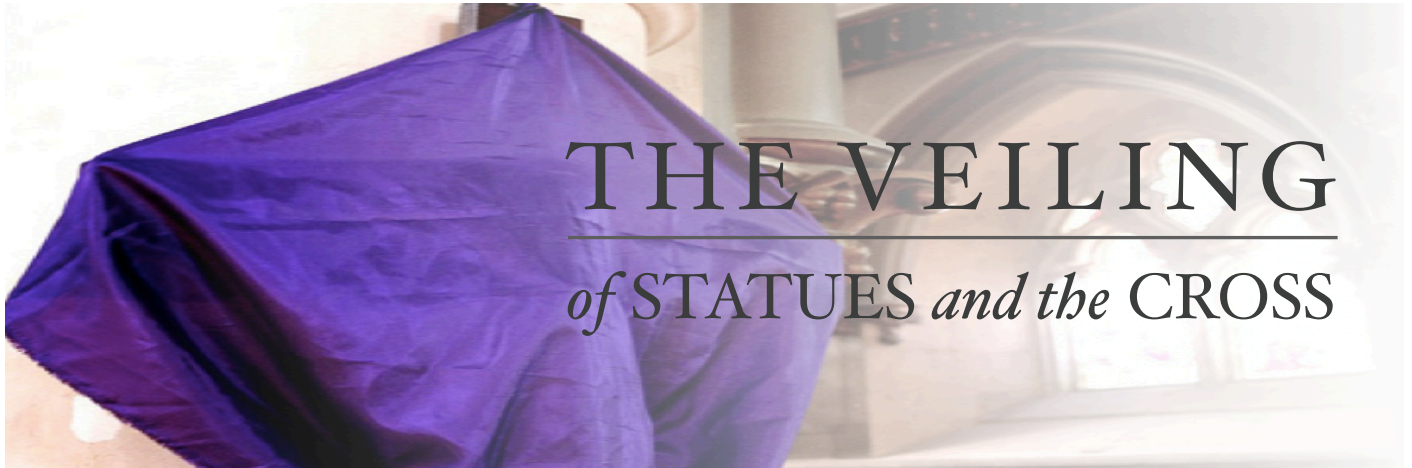

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5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

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On this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Passiontide, the statues in the church are veiled in violet cloths and the other images of the Saints are removed. This is an ancient tradition of the Church stretching back 1,400 years to the seventh century. Originally statues were veiled and the images removed from the church at the very beginning of Lent but over time this custom was changed so that it is now done on this Sunday. For the next two weeks the Church fervently prepares herself to celebrate the Passion, death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

In Passiontide the Church falls into mourning as we anticipate the death of Christ. So the Church, too, from which much of our society draws its customs, veils the images of the glory of God to hide them away from our sight as we prepare for the true glory that is God to be taken from us on Good Friday.

Crucifixes, too, are veiled now. This began in the twelfth century when crucifixes more commonly showed the Triumph of the Cross rather than the agony of the death of Christ, and so this triumph was concealed until it would be unveiled again on Good Friday.

In Europe great veils were stretched across the entire length of the sanctuary so that the altar was completely hidden from view. It was a reminder that we by our sins are cut off from God and that it is only by the sacrifice of Christ that we are reconciled to Him.

The veils also have a beginning in the Gospel. On this the 5th Sunday of Lent the Gospel read for over one thousand years on this day was that of Gospel of Saint John in which our Lord says: "If I were to seek my own glory that would be no glory at all; my glory is conferred by the Father... Your father Abraham rejoiced to think that he would see my Day, he saw it and was glad... I tell you most solemnly, before Abraham ever was, I Am."

At this, the Jews outraged to hear Christ speaking the same words as God to Moses at the burning bush, "I am who I am," and so claiming to be God Himself, pick up rocks to stone him to death. But at this Saint John writes: "Jesus hid himself and left the Temple." So just as our Lord hid Himself and left the Temple so the Church echoes that moment by hiding our Lord and the Saints removing them from this temple.

But the veils also remind us that when God became Man in Jesus Christ He did not cling to His heavenly glory but made Himself truly humble so that the glory of God in Jesus was concealed from the world.

Maybe the best way to understand why the Church veils statues of the Saints is to think of the sun and the moon. The light that shines from the moon is nothing more than a reflection of the light of the sun. If the sun were to stop shining the moon itself would give no light because it has no light of its own to give. In the same way the Saints only reflect the glory of God for they have no glory in themselves to shine. So as we anticipate now the death of Christ and the day when His glory will be hidden from us so we veil the statues of the Saints to remind us that their glory comes only from Christ Himself.

So at the great Easter Vigil these statues will be unveiled and the images of the Saints brought back into the church for then as the single light burning from the Paschal Candle enters the darkened Church so we will behold the return of the Glory of God Himself.

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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 2: P. Zaiter,
N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

Readers

Vigil as arranged for Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. as arranged for Palm Sunday

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. Teresita Perez, Nieves Arribas, Attard Family, Axiak Family, Victor Azzopardi, Claudio Basamez, Antonia Agustin Bernardo, Bonello Family, Nick Bonello, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Teofila Cabal, Mary Caden, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Youseff Jose Chalhoub, Phyllis May Denmeade, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Kelvin Huitt, Salim Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Laura Pestano, Rogelio Pestano, Rolando Pestano, Sheila Pidgeon, Peter Robertson, Salina Family, Sergio Sudiro, Emanuel Tabone, Darren Thornton, Joseph Vella, Dib Zaiter.



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

Bring Your Palms to be Blessed Next Sunday on Palm Sunday

We encourage you to bring palms next Sunday to be blessed during the Masses of Palm Sunday.

It is the tradition of the Church that palms and olive branches be blessed on Palm Sunday recalling the palms that were laid at the feet of Our Lord as He entered Jerusalem, hailed by the same crowds who would only a few days later turn on Him and demand His death.

If you have palms to spare, please consider bringing these for others.

Important Notice Regarding Holy Mass Times for the Next Two Weeks

Please note that next Sunday, Palm Sunday, the temporary Holy Mass times of 7:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church and of 3:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church will not be offered. The other Mass times will remain as usual for that day.

The following Sunday, Easter Sunday, the temporary Holy Mass times of 7:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church and of 3:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church will not be offered.

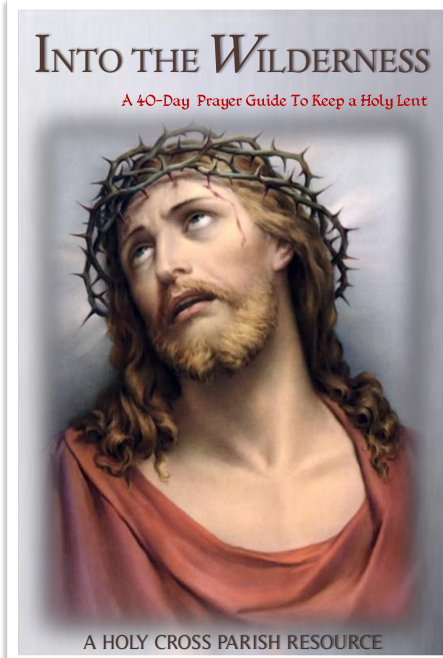
Volunteers for Easter Vigil Fire

To assist with preparing and safely monitoring the Easter Vigil fire, two adult volunteers are needed for both Holy Family Church and Holy Trinity Church. We are asking for volunteers to prepare and light the fire and to keep it lit and, after the "Lucernarium", to safely extinguish the fire.

If you would like to offer your help, please speak with Fr. Andrew this weekend or contact the parish office this week.

"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 in the piety shop for \$10 or online by visiting our website at holycrossgranville.org.au.

World Youth Day Fundraiser BBQ in Support of Elvis Nguyen

Last Sunday we held our parish's World Youth Day fundraiser BBQ in support of Elvis Nguyen who will be travelling as a pilgrim to Lisbon in July.

Thank you to those who volunteered to arrange and to serve the BBQ. In particular, we thank Joe Chidiac who worked tirelessly, once again, to prepare the pulled pork as well as donating the meat and salad.

Thank you to those who generously donated to the BBQ—to the Nguyen family and Phat Ky Hot Bread, Merrylands, for donating all the rolls, and to all those who contributed by donating water and juice and other items. We also thank those who served the BBQ for giving of their time and who came forward even on the day to see how they could help. It is great to have so many people who are so generous with their support of the parish and to have parishioners who pull together and work as one.

Thank you to those who last week and over the past few weeks have made a donation in support of this fundraiser to help Elvis travel to World Youth Day. So many people have come forward to offer money to help build this fundraiser and it is wonderful to see the support of the parish for this young man who gives so much of his time to the parish.

Elvis is a tremendous example of a dedicated volunteer, serving, as he does, up to five Masses every weekend across the parish at Holy Family Church and Holy Trinity Church, serving as cantor for the vigil Mass, and helping to arrange and prepare many of the large liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Please continue to support this fundraiser, if you can, and please pray for Elvis as he prepares himself for pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon.

Palm Sunday



2 APRIL

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

4:30PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 1st April*
8:30AM - HOLY MASS
5PM - HOLY MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

6PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 1st April*
10AM - HOLY MASS

Holy Week



Holy Tuesday

4 APRIL

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

7PM - TENEBRAE

A solemn service of psalms, prayers & candles

Holy Thursday



6 APRIL

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

6PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

7:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Good Friday

7 APRIL

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

9:15AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

10:30AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY FAMILY & HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

3PM - COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
5PM - CROSS WALK

Easter Sunday



9 APRIL

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

5:30PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 8th April*
8:30AM - HOLY MASS
5PM - HOLY MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

8PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 8th April*
10AM - HOLY MASS

HOLY TRINITY, GRANVILLE
CNR. RANDLE ST & BENNALONG ST

HOLY FAMILY, EAST GRANVILLE
200 THE TRONGATE



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Please give generously to the Bishop’s Good Shepherd Appeal
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Tenebrae

A service of Psalms, Prayers & Candles

Holy Tuesday

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL - 7 PM

Holy Trinity Church, Granville



CROSS WALK

Friday 7th April
5 p.m.

Join us for a solemn procession of
the Stations of the Cross
through the streets of Granville
in honour of Good Friday

Starting

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Cnr. Bennalong & Randle St

Ending

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
200 The Trongate



5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 42:1-2)

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

The Prophet Ezekiel (37:12-14)

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this—it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 129. R. v. 7)

R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. R.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. R.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) R.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he

who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 11:25, 26)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

The Gospel of John (11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45)

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.