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ORDINARY TIME

With the close of Christmastide and as we approach Lent the Church enters the season of Ordinary Time. The Church now vests herself in the colour green which symbolises hope.

Ordinary Time refers to two periods of time in the liturgical year that are found in the calendar of the ordinary form of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. The name of this time is *Tempus per annum* translated as “time during the year”.

Ordinary Time comprises two periods: the first period begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday; the second period begins on the Monday after Pentecost, the conclusion of the Easter season, and continues until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. In some traditions, the first period is celebrated as Epiphanytide, and the latter of these periods is

observed as Trinitytide. Both of these periods of time, combined, are the longest time in the liturgical year.

The weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered, which is where the name “ordinary” comes from because it is from the word “ordinal” meaning numbered. Several Sundays bear the name of feasts celebrated on those days, including Trinity Sunday and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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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 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: Hanh Hang
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Reanne Chidiac,
Ingrid Bifulco, Hind Dagher-Hadchiti

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

Sr. Mary Stella Tran, Victor Azzopardi, Claudio Basamez,
Maria Tran Thi Bay, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Kathleen
Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill,
Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, John Lawrence Denmeade,
Christine Derwin, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John
Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Salim
Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob
Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Mounir
Mattar, Jack McIntyre, Crising Mendoza, Magdalena
Mendoza, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell,
Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Edward Pidgeon, Boutros
Rahme, Mitzi Rowe, Anna Saunig, Sergio Sudiro, Darren
Thornton, Joseph Vella, Vicente, Dib Zaiter.



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

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Enrolment Forms Are Now Available

Enrolments are now open for those who would like their children to make their first confession and first Holy Communion (year 3 and above) and to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (year 5 and above). Enrolment forms are available from Fr. Andrew after Mass.

Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia and Pancake Supper

On Shrove Tuesday we will hold the traditional Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia in preparation for Ash Wednesday. The ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday. If you have blessed palms to be burned, please bring these to the church in the next two weeks and leave these by the doors. These will be collected and burned to prepare the ashes. On Shrove Tuesday, 21 February, the Burning of the Palms and the Burial of the Alleluia will be held at Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m. followed by a pancake supper at 7:00 p.m. If you can prepare some pancakes to bring along for this supper, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Join us on Shrove Tuesday
for the Burning of the Palms
and the Burial of the Alleluia
and then a pancake supper**



**Bring your old blessed palms
to be burnt on Shrove Tuesday**



**Bring some pancakes
for the pancake supper**

Do You Want to Help Fellow Parishioners Attend Mass Each Week?

We are asking again for parishioners to volunteer to drive senior parishioners to Mass each week. There are a number of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass as they are unable to drive or have no one to drive them.

All that is asked is if you can buddy with one of these parishioners and pick them up from their home for Mass and take them home each week.

It would only mean going a few minutes out of the way each week but would be an act of charity and kindness to those who otherwise may be unable to attend Mass.

At the moment, there are around ten parishioners who could do with your help in this way so we are looking for ten people to offer their help.

If you would like to be a part of this and help out fellow parishioners, please speak with Fr. Andrew after Mass.

Please consider helping out in this way. It would mean a great deal to those who, without your help, will not be able to attend Mass.

How Can I Help?

**Speak with Fr. Andrew
or call the parish office
during office hours**



**Let us know your street
and we will find someone
who lives close by to you**



**We will put you in touch
with one of our parishioners
who needs a lift**

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Wanted

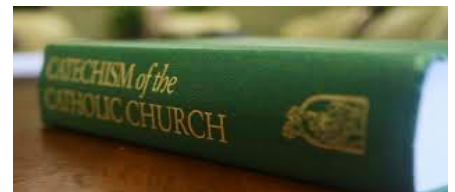
After the two years of public health restrictions, we are looking to return the children's liturgy each Sunday during the Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

To make this happen, we are calling on volunteers to help with the children's liturgy.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for this, there will be a meeting today in MacKillop Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Learn More of Your Catholic Faith for Free

Learn more of the truth and beauty that is the Catholic faith by reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which summarises the fullness of the faith given to us by Jesus Christ and handed on through the Apostles to the Church.



Dr. Andrew Wood of the St. John Centre for Philosophy and Theology is holding classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church on Monday nights at the Cloister Hall at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta beginning on Monday, February 13.

Take advantage of this gifted teacher and the short drive to Parramatta to learn for free about the faith given to us by almighty God.

Many parishioners have studied with Dr. Wood in the past and have said what a wonderful teacher he is and how he made the faith and the teachings of Christ and the Church much more accessible to them.

For more information, call 0449 574 527.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 21st February 2023

6:30 PM Burning of Palms &
Burial of the *'Alleluia'*

7 PM Pancake Supper

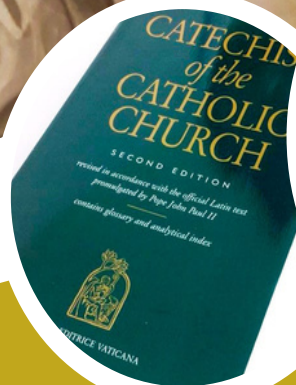
Holy Family Church, East Granville



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COURSES



St John Centre Course

Time 7-9pm Catechism of the Catholic Church

Venue St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, Parramatta

Cost Free

Duration 8 Week Terms (Monday Nights)

Texts The Catechism of the Catholic Church (BYO)

Lecturer Dr Andrew Francis Wood

**Commences
13th
February**

About the Centre: In 2003 Dr Andrew Wood co-founded the St John Centre with his sister Dr Christine Wood to offer parish-based courses in theology, philosophy and Scriptural studies. The Centre's mission is to form laity and clergy in the Catholic, and especially Thomistic, intellectual tradition.

Contact Us

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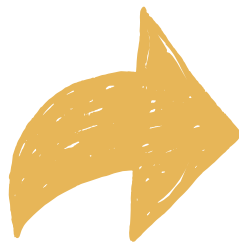


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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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Let us know your street and we will put you in touch with a nearby parishioner who needs a lift.



Saints & STUFF

Patron Saints for Everything!

Did you know that there is a Patron Saint for almost everything you can think of?

We each have a Patron Saint because of our Christian name but we also have Patron Saints for our parish, for our diocese (Saint Mary of the Cross), for our country (Our Lady, Help of Christians), for our jobs and even for illnesses!

Priests have St. Jean-Marie Vianney as their Patron, police have St. Michael the Archangel, and builders have three Patrons: St. Blaise, St. Louis, and St. Vincent Ferrer!

Even animals have their Patron Saints. Dogs have St. Guy, cats have St. Gertrude of Nivelles who just happens to be also the Patron Saint of field rats!



And yes, even politicians have a Patron Saint. He is St. Thomas More.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Liturgical Seasons

1163 "Holy Mother Church believes that she should celebrate the saving work of her divine Spouse in a sacred commemoration on certain days throughout the year. Once each week, on the day which she has called the Lord's Day, she keeps the memory of the Lord's resurrection. She also celebrates it once every year, together with his blessed Passion, at Easter, that most solemn of all feasts. In the course of the year, moreover, she unfolds the whole mystery of Christ... Thus recalling the mysteries of the redemption, she opens up to the faithful the riches of her Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age; the faithful lay hold of them and are filled with saving grace."

1164 From the time of the Mosaic law, the People of God have observed fixed feasts, beginning with Passover, to commemorate the actions of the Saviour God, to give him thanks for them, to perpetuate their remembrance, and to teach new generations to conform their conduct to them. In the age of the Church, between the Passover of Christ already accomplished once for all, and its consummation in the kingdom of God, the liturgy celebrated on fixed days bears the imprint of the newness of the mystery of Christ.

CATHOLIC Trivia

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



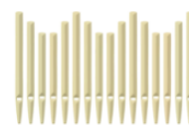
The Sign of the Cross that marks the beginning and end of the Holy Mass, and which signifies the sealing of the Word of God "in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts" at the reading of the Gospel, has its origin in the first centuries of Christianity.

The sign of the cross, done by faith, has immense power. St. Benedict once did the sign of the cross over a poisoned drink meant to kill him, and as his hand moved reverently through the four directions of the cross, the glass shattered.

Each sign of the cross is also a sign—a renewal even—of one's personal decision to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. How many times have we gone through the "motion of the cross" instead of the "sign of the cross"?

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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 30:3-4)

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

The Book of Ecclesiasticus (15:15-20)

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1)

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. R.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. R.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. R.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10)

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would

not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew (5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37)

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 77:29-30)

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

*“The Lord
wins in the end.”*

— Pope Benedict XVI