success of the Advent prayer guide, “Prepare a Way,” and in response to appeals by parishioners of this parish and of other parishes for a guide for Lent, we are pleased to announce the launch of a 40 day prayer guide for Lent entitled “Into the Wilderness”.

This book, devotedly written by John Portelli, is a day by day guide for each day of Lent offering the Gospel of the day as well as prayers, meditations and a daily action.



This book of prayers and devotions is a way for each of us to spend a few minutes each day of Lent to focus on the messages given to us through scripture and a way for self-assessment of our own actions, failings, and desire for reparation for our sins through meditation, prayer, and daily actions.

This prayer book is available in print by the doors of the church and online by visiting our website at [holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au).

**Thank You to  
Romano and Sons Electrical  
for the Restoration of the  
Lights at Holy Trinity Church**

We owe our thanks to Phil Romano and Romano and Sons Electrical for their hard work and their generosity in undertaking repairs to the lights at Holy Trinity Church. The heavy rains we have had caused damage to the lighting and wiring and were in need of repair.



These repairs enabled us to restore the original lighting of the church, which was begun a few years ago. Thanks to the generosity and the work of Romano and Sons Electrical, we have now been able to complete this restoration project.

With the completion of the lighting, we have now restored the lighting of the church to its original design, and so better feature the beautiful architecture of the ceiling and the church itself.

Romano and Sons Electrical offer a number of services including domestic electrical, commercial electrical, industrial electrical, and real estate maintenance. To contact them, telephone 0409 465 765.

We thank Phil Romano and Romano and Sons Electrical for their generous service and their help to the parish and their care for the dignity of the church. We are blessed to have such dedicated people who offer a tremendous amount of support to the parish and who have done so over many years.

Please support those who support the parish and pray that almighty God may bless all those who give their time and service to the parish and may they be rewarded for their generosity and their care.



## First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

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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.

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

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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.

## Holy Family Primary School Enrolments and Open Days

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Holy Family Primary School are now accepting enrolments for next year. There will also be a number of open days in the next few weeks for those who are interested in enrolling their child and who would like to have a tour of the school.



The open days will be held on:  
Tuesday, 15 March, 9:30 to 10:30  
Thursday, 17 March, 2:00 to 3:00  
Monday, 21 March, 9:30 to 10:30  
Friday, 25 March, 9:30 to 10:30  
Wednesday, 30 March, 2:00 to 3:00  
Friday, 1 April, 2:00 to 3:00

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

For more information, telephone 8633-8200 or you can visit the school's website at [www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au).

## Welcome to the Nigerian Catholic Community

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We are pleased to welcome the Nigerian Catholic community of the Diocese of Parramatta to Holy Cross Parish. Fr. Chukwunonyerem Akamadu and the Nigerian Catholic community will be celebrating Holy Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at Holy Family Church.

With the Nigerian Catholic community, Holy Cross Parish is now home to three communities along with the Ghanaian Catholic community and the Vietnamese Catholic community.

It is a wonderful sign of the vibrancy of our parish and we are pleased to be able to offer Holy Trinity Church and Holy Family Church for these communities' Masses and celebrations, and we look forward to continuing to work with and support one another for the glory of God and the salvation of His people.

## Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment Applications

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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.

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.

# INTO THE WILDERNESS

## A 40-Day Prayer Guide To Keep Holy Lent

Our Lord Jesus, taught His Disciples, and teaches us through the scriptures: "Ask and you shall receive."

St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop once said: "Never see a need without doing something about it."

St. John of the Cross tells us: "Seek in reading and thou shalt find in meditation."

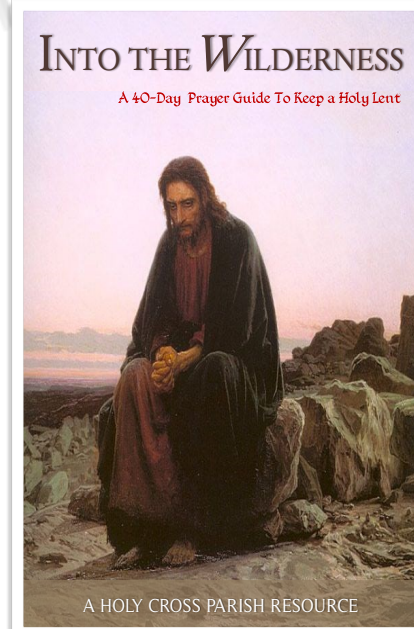
These short, yet powerful messages, are the catalyst for our newest Holy Cross Resource: "Into the Wilderness."

After the success and feedback given by many about the parish's advent resource, "Prepare A Way!" in addition to countless requests from parishioners for a supplementary edition for the season of Lent, we are proud to be able to launch "Into the Wilderness—A 40 Day Prayer Guide to keep a Holy Lent."

"Into the Wilderness" is a resource which is designed to accompany you each day throughout Lent, into the Sacred Triduum and into the Solemnity of Easter.

This is as an added opportunity to give a short period of time daily, to focus on the messages given to us through scripture and a way for self-assessment of our own actions, failings, and desire for reparation for our sins through meditation, prayer, and daily actions.

Just as our Lord entered the Wilderness when he began his ministry, we are also invited to journey with him in the wilderness throughout this holy season and to bring to the front of our mind and heart, ways for us to spiritually prepare for the Sacred Triduum and to fittingly honour our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



This parish resource is also specially designed to compliment the many in-parish activities which will be available throughout Lent. These Daily Actions are listed each day to highlight how you can complete a Lenten action within the parish. This may include attending a weekday Mass,

Stations of the Cross or the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). Other corporal works of mercy such as praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the Faithful Departed and all forgotten souls, is suggested each week to remember those who have died in the hopes that they will in turn pray for us upon, through the mercy of God, reaching heaven.

Please collect your copy from the doors of the church or download an online version from the parish website.

We hope that through the assistance of this new parish resource, you will be able to delve deeper into this holy season.

After two years of isolation, lockdowns, and restrictions, it is hoped this resource will draw you and your families into a time of prayer and drive a sense of unity with others from across the parish in togetherness and active involvement in the Masses, Liturgies and ceremonies which are available to us all who wish to take part.

Through this holy season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord, may we seek and find the needs of others within our community through prayer and meditation as we go into the wilderness with our Lord.

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We owe our thanks, especially, to all those who support the parish each week by their contributions to the second collection. It is because of the ongoing support of many generous parishioners that we are able to undertake these works for the care of the parish and so give glory to almighty God through the beauty of our parish churches, making them beautiful places for divine worship.

We thank those parishioners and Romano and Sons for their generous service, their help to the parish and their care for the dignity of the church. We are blessed to have such dedicated people who offer a tremendous amount of support to the parish and who have done so over many years.

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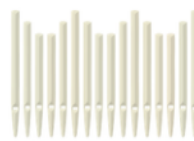
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HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

# Lenten

## DEVOTIONS

### Stations OF THE Cross



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6PM Fridays  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
7PM Fridays

### Latin MASS



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6PM Thursdays

### Daily MASS



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6:30PM Tuesdays  
8:15AM Wed - Sat  
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6PM Wednesday  
9:15AM Tue & Thurs - Sat

### SACRAMENT OF Penance



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6:30PM Wednesdays  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
10AM Saturdays

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## Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

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### The Readings

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#### Introit (Cf. Ps. 26:8-9)

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

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#### First Reading

##### The Book of Genesis (15:5-12, 17-18)

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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#### Responsorial Psalm

(Ps. 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1)

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink? R.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' R.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. R.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! R.

#### Second Reading

##### The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (3:20-4:1)

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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#### Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 17:5)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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#### Gospel of Luke (9:28-36)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'—He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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#### Communio (Mt. 17:5)

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.