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# LAETARE SUNDAY

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Laetare Sunday

As the season of Lent goes by, and as we continue our individual penitential practices, we notice that more and more parts of our divine worship are being taken away. The flowers and decorations in the sanctuary have been removed, the Alleluia has been buried, the Gloria is no longer sung in the Mass.

On Holy Thursday night, the altar will be stripped, the Blessed Sacrament removed from the tabernacle and transferred to another place; and eventually the statues are covered.

On Good Friday, even the Mass will be taken away, and we experience our most sorrowful loss when Jesus is crucified. In the middle of our Lenten self-denials and the loss of the things so familiar, the Church gives us Laetare Sunday.

### The Name

Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The word "laetare" is a Latin word and it means "to rejoice."

The idea of rejoicing is found in the introit or entrance antiphon of the Mass for this Sunday which begins "Rejoice, Jerusalem." It is taken from the prophet Isaiah who goes on to say "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow."

The responsorial psalm exclaims: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." He is always present, restoring, anointing, comforting us to the point "my cup overflows".

Joy is the theme throughout the Mass and the day. Pope Innocent III (r. 1198-1216) explained that this special Sunday provided "a measure of consoling relaxation... so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart."

It marks the midpoint of the holy season of Lent which we began three weeks ago with Ash Wednesday and which we will draw to a close in three weeks as we celebrate the great solemnity of Easter.

### The Colour Rose

The violet vestments of Lent are put aside in favour of the lighter coloured rose vestments. The dour purple of bruises makes way for the joyful colour of roses. Flowers, forbidden during Lent, may, on this Sunday alone, be placed on the sanctuary. And the organ, in past times silenced, plays on this one day.

Moreover, in the past on this Sunday the Pope would bless golden roses and present these to cathedrals and to heads of state as a mark of gratitude and favour.

It is a day to give us hope and encouragement as we move through these penitential days so that we do not lose our sense of what we are working towards. It is a reminder that the penances and sacrifices we make in Lent are to prepare us for the celebration of the Resurrection.

The fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, has its twin with the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when, again, the spirit of the season is heightened in preparation for the solemnity of the birth of the Lord.

### Mothering Sunday

Laetare Sunday is also known as "Mothering Sunday" because of the epistle that was traditionally read on this day. This letter from St. Paul to the Galatians (4:31) speaks of how not the Jews, but those who come to Christ, are the inheritors of Abraham's promise.

Moreover, the old practice of visiting the cathedral, or "mother church" of the diocese on this day is another reason for the name. And Mother's Day was traditionally celebrated today.

As Abbot Dom Guéranger wrote: "The Church's motive is to encourage her children to persevere fervently to the end of this holy season... she not only permits, but even bids, her children to rejoice!"

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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 1: L. Hale,

D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,

J. Galea, A. Quinlan, B. Francis,

L. Franco

### Readers

**Vigil** Sisters, Rosette Chidiac,

Gerry Pinto

**10:00 a.m.** Belinda Martin,

Rozsa Kazmer, Reanne Chidiac

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, 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, Robert 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.*

## **Tenebrae**

**Tuesday, 12 April, 7:00 p.m.**

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On Tuesday, 12 April, the Tuesday of Holy Week, at 7:00 p.m., we will pray the ancient Office of Tenebrae; a service of psalms and hymns lit by candlelight. It is a beautiful and moving service that draws us into the depths of Holy Week as the candles are slowly extinguished reminding us of the darkness of the Passion and Cross as we await the light of the Resurrection.

The name Tenebrae comes from the Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows”. A major feature of the service is the progressive extinguishing of candles as the psalms and readings progress, until only a single candle—a symbol of Christ—remains.

## **Good Friday “Cross Walk” Volunteers Needed**

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On Good Friday, we will again hold our Stations of the Cross “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

We are asking for volunteers to act as marshals to help with the safety of those joining in the walk. The marshals assist at road crossings, assisting with the safety of pilgrims. If you would like to volunteer as a marshal, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

As in previous years, we are asking for people to offer their houses as one of the stations along the way, where we will stop and pray outside for a few minutes before going on to the next station.

If you live on Grimwood Street, William Street, or The Trongate and would like to offer your home as one of the possible stations, please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office during the week. We can then discuss whether we can include your home in the route planned for the Good Friday walk.

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

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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. To download a copy, visit our parish website at [holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au).

## **Holy Week Readers**

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If you would like to request to volunteer to read at Mass during Holy Week, please speak with Fr. Andrew. We are asking for readers for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

## **The Catholic Foundation “Good Samaritan Appeal”**

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The Parramatta Catholic Foundation is holding its “Good Samaritan Appeal” in support of Catholic Care Social Services.

To make a donation, please use the envelopes available on the pews or leave a donation in the box by the doors of the church marked for the Parramatta Catholic Foundation.

## **Lenten Devotions**

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Our Lenten devotions continue across the parish at both churches.

Make the most of this Lent and truly prepare yourself for the great solemnity of the resurrection of Our Lord at Easter.

On Tuesday evenings at Holy Trinity Church there is Holy Mass at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at Holy Family Church there is Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. and the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday evenings at Holy Trinity Church there is Mass in Latin at 6:00 p.m.

On Friday evenings there is Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m. and at Holy Trinity Church at 7:00 p.m. This is followed at 7:30 p.m. with the Holy Rosary led by members of Holy Cross Youth.

Throughout the week there are 18 Masses as well as two times for Confessions and two times for Stations of the Cross.

So make sure to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities available this Lent to add to your own spiritual exercises by attending one more Mass during the week, making your confession during the season of Lent, and praying the Stations of the Cross. In these ways, you can truly prepare yourself to worthily celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord.

## **Holy Rosary with Holy Cross Youth on Friday Evenings**

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Following the Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity Church on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m., join us for the Holy Rosary led by members of Holy Cross Youth and add to your Lenten spiritual exercises and devotions in preparation for the great solemnity of Easter.

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

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GRANVILLE  
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can provide a **water tank for a community garden**.



**\$1,000**

can train volunteers in **mental health first aid**.



**\$2,000**

can provide **disaster recovery support** for those affected by fires or floods.

**Your gift today will provide comfort and support for those who are isolated and alone.**

Your gifts to Parramatta Catholic Foundation support the charitable works of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Care across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and are not limited to those described in this appeal.

# 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."

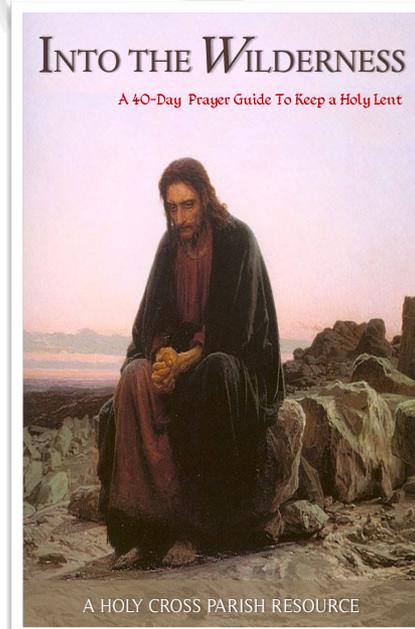
These short, yet powerful messages, are the catalyst for our newest Holy Cross Resource: "Into the Wilderness."

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.

AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM  
[holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)

# CROSS WALK

*Friday 15th April*  
*5 p.m.*

Join us for a solemn procession of  
the Stations of the Cross  
through the streets of Granville  
in honour of Good Friday

## *Starting*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
Cnr. Bennalong & Randle St

## *Ending*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
200 The Trongate



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## Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

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### The Readings

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#### **Introit** (Cf. Is. 66:10-11)

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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#### **First Reading**

##### **The Book of Joshua** (5:9-12)

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

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#### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 33:2-7. R. v. 9)

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. R.

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. R.

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#### **Second Reading**

##### **The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians** (5:17-21)

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation** (Lk. 15:18)

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

#### **Gospel of Luke** (15:1-3, 11-32)

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women—you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

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#### **Communio** (Lk. 15:32)

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead  
and has come to life; he was lost and is found.