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## THE FOUR LAST THINGS

# DEATH and JUDGEMENT

The month of November is traditionally dedicated to praying for the holy souls in Purgatory. In recognition of this we will dedicate the bulletins this week and next to the Church's teachings on the four last things: death, judgement, heaven, and hell. This week we begin with death and judgement.

Where does death come from? Death comes from sin. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans explained: "Therefore, just as through one

person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned" (5:12).

Before the fall of Adam and Eve man lived in communion with God and possessed bodily immortality. But with original sin we lost that immortality and so became subject to decay and to death. With the loss of bodily immortality also comes suffering and illness. So it is now our part in this life to suffer and die.

But what is death? Death is nothing more than the separation of the body and soul. We do not cease to exist at death. We do not become unaware of things at death. Our bodies will cease to live as a result of age, sickness or accident, but we will continue. Life will go on; our souls will continue to be alive, but apart, for a time, from our bodies which will no longer be animated.

Death is a temporary state, for at our death we will be judged by Christ in the particular judgement, and then, at the end of the world, all men shall rise again for the general judgement. Thus the whole man, body and soul, will be rewarded for the good or evil that he has done, body and soul, in this life.

There are three possible outcomes to the particular judgment. Those whose love for God has been perfected in this life are taken straight to heaven, where they enjoy endless happiness in the face to face vision of God. Those who die in God's love but still love Him imperfectly must be purified in the intermediate state of purgatory. Those, however, who reject God's love by mortal sin and die without repenting are condemned to the everlasting torments of hell.

The Lord takes us seriously. He lets us have our own way. We get what we choose. We go to our own place. By the course of our lives we choose eternal happiness or eternal damnation.

The general judgment at the end of time simply solemnly confirms the particular judgments of each one, with the difference that then the body as well as the soul will receive what is due to it. And all God's judgments will be revealed as most just.

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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.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:30 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.

### 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.

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### Rosters

### Church Cleaning

Group 1: L. Hale,  
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L. Franco

### Readers

**Vigil** Rosette Chidiac, Sisters,  
Gerry Pinto

**10:00 a.m.** Mary Georges,  
Joseph Ojiba, Rosza Kazmer

## 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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Susan Abdallah, Teresa Akkary, Ercilia Apap, Vincent Apap, Attard family, Lorenza Attwill, Axiak family, Victor Azzopardi, Basil Benjamin, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Clair Karaki, Daoud Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Jacob Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Crising Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Joseph Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Boutros (Peter) Rahme, Saliba family, Anna Saunig, Andrea So, Emmanuel Tabone, Darren Thornton, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Dib Zaiter.



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

**Holy Masses for  
All Saints' Day  
and All Souls' Day**

On Tuesday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. There will be Holy Mass said at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Family Church with Holy Family Primary School and at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

On Wednesday, the Church commemorates All the Faithful Departed where we pray for the repose of the holy souls in purgatory. There will be three Masses offered that day with Holy Mass said at 8:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Family Church with Holy Family Primary School, and at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

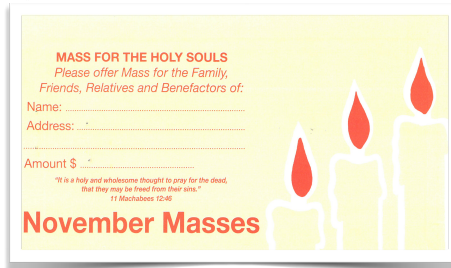
**Plenary Indulgence  
for the Faithful Departed**

There are two ways to gain a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory as the Church commemorates All Souls' Day. The first is granted to the faithful who, on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed. The second is granted on All Souls' Day to those who devoutly visit a church and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

To gain the plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory, apart from the conditions above, the faithful must also (1) make their confession, (2) attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, and (3) pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. These three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the prescribed works to gain the indulgence. In other words, making your confession on the Saturday before or the Wednesday after All Souls' Day, attending Mass on the Sunday before or after, and praying for the intentions of the Pope on these days will suffice.

**November Mass Envelopes**

Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available by the doors of the churches. As is the tradition of the Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying and offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the holy souls in purgatory. If you would like your family or friends remembered in these Masses, fill in one of the envelopes with their names (and please PRINT clearly) and leave it in the box by the doors. These names will be written in the Book of Remembrance which will be placed at the altars of the churches.



**Online Donations**

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below. Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.



**Reminder  
Mandatory  
Safeguarding Training  
for All Parish Volunteers**

As announced a number of times previously, the Diocese of Parramatta has made it mandatory for all volunteers in parishes to undertake training for the sake of collective responsibility and for the means of identifying children and adults at risk.

As such, the diocese has arranged for a series of safeguarding training modules to be undertaken, online or face to face. For most volunteers, the training will require four hours. Once completed, the certification of completion of the mandatory training will be valid for two years.

For those who would like to complete the training independently online, visit [learning.safeguarding.org.au](http://learning.safeguarding.org.au). You can then sign up with your email address and enrol in the three compliance modules (tagged in yellow).

For those who would prefer to complete the modules face to face, the parish has arranged for training. There will be two sessions, both of which must be attended. The first of the two sessions will be held on **Saturday, November 12** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the second of the two sessions on **Saturday, November 19** from 9:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m.

These sessions will allow participants to complete the three mandatory safeguarding modules: "Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards," "Legal Compliance and Safeguarding: Risk of Significant Harm and Mandatory Reporting," and "Safeguarding Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries."

To register for the face to face training sessions, please contact the parish office and we will register you for these days.

# THE HOLY ROSARY

## *The Luminous Mysteries*

The first luminous mystery, the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism in which we were saved (Titus 3:5). Through the Sacrament of our baptism, God has given us his very life and can say of us, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

The mystery of the wedding at Cana encourages us to develop a devotion to Mary. She is, as English poet William Wordsworth noted so beautifully, "our tainted nature's solitary boast." Mary not only ordered the servants to do whatever Christ commanded them, she herself submitted perfectly to the will of God, having said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

With the mystery of the proclamation of the Kingdom of God we recognise that every miracle performed by Christ and the apostles is a sign of a deeper reality. After all, the sick who were healed would get sick again, and the dead who were raised had to die again. As Catholics we have the unmerited privilege of guiding others to the Sacraments. It is through these Sacraments that Christ continues to heal the sick and raise the dead, sometimes physically but always spiritually.

The mystery of the Transfiguration tells us that it is part of our human nature to avoid suffering and seek pleasure. Because of this, we, too, can be like St. Peter, wanting to cling to the good times when the Lord felt close. It is comforting to note that while our Lord does not grant St. Peter's request, He does not make him walk back down the mountain alone but goes with him.

The most sacred object on the face of this earth is the Holy Eucharist. On meditating upon the mystery of the institution of this great sacrament, we should beg the Lord for a greater desire to receive Him, hidden behind the accidents of bread and wine. A bishop once told of a conversation he had with a Protestant. "Do you really and truly believe that that bread and wine become the actual body and blood of Jesus?" the Protestant asked. "Absolutely I do, you don't?" asked the bishop. "No, I don't," said the Protestant. "But I'll tell you one thing: If I did believe it, I would crawl over broken glass daily to receive Him!"



*The Baptism of Jesus*



*The Wedding at Cana*



*The Proclamation of the Kingdom*



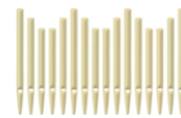
*The Transfiguration*



*The Institution of the Eucharist*

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November

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November

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MacKillop Hall

To register, contact the Parish Office on 0497 190 444  
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*Prefer to complete the training independently online?  
Contact the Parish Office for the details.*



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GRANVILLE



# 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.

# ALL ✠ SOULS ✠ DAY



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ALL SAINTS' DAY, TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

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9:15 A.M. | HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6:30 P.M. | HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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ALL SOULS' DAY, WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

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8:15 A.M. | HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
9:15 A.M. | HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6:00 P.M. | HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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

*May they rest in peace.*

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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### The Readings

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#### Introit (Cf. Ps. 37:22-23)

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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#### First Reading

##### The Book of Wisdom (11:22-12:2)

In your sight, Lord, the whole world  
is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,  
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.  
Yet you are merciful to all,  
because you can do all things  
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.  
Yes, you love all that exists,  
you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,  
for had you hated anything,  
you would not have formed it.  
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,  
how be conserved if not called forth by you?  
You spare all things because all things are yours,  
Lord, lover of life,  
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.  
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,  
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,  
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

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#### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. R.

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. R.

#### Second Reading

##### The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

(1:11-2:2)

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

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#### Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 3:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God loved the world so much,  
he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!

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#### Gospel of Luke (19:1-10)

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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#### Communio (Cf. Ps. 15:11)

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

*"If angels could be jealous of men,  
they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."*

—St. Maximilian Kolbe