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## GAUDETE SUNDAY

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3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT

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*Rejoice  
in the Lord always;  
again I say,  
rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord  
is near.*

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Today, the third Sunday of Advent, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday. The dour violet of Advent gives way to the brighter colour of rose as she looks forward in joy to the birth of our Lord.

The word *gaudete* comes from the Latin word *gaudere* meaning “to rejoice” because the Mass today opens with the words “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.”

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (11 November), when it was often called “St. Martin’s Lent”—a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, and Advent preserved

most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord’s coming.

The spirit of the Mass all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are suspended on Gaudete Sunday to symbolise that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present and His

final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord—Christian joy—as well as the mission of St. John the Baptist and his connection with Advent.

There is a difference between happiness and joy. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing can take that love away. Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the “Sunday of joy,” and that instead of fretting about “all they still haven’t” done to prepare for Christmas, people should “think of all the good things life has given you.”

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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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## 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 3: Mary Dao and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

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

**10:00 a.m.** Ingrid Bifulco, Hind Dagher-Hadchiti, Sisters

## 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, 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.

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*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, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Clair Karaki, Daoud Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Jacob Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Jack McIntyre, Crising Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Joseph Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Edward Pidgeon, Boutros Rahme, Saliba family, Anna Saunig, Garry Smith, Andrea So, Emmanuel Tabone, Darren Thornton, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Dib Zaiter.

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

## **Important Notice Regarding Holy Mass and Confession Times in December**

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**Tuesday, 13 December:** Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church will be at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. as Holy Trinity Primary School will be celebrating their year 6 graduation. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Holy Trinity Primary School.

**Tuesday, 20 December:** there will not be the usual Holy Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church as the parish will be holding a BBQ at 6:30 p.m. followed by Carols by Candlelight at 8:00 p.m. Please join us for the BBQ and for the solemn carols service to follow.

**Saturday, 24 December:** the usual confessions at Holy Trinity Church from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. will be heard outside of the church to allow for the church to be decorated for the Christmas Masses.

## **Important Holy Mass Intentions Reminder**

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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.

Please do not write your request for a specific day and time on an envelope and leave it in a collections box, but speak directly with Fr. Andrew to make your request. Without doing this there is no guarantee that the Mass can be offered at that time but instead will be offered at the next available opportunity. Also note that it is not the custom of the Roman rite to announce the intention of the Mass. If you want the name said aloud, you will need to speak with Fr. Andrew in regard to this.

# CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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**TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER**

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We will be holding our annual solemn Carols by Candlelights service at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday, 20 December, at 8:00 p.m.

The service is based on the festival of nine readings and carols and is one of beautiful traditional and contemporary carols, with readings telling the history of our salvation and the coming of the Messiah.

Those who have attended in previous years have said it was one of the most beautiful carols services they have attended, so make sure that you come along as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

To see videos of previous year's carols, check out our Facebook page under the videos tab.

The evening will also include the blessing of the nativity scene, which itself has become a well known attraction across the diocese and even in Sydney.

And for the first time, we will be holding a BBQ beforehand from 6:30 p.m. So please join us and enjoy this and then the carols at 8:00 p.m.

## **Volunteers Needed for Carols by Candlelight BBQ**

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Before our annual Carols by Candlelight service, we will be holding a BBQ for people to enjoy a light supper beforehand.

We are asking for parishioners to help with serving. Please speak with Fr. Andrew if you can, as we would be grateful for your help.

## **Decorations and Gifts for Christmas in Our Piety Shops**

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Our piety shops at Holy Family Church and Holy Trinity Church have a wonderful selection of decorations and gifts for Christmas.

There are some beautiful items from which to choose either for your own home or as a gift for someone else.

Why not have a look through our piety shops before or after Mass.

The proceeds from sales in our piety shops all go to support the parish in our various works, and, in particular, with the care and maintenance of our parish churches and buildings.

## **Online Donations in Support of the Parish**

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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.







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Can fund **essential groceries for a vulnerable person** facing housing stress and food insecurity.



**\$75**

Can fund **transport costs to take homeless people with limited mobility to vital appointments.**



**\$200**

Can provide **four homeless people with gift cards to buy essential personal care items.**



**\$600**

Can provide **three homeless families with kitchen essentials.**



**\$1,000**

Can provide **five homeless people with basics and bedding to start a new home life.**



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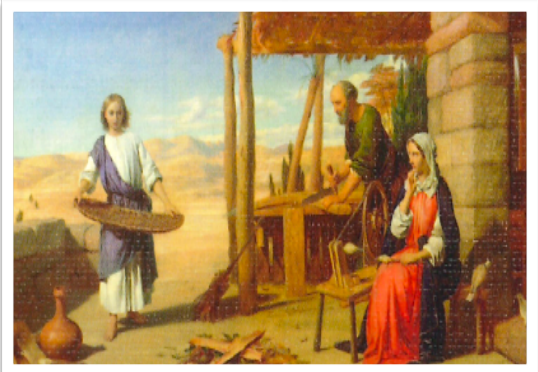
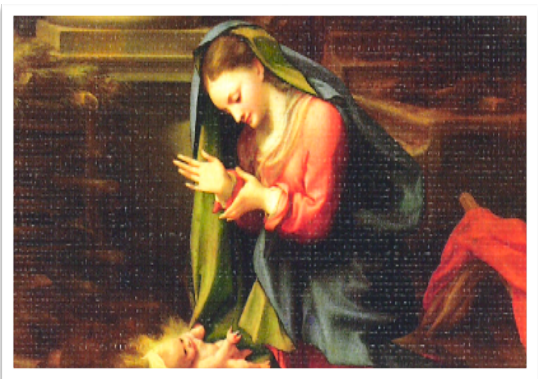
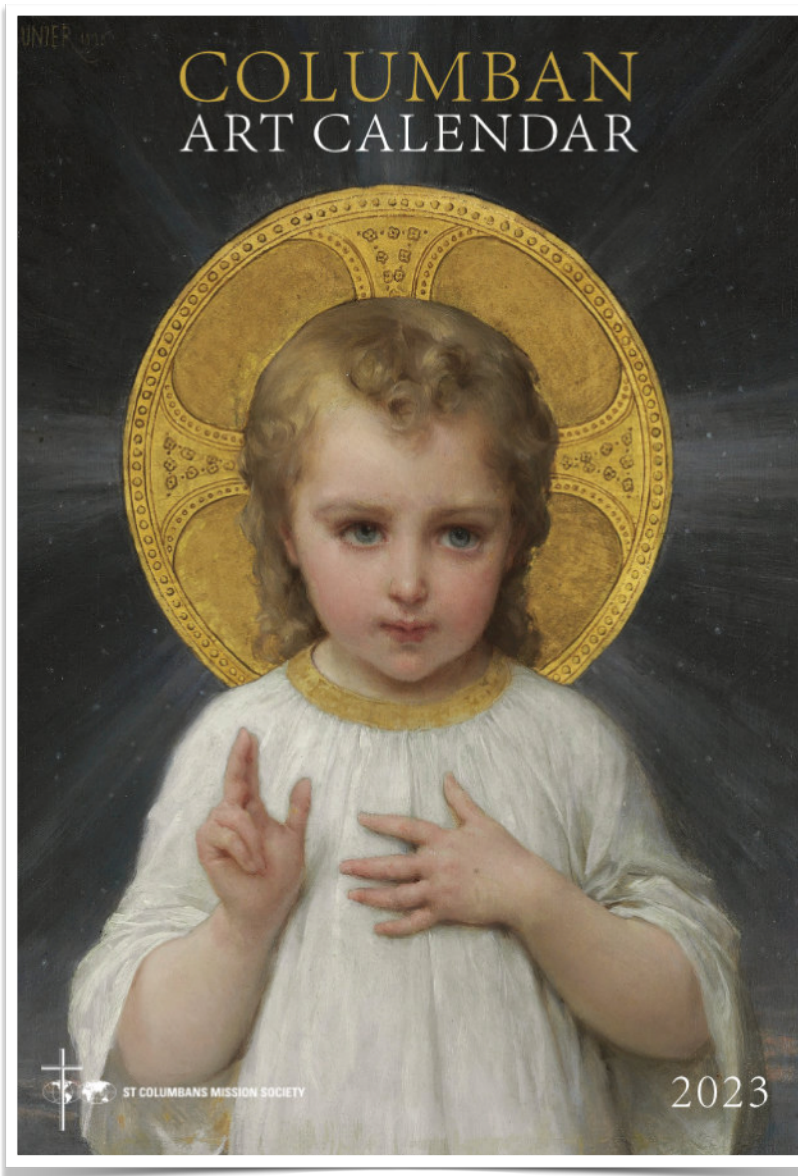
**\$5,000**

Can **help set up ten homeless people in community housing.**

To learn about the impact of your kindness, and enjoy a special thank you message, please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/thankyou](https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/thankyou)







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.

The money from the sale of these calendars supports the work of the Missionary Society of St. Columban, an order of priests who work with the poor and the exploited around the world.

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HOLY CROSS PARISH PRESENTS

# CAROLS

BY CANDLELIGHT

WITH PARISH BBQ

TUESDAY 20TH  
DECEMBER

6:30 p.m. Parish BBQ  
8 p.m. Carols Service

*Holy Trinity Church,  
Granville*





# Christmas

AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

## CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. Holy Family Church

6 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight Holy Trinity Church

7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. Holy Family Church

10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

5 p.m. Holy Family Church



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### The Readings

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#### **Introit** (Phil. 4:4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

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#### **First Reading**

##### **The Prophet Isaiah** (35:1-6, 10)

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.  
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.  
Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
  
'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.  
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy on their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

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#### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 145:6-10. *R.* see Is. 35:4)

*R.* Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R.*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. *R.*

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. *R.*

#### **Second Reading**

##### **The Letter of St. James** (5:7-10)

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation** (Is. 61:1; Lk. 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

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#### **Gospel of Matthew** (11:2-11)

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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#### **Communio** (Cf. Is. 35:4)

Say to the faint of heart:  
Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come,  
and he will save us.