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SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

On May 1 the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. This feast has its origins in 1870, when Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church and instituted the feast as a solemnity with an octave, meaning that it was celebrated for eight days.

In 1955, Pope Pius XII replaced this solemnity with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, to be celebrated on May 1, the date of which coincides with International Workers' Day, to reflect St. Joseph's role as patron saint of workers, as their intercessor and as their example of the worthiness of work.

As such, the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker reminds us of the dignity of human labour. Beginning in the book of Genesis, human work has long been regarded as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humanity both fulfils the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (2:15) and to be productive in their labours.

St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Our Lord, is the great example of the holiness of human labor, and a reminder to us that all honest labour is noble and that all such work is a participation in the mission of creation of God.

Of St. Joseph, Pope Pius XII called him "the humble, the silent, the just labourer of Nazareth" and commended him as "[our] special Protector before God, [our] safeguard in life... [our] guardian and defender in the travails and trials of labour."

St. Joseph, as worker and as foster father of Our Lord, gives us an example of perseverance amidst difficulties and the dignity of work that is dedicated to God. In whatever our work may be, as long as it is honest then it is noble and we participate, in some way, in the work of God the Creator and so give glory to Him who created us.

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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 1: L. Hale,

D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,

J. Galea, A. Quinlan, L. Franco

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,

Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Hind Dagher-Hadchiti,

Rozsa Kazmer, Jasmine Miranda

Children's Liturgy Raphaella Chidiac

and Reanne Chidiac

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

Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi, Bonello Family, Nick Bonello, Betty Borg, Alice Boustani, Youssef 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, Kelvin Huitt, Salim Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, 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.*

Thank You for ANZAC Day Solemn Holy Mass

On ANZAC Day, the parish commemorated this national day of importance with the Divine Office for the Dead and a solemn sung holy Mass at Holy Family Church.

Thank you to those who made such solemnity possible. In particular, we thank John Portelli and Maryanne Takchi for arranging the music, and we thank Elvis, Jeevan, Paul and Patrick for serving this Mass. They are all a wonderful example of service to the Church as they serve across both churches of this parish and make these solemn occasions for all of us possible and make this a thriving parish.

They, and many other faithful parishioners, serve the parish devotedly week after week and make the parish vibrant and one that continues to thrive and grow.

It is wonderful that our many, many faithful volunteers always involve themselves and participate in the life of the parish across both churches. They don't seek any recognition for themselves nor are they concerned with getting any attention or credit. They do it out of love of the parish, out of devotion to the Church, and in service to Our Lord. They make the necessary sacrifices required of all volunteers and willingly give themselves over to this without any complaint to anyone. We thank them for their unwavering service to the parish and the example that they give.

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.

First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

First Friday Devotions in Honour of the Sacred Heart

This Friday, being the first Friday of the month, we continue our devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and in reparation for our sins and for the sins of humanity.



At Holy Trinity Church, beginning with confessions at 6:15 p.m., there will then be the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for these devotions in honour of Our Lord and for the grace of His Sacraments, especially in this Easter season and as a way to fulfill the paschal precept, which is to make your confession and to receive Holy Communion during the season of Easter.

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 many, many 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 continues to spend 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 week after week after week.

It is important that this matter be taken seriously and not continue to be dismissed or disregarded or just walked past and ignored and left for others to deal with. If the church is to be regarded as sacred it must be protected as sacred.

No Food or Drink in the Church

Please remember that it is not appropriate to consume any food or drinks in the church. To do so, when attending Holy Mass, would be to violate the Eucharistic fast, even for those who are not receiving Holy Communion. Consuming any food or drink, except for water, within one hour of Holy Communion breaks the fast.

For those who may be ill, bringing water to drink may be reasonable, but please take due care.

For those with very young children, it may be necessary, at times, to bring food or drink for them, but please ensure that no crumbs or waste are left in the 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



Holy Cross Parish

Decade a Day

Join us to pray one decade of the Holy Rosary every day throughout the month of May for a different special intention.

Help us build a spiritual crown for Our Lady by praying for her assistance.



Throughout the month of May, we honour in a special way the Blessed Virgin Mary as our Mother and the Mother of the Church.

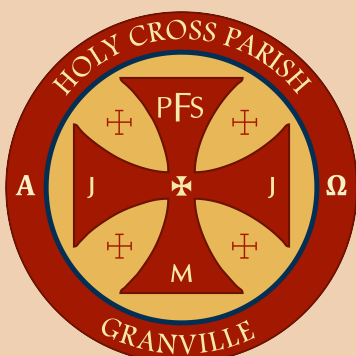
In order to honour Our Lady and seek her guidance and intercession, the parish will be praying a "Decade a Day". Each day there will be a particular intercession by which we can unite as a parish in prayer and so form a spiritual crown for the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, beseeching her care and support.

The Church honours the month of May as a Marian month in devotion to Our Lady, given to us as our mother from the Holy Cross.

Inspired by St. Luke who wrote in the the Acts of the Apostles, "The whole Church was fervently praying to God" (12:5), we invite you and with your families to pray one decade of the Rosary (ten Hail Mary's) each day for the special intercession which will be posted daily along with your own personal intentions and the intention of the

Holy Father, seeking Our Lady's help.

Set up a small prayer space in your homes with a statue or image of Our Lady for the month. Send us photos of your prayer spaces so that we can share them for others to view. This is a simple way that you can help us, as a parish and the Church as a whole, during this month, build a spiritual crown for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, praying for her Motherly care and intercession.



Join your prayers with the prayers of other parishioners of Holy Cross Parish to form a spiritual crown for the Most Blessed Virgin Mary



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

IN HONOUR *of* THE SACRED HEART

6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

CONFESSIONS



6:30 p.m.

HOLY ROSARY



7:00 p.m.

HOLY MASS



7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADORATION *of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 32:5-6)

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

The Acts of the Apostles (2:14, 36-41)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 22:1-6. R. v. 1)

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house
shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Peter (2:20-25)

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 10:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John (20:19-31)

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Communio (Lk. 24:35)

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.