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“For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children” (Dt 4:7-9). It is from this passage from the Book of Deuteronomy and made popular by Rudyard Kipling’s poem “Recessional” that we have the epitaph “Lest we forget.”

The word “lest” means much more in the English language than “unless.” It is more a warning to us that we should not, must not forget. Just as the writer of the book of Deuteronomy warns that we must not let these things slip from our minds so we must honour the memory of those who have gone before and remember the sacrifices they made to which we are the heirs.

To honour the fallen is not to glorify war. It is, instead, an act of mercy and the fulfilment of our Christian duty to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died and to commend them to the peace of almighty God.

Lest we forget that freedom is not a given, but something for which we must have the courage to defend against those who would take it from us. Only in freedom can the human spirit choose for or against. Only in freedom can we make a choice to love. It is freedom that God gave to us when He created us in His image and likeness—a freedom to choose to love Him, or to not.

Let us pray for all who have died in battle and let us not forget the freedom forsaken for our peace. May almighty God grant them eternal rest and may the passing peace on earth for which they fought be granted to them as eternal peace in heaven.

ANZAC DAY

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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, 11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Sisters, Gerry Pinto,

Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Wadzi Mushininga, Sisters,

Ingrid Bifulco

Children's Liturgy Sr. Suzanne and

Claudette Takchi

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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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

Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Alice Boustani, Yousseph Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Teofila Cabal, Mary Caden, Youseff Jose Chalhoub, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Margaret Hines, Kelvin Huitt, Salim Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Valeriano La Rosa, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paula Manaogleal, Paul Mathews, 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.*

**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.

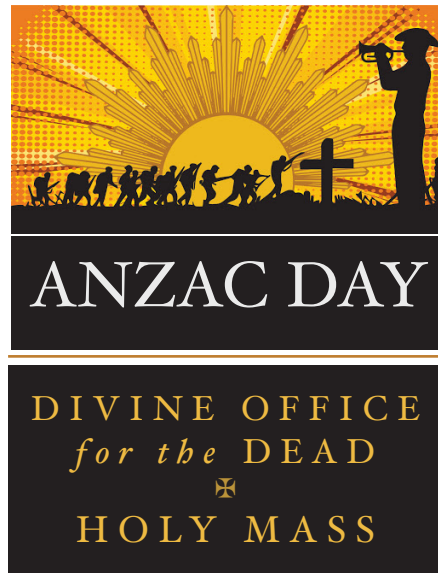
Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

If you would like to be a part of the planned giving programme and offer your regular support to the parish, please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office during the week.

**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.



TUESDAY, 25th APRIL
9:00 a.m.
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

On Tuesday,
as we commemorate Anzac Day,
the Divine Office for the Dead
will be prayed at 9:00 a.m.
followed by Holy Mass at 9:15 a.m.
in Holy Family Church



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ET LUX PERPETUA
LUCEAT EIS.
REQUIEScant IN PACE.

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—*Most Rev. Max L. Davis,
Bishop of the Australian
Military Services*

**ANZAC Day
Divine Office and Holy Mass**

On Tuesday Australia and the Commonwealth commemorate ANZAC Day. We will commemorate this day with the Divine Office for the Dead at 9:00 a.m. and Holy Mass at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Family Church.

Please note that there will be no evening Mass at Holy Trinity Church.

**Weekly Illegal Dumping
of Rubbish
at Holy Family Church**

Every week rubbish is illegally dumped at Holy Family Church. As those dedicated to the parish who read the bulletin each week know, this has been going on for over five years. This has not stopped but continues week after week.

Through the efforts of dedicated parishioners like Joe Chidiac, Andrew Takchi, Claudette Takchi, Daniel Takchi, Joshua Zaiter, Richard Zaiter and others, as well as Fr. Andrew who has spent many entire nights outside the church to guard it from this vandalism, the amount of rubbish being dumped has lessened. Nonetheless, it still goes on every week.

It is important that this matter be taken seriously and not continue to be dismissed or disregarded. If the church is to be regarded as sacred it must be protected as sacred.

**First Holy Communion
Enrolments Closing Soon**

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (first confession and first Holy Communion) will be closing on Thursday, 4 May.

Enrolment forms are available from Fr. Andrew after each Mass and must be returned to Fr. Andrew at a Mass.



ANZAC DAY

LEST ✠ WE ✠ FORGET

THE DIVINE OFFICE FOR THE DEAD *and* HOLY MASS

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—*Most Rev. Max L. Davis, Bishop of the Australian Military Services*

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL *at* 9:00 a.m.
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.



“God doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called.”
— recently ordained priest, Father Matthew Dimian.



\$25

Can fund a **seminarian’s** daily meals and nourish their health.



\$50

Can help fund a **seminarian’s** transport costs for community outreach visits to the lonely, sick, elderly, and people in need.



\$75

Can support a **seminarian’s** monthly medical care and wellbeing.



\$100

Can provide a **theology** textbook, periodical subscription or digital resources.



\$200

Can support a **seminarian’s** daily academic learning and living needs.



\$250

Can contribute to teaching sacred scriptures, sacramental and faith formation programs.



\$500

Helps resource a **seminarian** with a theological library, for learning and teaching faith for life.



\$1,250

Supports **spiritual** direction and retreats, enabling seminarians to grow in their faith.

Please give generously to the Bishop’s Good Shepherd Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



Saints & STUFF

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel is held to be one of the patron saints of the military.

During medieval times the Church chose St. Michael to be the patron of the military. As a patron saint, he was an advocate and intercessor to God on behalf of the military. According to the Bible, there is a continuous spiritual war between good and evil going on, and it is fought out on the battlefield in both heaven and earth. This spiritual battle is described in the St. Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus, when he wrote: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (6:10-12).

St. Michael is a symbol for us as a spiritual warrior, who stands ready to fight on behalf of the good. For the faithful, we are drawn to God through St. Michael as a symbol of protection and assistance in danger.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Human Solidarity

1939 The principle of solidarity, also articulated in terms of "friendship" or "social charity," is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood. An error, "today abundantly widespread, is disregard for the law of human solidarity and charity, dictated and imposed both by our common origin and by the equality in rational nature of all men, whatever nation they belong to. This law is sealed by the sacrifice of redemption offered by Jesus Christ on the altar of the Cross to his heavenly Father, on behalf of sinful humanity."

1940 Solidarity is manifested in the first place by the distribution of goods and remuneration for work. It also presupposes the effort for a more just social order where tensions are better able to be reduced and conflicts more readily settled by negotiation.

1941 Socio-economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all the forms of solidarity: solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples. International solidarity is a requirement of the moral order; world peace depends in part upon this.

CATHOLIC Trivia

PATRON SAINTS of the MILITARY

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel is charged with protecting those who love God, transporting the souls of the dead, and leading the battle against Satan and evil.

ST. JOAN OF ARC

St. Joan of Arc (1412-1431), a French peasant girl who led armies to restore the king to his throne.

ST. GEORGE

St. George (d. 203) a soldier of the Roman army, stood up for persecuted Christians against the emperor Diocletian, leading to his martyrdom.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

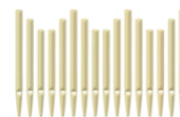
St. Martin of Tours (d. 319), a soldier who would later declare: "He declared "I am a soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight," but who stood unarmed with other soldiers amidst battle.

ST. SEBASTIAN

St. Sebastian (256-288), a soldier of the Roman emperor Diocletian, secretly converted fellow soldiers to Christ, who was martyred by the emperor.

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3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 65:1-2)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

The Acts of the Apostles (2:14, 22-33)

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.
'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v. 11)

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' R.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. R.

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Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Peter (1:17-21)

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason—so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation (Lk. 24:32)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John (20:19-31)

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been

that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the

day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communio (Lk. 24:35)

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



“Gang nach Emmaus” (“The Road to Emmaus”) by Robert Zünd (1877). Public Domain.