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## THE • FEAST • OF • THE • PRESENTATION • OF • THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 21 November. With the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary, it is the third feast of the Marian feasts which find their echo in three of the feasts of Our Lord: the Nativity (Christmas), the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and the Presentation in the Temple.

This feast is celebrated on this day by Catholics and Orthodox alike, and for those in cloistered religious life it is a day totally dedicated to God in prayer, silence and concealment.

This feast, celebrated for over a thousand years, commemorates the presentation of the young Mary in the

Temple in Jerusalem. According to tradition, the tradition found in the Protoevangelium of James, Mary's parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne, who had to this time being childless, were promised by God that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the fulfillment of this promise, the young Mary is taken by her parents to the Temple to be consecrated to God.

Today we continue to celebrate this feast as "we celebrate that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace" (Divine Office). It is, for us, a reminder of the need we have to truly dedicate ourselves to almighty God.

In a world that is increasingly marked by self-entitlement and which sees the Church as being at the service of individual demands, this feast, as does the Blessed Virgin Mary in all aspects of her life, is an example to us that our lives must be lived in dedication to God and in service of His Church, not only for our salvation, but for the salvation of the world. Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary points always away from herself and towards her son, Our Lord, so we, too, should by our lives, point always to Christ.

Let us pray, on this feast, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, will intercede for us so that we may come to share in the fullness of grace.

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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.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

### Rosters

### Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

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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.

### 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 3: Mary Dao  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Gerry Pinto, Racquel La Rosa,  
Rosette Chidiac

**10:00 a.m.** Jasmine Miranda,  
Raphaella Chidiac, Mary Georges

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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,  
Crisling Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Joseph Nammour,  
Haydee Nursoo, Edward Pidgeon, Boutros 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.*

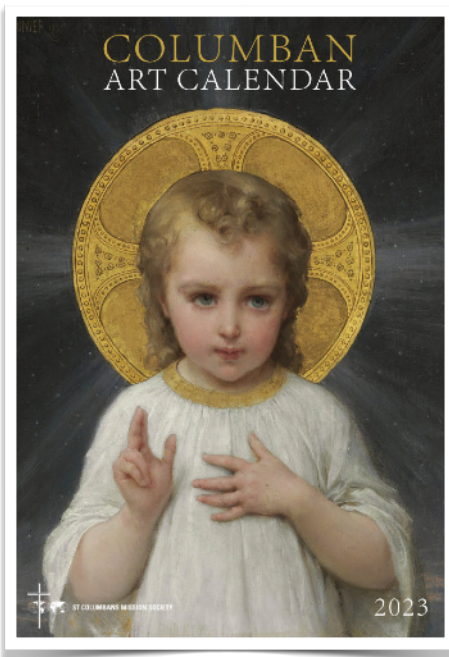
## Holy Family Church Weekly Illegally Dumped Rubbish Report

Rubbish was illegally dumped at Holy Family Church last Saturday night, as it is week after week.

It is important that recognition is given to the seriousness of this matter and understood that this causes increasing distress and has a significant impact on wellbeing. If no further action is taken by parishioners to prevent this criminal activity on church property, then it will become necessary to build a wall around the church and the presbytery to protect these properties.

## 2023 Columban Art Calendars for Sale

The 2023 Columban Art Calendar is on sale for \$10 from the piety shop. The Columban Art Calendar is a major fundraiser for the Missionary Society of St. Columban—an order of priests who work with the poor and the exploited around the world.



The calendars are available for sale in the piety shop and the sale of these supports the work of the Columban Missionaries and of the parish.

## 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](http://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.



## First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

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.

At Holy Trinity Church we are fortunate to have volunteers to take up these collections. At Holy Family Church boxes have been placed at the doors of the church for the first and second collections.

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.

## Holy Mass Intentions Reminder

A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed.

These Masses are not "memorial" Masses but remain parish Masses.





At the moment of judgement we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of [Christ's] love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy... The transforming "moment" of this encounter eludes earthly time-reckoning—it is the heart's time, it is the time of "passage" to communion with God in the Body of Christ. For the great majority of people—we may suppose—there remains in the depths of their being an ultimate interior openness to truth, to love, to God. In the concrete choices of life, however, it is covered over by ever new compromises with evil—much filth covers purity, but the thirst for purity remains and it still constantly re-emerges from all that is base and remains present in the soul. What happens to such individuals when they appear before the Judge? Will all the impurity they have amassed through life suddenly cease to matter? What else might occur? Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, gives us an idea of the differing impact of God's judgement according to each person's particular circumstances... Paul begins by saying that Christian life is built upon a common foundation: Jesus Christ. This foundation endures. If we have stood firm on this foundation and built our life upon it, we know that it cannot be taken away from us even in death. Then Paul continues: "Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3:12-15). Some recent theologians are of the opinion that the fire which both burns and saves is Christ himself, the Judge and Saviour. The encounter with him is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation "as through fire".

— Pope Benedict XVI, *"Spe Salvi"*, n. 45-47





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# MASSES FOR THE DEAD

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## NOVEMBER MASSES

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*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.*

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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.”

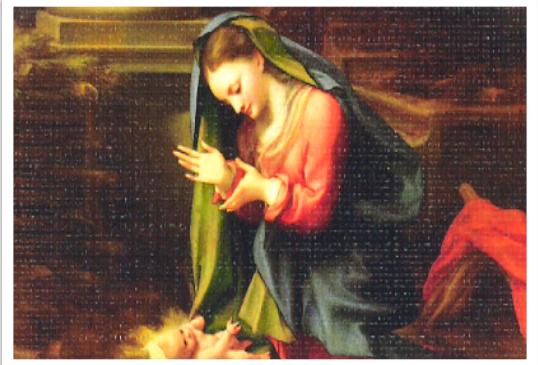
The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer of the Church, because it is the prayer of Christ Himself—the Son of God to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. There can be no greater prayer than this to be said for those who are suffering in purgatory, and no greater hope of salvation than offering 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.

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The 2023 Columban Art Calendar is on sale now at the piety shop for \$10.

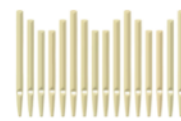
The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information.

2023 marks over 100 years of the calendar.

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# BLESSED SACRAMENT — CHAPLET —



The Blessed Sacrament beads  
are usually made of Job's tear seeds  
and a Spiritual Communion medal.

The 33 beads represent the thirty-three years  
of Christ's life on earth.

This chaplet can be said at any time  
and in any place.



As we celebrate the Year of the Blessed Sacrament  
and seek to nurture respect and devotion  
for the Real Presence of Our Lord  
—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity—  
in the Most Holy Eucharist,  
pray this chaplet so that you may know  
and make known the abundant graces  
that flow from the altar and the tabernacle,  
and pray in reparation for the many sins  
committed against the Blessed Sacrament.



Available in the Piety Shop for \$10



The Readings

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**Introit** (Jer. 29:11, 12, 14)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace  
and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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**First Reading**

**The Prophet Malachi** (3:19-20)

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all  
the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The  
day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord  
of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you  
who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine  
out with healing in its rays.

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**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 97:5-9. R. see v. 9)

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. R.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;  
the world, and all its peoples.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the Lord R.

For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness. R.

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**Second Reading**

**The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians**  
(3:7-12)

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now  
we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we  
ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for  
them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining,  
so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not  
because we had no right to be, but in order to make  
ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let  
anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now  
we hear that there are some of you who are living in  
idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with  
everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and  
call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and  
earning the food that they eat.

**Gospel Acclamation** (Lk. 21:28)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel of Luke** (21:5-19)

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking  
how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive  
offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at  
now – the time will come when not a single stone will be  
left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they  
put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will  
this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is  
about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many  
will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and,  
"The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And  
when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be  
frightened, for this is something that must happen but the  
end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight  
against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will  
be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and  
there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from  
heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and  
persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues  
and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and  
governors because of my name – and that will be your  
opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind:  
you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself  
shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of  
your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You  
will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations  
and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You  
will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not  
a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win  
you your lives.'

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**Communio** (Ps. 22:28)

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

*“ Every time we look at  
the Blessed Sacrament  
our place in heaven is raised forever. ”*

*–St. Gertrude the Great*