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With this holy season of the 40 days of Lent, which the Church has made a time of recollection and penance, in preparation for the greatest of all her feasts, we suffer with Christ in his forty days in the wilderness so that we can share in the glory of his Resurrection.

The number 40, as St. Jerome teaches, denotes punishment and affliction: "Let us remember the 40 days and 40 nights of the Deluge (*Genesis* 7:12), sent by God in his anger, when he repented that he had made man, and destroyed the whole human race, with the exception of one family. Let us consider how the Hebrew people, in punishment for their ingratitude, wandered 40 years in the desert, before they were permitted to enter the Promised Land (*Numbers* 14:33). Let us listen to our God commanding the Prophet Ezekiel to lie 40 days on his right side, as a figure of the siege, which was to bring destruction on Jerusalem (*Ezekiel* 4:6).

With these mysteries we can understand why it was, that the Son of God, having become Man for our salvation, and wanting to subject himself to the pain of fasting, chose the number of forty days. So Lent is brought before us with everything that can impress us with its solemn character, and with its power of appeasing God and purifying our souls. Let us, therefore, look beyond the little world which surrounds us, and see how the whole Christian universe is, at this very time, offering this forty days penance as a sacrifice of penance to the offended Majesty of God; and let us hope, that he will mercifully pardon our sins.

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*The Forty Days of*  
**LENT**

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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 1: L. Hale,  
D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,  
J. Galea, A. Quinlan, L. Franco

### Readers

**Vigil** Rebecca Hanson, Gerry Pinto,  
Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Wadzi Mushininga,  
Reanne Chidiac, Rozsa Kazmer

## 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, Nick Bonello, Betty Borg, Kathleen  
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*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). Forms are available from Fr. Andrew after Mass.

## Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent

Through the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed twice each Friday, giving all parishioners the chance to participate in this important devotion and spiritual exercise.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church and then again at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Join the parish as we pray the *Via Crucis*, the Way of the Cross, remembering the passion of Our Lord, and so prepare yourself to participate in Holy Week and in the celebration of Easter.

## Good Friday “Cross Walk”

On Good Friday, we will again hold our Stations of the Cross “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

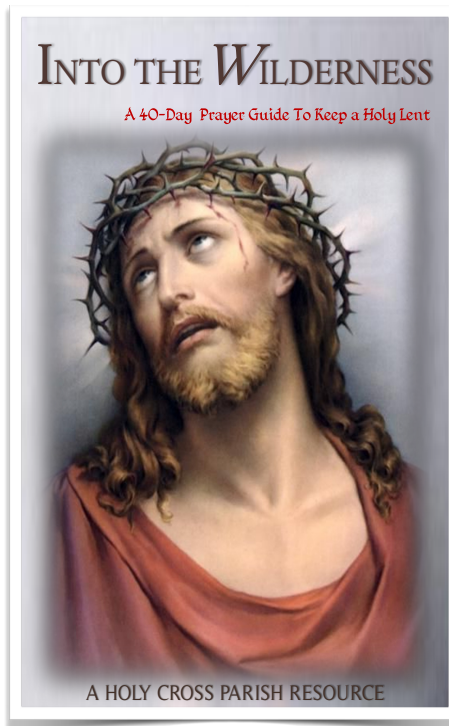
As in previous years, we are asking for people to offer their houses as one of the stations along the way, where we will stop and pray outside for a few minutes before going on to the next station.

If you live on Grimwood Street, William Street, Clyde Street or The Trongate and would like to offer your home as one of the possible stations, please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office during the week. We can then discuss whether we can include your home in the route planned for the Good Friday walk.

## “Into the Wilderness” A Holy Cross Parish 40 Day Prayer Guide to Keep a Holy Lent

Following the success of previous Lent and Advent prayer guides and in response to appeals by parishioners of this parish and of other parishes for another guide for Lent, we are pleased to announce the launch of this year’s 40 day prayer guide for Lent entitled “Into the Wilderness: A 40-Day Prayer Guide to Keep a Holy Lent”.

This book, devotedly written by John Portelli, is a day by day guide for each day of Lent offering the Gospel of the day as well as prayers, meditations and a daily action.



This book of prayers and devotions is a way for each of us to spend a few minutes each day of Lent to focus on the messages given to us through scripture and a way for self-assessment of our own actions, failings, and desire for reparation for our sins through meditation, prayer, and daily actions.

This prayer book is available online by visiting our website at [holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au).

## 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](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below.

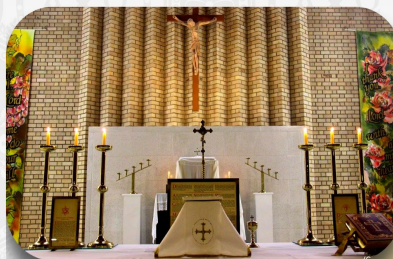
Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance.





# HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

## Lenten DEVOTIONS



### Latin MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6PM      Thursdays



### Stations OF THE Cross

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
5:30PM      Fridays

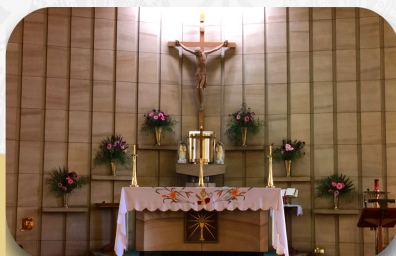
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6:30PM      Fridays



### ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
5:30PM      Sundays

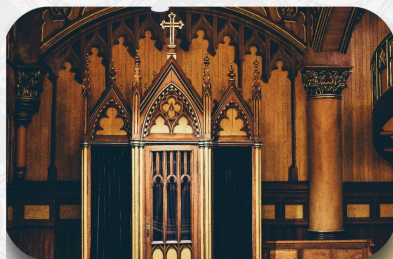
*Following the 5PM Sunday Mass  
Includes Evening Prayer & Benediction*



### Daily MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6:30PM      Tuesdays  
8:15AM      Wed - Sat

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6PM      Wednesdays  
9:15AM      Tue & Thur - Sat



### SACRAMENT of Penance

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6:30PM - 7PM      Wednesdays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
10AM - 10:30AM      Saturdays



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GRANVILLE  
*Cnr. Randle St & Bennalong St, Granville*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, EAST GRANVILLE  
*200 The Trongate, South Granville*

*Schedule subject to change. Please see the Granville Catholic Church Record for any changes*



# INTO THE *W*ILDERNESS

*A 40-Day Prayer Guide To Keep a Holy Lent*



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## OPEN DAYS

6 March

10:30am - 11:30am

14 March 9am - 10am

15 March

2:15pm - 3:15pm

22 March 9am - 10am

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# Saints & STUFF

## THE ANGELS IN THE DESERT

In the Gospel of Matthew, once the temptations of Satan are ended, Angels look after Christ as he remains in the desert. It is important to note that the Angels did not come to him whilst he was being tempted but only after. That is because Christ, sharing in all the suffering of humanity, was tempted in all the ways we are and defeated those temptations.



Christ also promised to us that Angels will care for us. Later in the Gospel of Matthew he says: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven". Here he promised to us our Guardian Angel, who remains by our side from the moment of our conception to the moment we face judgement.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Jesus' Temptations*

**538** The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time".

**539** The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father.

**540** By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## 5 Lies from the Devil and What God Has to Say About Them

### 1. You Need to Overwork Yourself to Pull Ahead

Satan likes telling us that we have to compete through life to keep up appearances and to remain in good standing, but constant competition can lead to the derailment of our hearts and minds. The devil likes to keep us busy and stretch ourselves to the breaking point, but we don't have to do that to ourselves. We've already won. The moment we accept that God reigns over all others, we pull ourselves ahead and only need to rely on Him and hold tight to His promise that His grace is enough. Always.

Just like St. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians:

**"The Lord said to me,  
'My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect  
in weakness.'  
I will all the more gladly boast  
of my weaknesses,  
that the power of Christ  
may rest upon me."**

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

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The Readings

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**Introit** (Cf. Ps. 90:15-16)

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

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**First Reading**

**The Book of Genesis (2:7-9, 3:1-7)**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. *R.* see v. 3)

*R.* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. *R.*

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. *R.*

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R.*

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. *R.*

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**Second Reading**

**The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (5:12, 17-19)**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (Mt. 4:4)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of Matthew (4:1-11)**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.