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T H E M O N T H O F

THE HOLY NAME

JESUS

*At the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven
and on earth
and under the earth.*

O Good Jesus!
O most tender Jesus!
O most sweet Jesus!
O Jesus, Son of Mary the Virgin,
full of mercy and kindness!
O sweet Jesus,
according to Thy great mercy,
have pity on me!
O most merciful Jesus,
I entreat Thee by that Precious Blood of Thine,
which Thou didst will to pour forth for sinners,
to wash away all my iniquities,
and to look upon me, poor and unworthy as I am,
humbly asking pardon of Thee,
and invoking this Holy Name of Jesus.
O Name of Jesus, sweet Name!
Name of Jesus, Name of joy!
Name of Jesus, Name of strength!
Nay, what meaneth the Name of Jesus but Saviour?
Wherefore, O Jesus, by Thine own holy Name,
be to me Jesus, and save me.
Suffer me not to be lost — me,
whom Thou didst create out of nothing.
O good Jesus, let not my iniquity destroy
what Thy almighty goodness made.
O sweet Jesus, recognise what is Thine own,
and wipe away from me what is not of Thee!
O most kind Jesus, have pity on me
while it is the time of pity, and condemn me not
when it is the time of judgment.
The dead shall not praise Thee, Lord Jesus,
nor all those who go down into hell.
O most loving Jesus!
O Jesus, most longed for by Thine own!
O most gentle Jesus! Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
let me enter into the number of Thine elect.
O Jesus, salvation of those who believe in Thee;
Jesus, Son of Mary the Virgin, pour into me grace,
wisdom, charity, chastity, and humility
that I may be able perfectly to love Thee,
to enjoy Thee, to serve Thee,
and make my boast in Thee,
together with all those who invoke Thy name,
which is Jesus.
Amen

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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.

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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.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 4: A. Quinlan,

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G. Dankwah, S. Martin, M. Magpayo,

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J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj,

S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

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, 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, Christine Derwin, Carmen Galea, 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, Mitzi Rowe, Saliba family, Anna Saunig, Garry Smith, 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 Trinity Church Cleaners' Roster

The cleaners' roster for Holy Trinity Church for January to December is now available in the piety shop.

Thank you to all those who regularly volunteer to clean the church. Your generous service is very much appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer to help clean the church once a month either on a Friday or Saturday morning, please contact the parish office and we will be grateful for your support.

To all those who volunteer in any way and in many ways, thank you for your contribution to the parish and for your participation in the life of the parish. Your work, much of which often goes unseen, is of tremendous support.

May God bless all our volunteers for their service and all those who support the parish.

Important 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.

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.



His Late Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI *Requiescant in Pace*

On the death of His Late Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, requiem Masses were said in Holy Cross Parish for the repose of his immortal soul.

Thank you to those who dedicated themselves to assisting with these Masses. In particular, thank you to John Portelli and Maryanne Takchi for arranging the music, to Anthony, Elvis, Jeevan, Patrick, Patrick and Paul for serving at the altar, and to Rosette Chidiac for reading. Their service shows their love for the Church and their charity in praying for a great and holy man who courageously served the Church.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of Priests enfold him in her arms and carry him to her son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ so that he may hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Mt. 25:21).



*Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat ei.
Fidelium animae,
per misericordiam Dei,
requiescant in pace.
Amen.*

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.

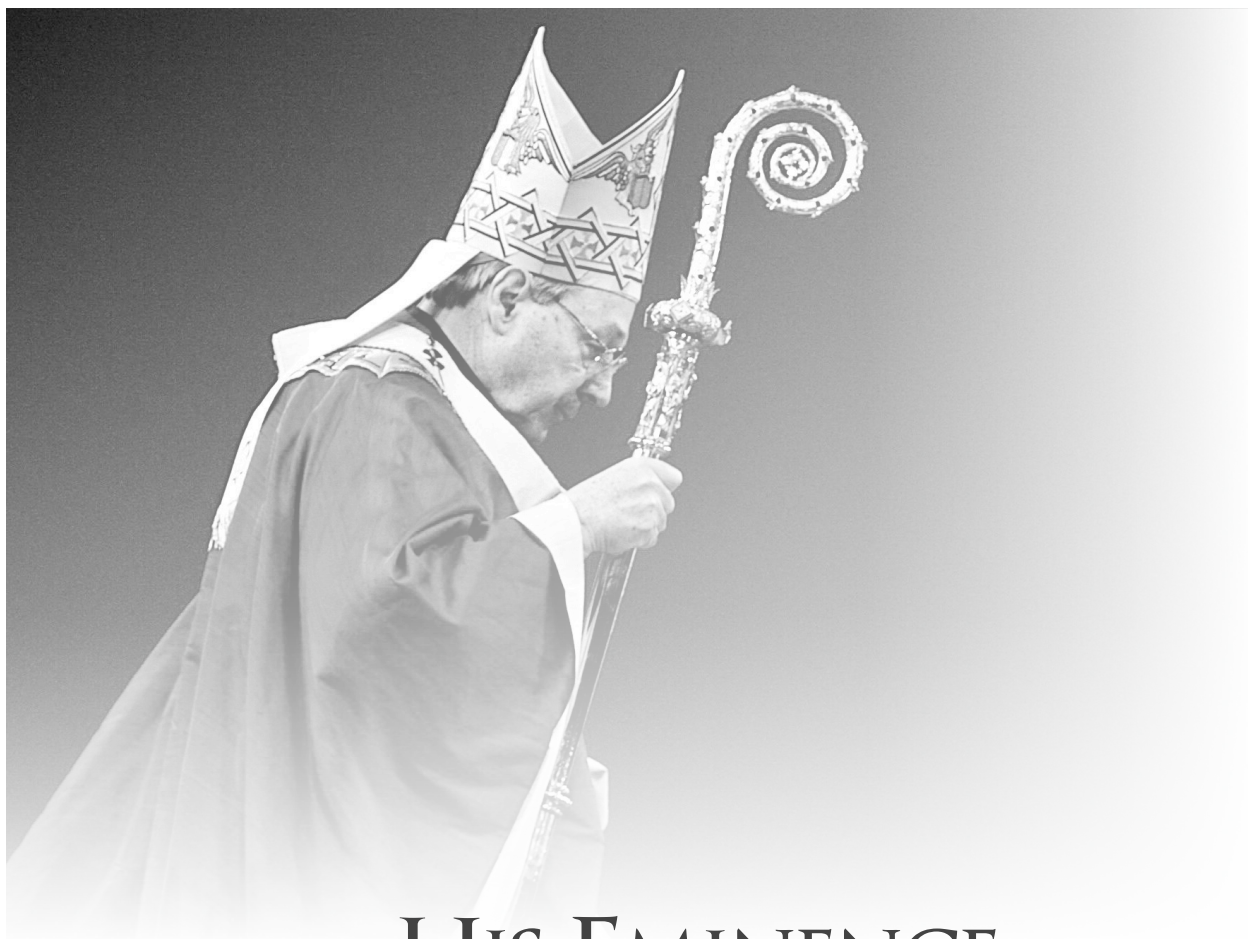
Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

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. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance.





HIS EMINENCE, GEORGE CARDINAL PELL

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Amen.

*Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat ei.*

Fidelium animae,

*per misericordiam Dei,
requiescant in pace.*

Amen.

How to Receive Holy Communion Worthily

If we approach the Eucharist unworthily, we not only offend God but also harm ourselves.

In the Eucharist, we possess the greatest gift. Within it, Jesus gives us his entire self—body, blood, soul, and divinity—to be consumed under the appearance of bread and wine. But, as the saying goes, with great gifts comes great responsibility. To receive the fruits of this gift, we need to prepare ourselves and then live our lives in accord with it. If we approach the Eucharist unworthily, we not only offend God but also harm ourselves. Even Hollywood can see that on occasion, as the knight in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade explains, “For the unrighteous, the Cup of Life holds everlasting damnation.

Let’s think of some other examples. What if you arrived at your first day of work in your pajamas? How about going to a fancy restaurant and putting your food on a paper plate? More seriously, imagine a general revealing your country’s plans to the enemy. The most important things in life require commitment, comportment, dignity, and fidelity. Therefore, we need commitment to Christ and cannot be attached to anything above him. We must be clothed in his grace and preserve the purity of our baptism. When we come to eat the Lord’s body, we need to come prepared as a worthy vessel that can hold the gift, rather than a leaky container. And we can’t take the gift and turn it over to the enemy by falling into sin.

St. Paul warns us of the consequences of receiving the Lord unworthily in his first letter to the Corinthians: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats

and drinks judgment upon himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died” (1 Cor 11:27-30). Paul foresees serious consequences for profaning the Eucharist. How, then, should we receive the Eucharist worthily?



First, we need faith in Jesus’s true presence in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not a symbol. It is the body and blood of Jesus that he offers us to enter into communion with him. In John 6, Jesus explains how he gives us his very self to eat as our new Passover lamb: “For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed” (Jn 6:55). Without faith in this true presence, we approach the Eucharist as if we were eating a regular piece of bread, dishonouring Jesus’s gift of himself in the sacrament. Faith enables us to discern his body, as Paul says, opening our hearts to Jesus’s love and grace.

Second, we also need to remove obstacles to receiving the grace of Jesus’s presence. If we are in a state of serious, mortal sin, we are not able or ready to enter into the communion that Jesus offers us. The Church offers us the Sacrament of Confession to bring us into right communion with God. In fact, the Church requires us to confess our sins once a year, because we all are in need of mercy and forgiveness. God enables us to lay our burdens aside and to come to him with a clear conscience. Going to

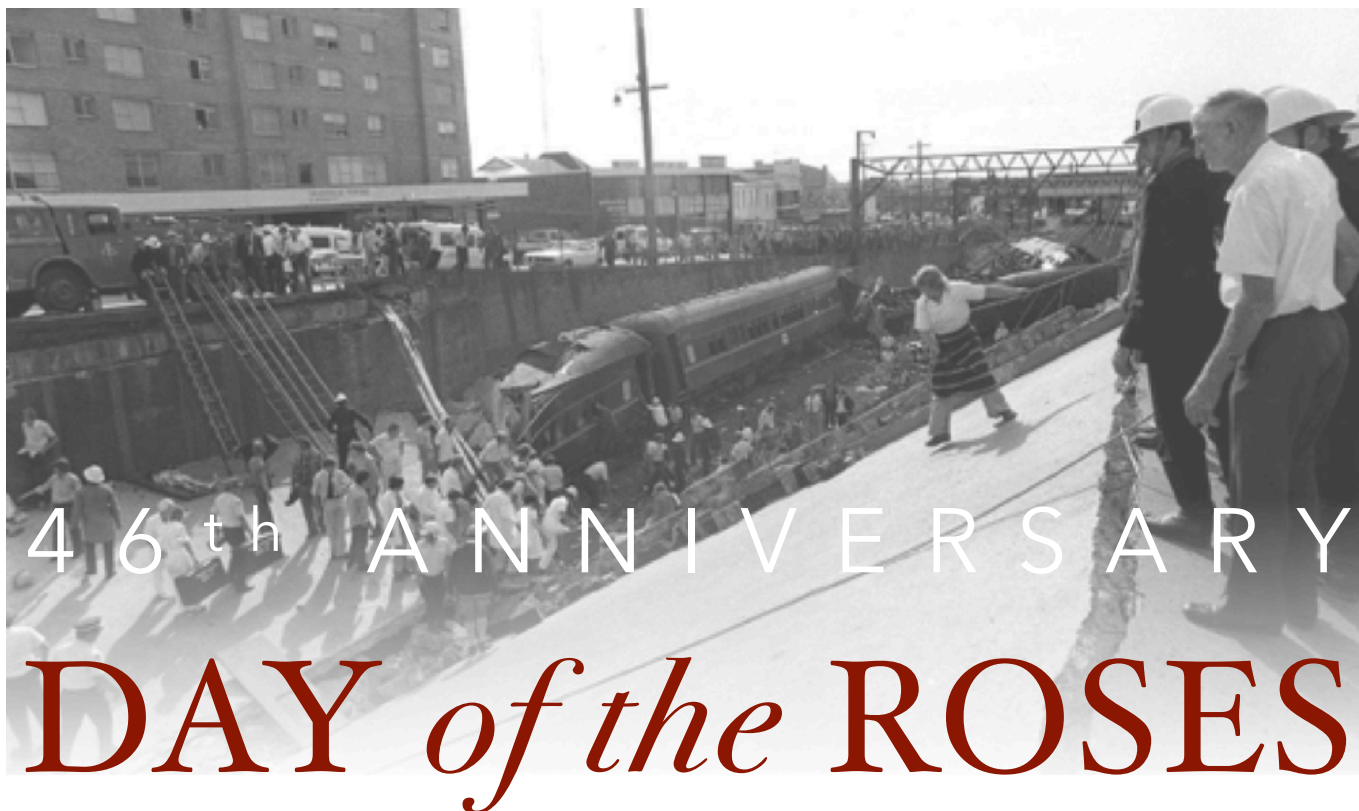
confession creates the right disposition of openness and purity so that we can examine ourselves, as Paul instructs us.

Third, devotion enables us to honour Jesus’s presence by approaching him with reverence and love. We build devotion through prayer, including before and after Mass, by uniting ourselves to Christ’s offering of himself at Mass, and even by our posture and attitude. Do we act like Jesus is really present at Mass? Do we come to communion like we are approaching the king of the universe? If we come to communion solely out of a routine habit, with a casual or mundane disposition, it would be hard to “discern the body” of Jesus. Rather, we should approach Mass with the greatest expectation as the most important moment of our week when we meet the Lord and become one with him.

Finally, receiving worthily flows from a life lived in conformity to the Eucharistic gift. We should not confine communion with Jesus to an hour a week. It should blossom into a Eucharistic life, with Jesus’s presence abiding in us and reaching out to others. If our life is going a different direction, we need to turn back in the right direction to make a worthy communion. The Eucharist requires continuous conversion, turning away from the world and toward Jesus, allowing his grace to shape everything that we do.

The Eucharist is a source of life, not death. If we approach it worthily, we can profess that for the righteous, for those who receive the Lord’s mercy and approach with faith and devotion, the Cup of Life holds everlasting salvation.

Source: Dr. R. Jared Staudt, “How to receive the Eucharist worthily,” Catholic World Report, 14 October 2021 (catholicworldreport.com)



On Tuesday, January 18th, 1977, Granville would be changed forever as a train from Mount Victoria in the Blue Mountains crashed into the Bold Street Bridge bringing down the bridge on two carriages killing 83 men, women and children and injuring another 213.

Fr. Campion was one of the first to the shocking scene and administered the last rites to many of the victims. He was also at times placing his own life on the line by crawling through the wreckage looking for survivors or injured people that he could pray with or simply share a few moments. In countless interviews which were conducted with him over the years since the disaster, he always mentioned the “overwhelming

stillness” he felt upon entering the carriages and how this place had become a place for the dead and he felt that he was an intruder to the silence.

Fr. Campion’s link to the victims, families, friends and all those associated with the disaster continued up to his retirement from Granville. He attended all the memorial ceremonies held on the anniversary of the disaster, blessing the roses which would be thrown onto the tracks to mark those who died.

Mr. John Hennessy, the then President of the Granville Memorial Trust, said of Fr. Campion: “He truly was one of the unsung heroes of the disaster, there’s no doubt about it. He saw some terrible things, awful—and he put his life at

risk. And I can tell you that it affected him for the rest of his life. But he always said it was what anyone would have done—he had a deep sense of mateship.”

Each year at the Granville rail disaster anniversary memorial, it was Father Campion's job to bless the 83 roses laid at the scene to remember the dead.

May this holy Priest of God heard the words of Christ our Saviour: “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord” (Mt. 25:23)

With thanks to John Portelli for this article (abbreviated here) which he wrote and originally appeared in his book, “Holy Trinity Granville: Celebrating 125 Years 1886-2012”.



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD,
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.
AMEN.**

Saints & STUFF

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

In Philippians 2, St. Paul tells us that "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Small wonder, then, that the Church sets aside the first month of the year in honour of the Holy Name of Jesus. Through this devotion, the Church reminds us of the power of Christ's Name and encourages us to pray in His Name. In our society, of course, we hear His Name uttered quite often, but all too frequently, it is used in a curse or blasphemy. In the past, Christians would often make the Sign of the Cross when they heard Christ's Name uttered in such a manner, and that's a practice that would be worthwhile to revive.

This month, why not take a few minutes to memorise the Jesus Prayer, and pray it during those moments of the day when you are between activities, or travelling, or simply taking a rest?

Keeping Christ's Name always on our lips is a good way to ensure that we draw ever nearer to Him.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Baptism of Christ

1223 All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptised by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

1224 Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfil all righteousness." Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son."

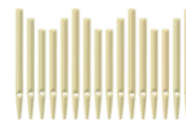
1225 In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a "Baptism" with which he had to be baptised. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life.

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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 65:4)

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (49:3, 5-6)

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. v. 8-9)

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. R.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. R.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:1-3)

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 1:14, 12)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him

to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John (1:29-34)

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 22:5)

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice
that quenches my thirst.



“TRUTH DRAWS STRENGTH
FROM ITSELF
AND NOT FROM
THE NUMBER OF VOTES
IN ITS FAVOUR”

—Pope Benedict XVI