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This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day, a day on which we give thanks to almighty God for the gift of our mothers and, in particular, the gift of our heavenly mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In celebrating our earthly mothers we celebrate, also, our heavenly mother, Mary. From the Cross her son, Our Lord, said to her, "Woman, here is your son." And to the apostle whom he loved, St. John, "Here is your mother" (John 19:26-27). From that moment the Mother of God became the Mother of the Church and of all who believe in her son.

At the Second Vatican Council the council fathers taught again that Mary is our Mother.

In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium*, they wrote: "Predestined from eternity by that decree of divine providence which determined the incarnation of the Word to be the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin was on this earth the virgin Mother of the Redeemer, and above all others and in a singular way the generous associate and humble handmaid of the Lord. She conceived, brought forth and nourished Christ. She presented Him to the Father in the temple, and was united with Him by compassion as He died on the Cross. In this singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Saviour in

giving back supernatural life to souls. Wherefore she is our mother in the order of grace" (n. 61).

So throughout the history of the Church she has always honoured Mary with titles of motherhood, making known again and again the gift that Christ gave us from the Cross. She is known as Blessed Mother, Mother of God, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of the Church, Mother of Victory, Mother of Mercy, Mother of Sorrows, Mother of All Graces, Mother Most Pure, Mother of Good Counsel, Mother Thrice Admirable, and Mother of Perpetual Help. But for us, the greatest title must be that we can call her Our Mother.

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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 3: Hanh Hanh  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Gerry Pinto, Racquel La Rosa,  
Rosette Chidiac

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

**Children's Liturgy** Wanda Krasinski and  
Chloe Zaiter

## 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

Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad,  
Victor Azzopardi, Bonello Family, Nick Bonello, 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,  
Kelvin Huitt, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, 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, Peter Pidgeon,  
Paul Raad, Peter Robertson, Sergio Sudiro, Emanuel Tabone,  
Darren Thornton, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

## St. Joseph's Table

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We are asking for donations of canned foods and other long-lasting foods such as cereals, pasta and rice as well as toiletries. If you would like to make a contribution to this appeal, please leave your donation on the St. Joseph's Table in the narthex of Holy Trinity Church or on the St. Joseph's Table in front of the altar of St. Joseph at Holy Family Church. With the generosity of parishioners, our last appeal was able to provide support to various charities including the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Rural Aid as well as families of the parish and of the parish schools. It was also great to have so many parishioners and families involved in sorting the items and preparing boxes. It shows the great enthusiasm of a thriving and vibrant parish.

## Diocese of Parramatta Synod

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The Diocese of Parramatta synod will be held from 12-15 October, A.D. 2023.

The Eastern Deanery "listening consultation" will be held on Saturday, 3 June from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. To register to attend visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023).

The Mass for the convocation of the diocesan synod will be said on at St. Patrick's Cathedral on 28 May, at 11:00 a.m. Each parish has been invited to send two representatives. We are seeking two parishioners who wish to attend the Mass and to represent our parish. If you would like to be a representative, please contact the parish office by Friday, 19 May, so your details can be forwarded to the cathedral to confirm your attendance.

For more information and to make a submission to the synod, visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023).

## A PRAYER on MOTHERS' DAY

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*Loving God,  
as a mother gives life  
and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.  
Bless my mother,  
that she may be strengthened  
as a Christian mother.  
Let the example  
of her faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that I, her child  
may honour her always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
Amen.*

## Thank You for the Holy Mass for Confirmation

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Last Thursday evening, the parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young parishioners.

We owe our thanks to all those who helped make this possible. To Rosette Chidiac for preparing the candidates and teaching them about the Sacrament; to John Portelli for arranging the music and the slides; to Chloe Zaiter for singing; to the altar servers, Joshua, Brandon, Elvis, Jeevan, Anthony, Paul, Paul and Patrick.

We also thank Annette Wirz for arranging the Mother's Day stall at the piety shop and Claudette Takchi for reading at the Mass.

Thank you, also, to those parishioners who took up the call to join the parish for this Mass to pray for and to show their support for these young parishioners on a very special day for them and for the community.

Please pray for those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, that they may be strengthened in faith and, by the grace of God, witness that faith to the world.

## Temporary Holy Mass Times

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The diocese have advised that the temporary Holy Mass times introduced by Fr. Andrew in service of parishioners during the pandemic restrictions will no longer be permitted. The diocese have thanked Fr. Andrew for his generosity in saying these additional Masses so that all parishioners would be able to attend Mass whilst attendance limits were placed on churches. However, the diocese have said that those conditions are no longer in place and, as such, there is no need for these additional times.

In order to allow notice of this, the temporary Masses times of Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. will continue until Pentecost Sunday, 28 May. For the time being, and whilst permitted, the temporary Mass time of Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. will continue.

## New Planned Giving Sets of Envelopes Available at the Doors of the Church

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The sets of planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are now available by the doors of the churches. Please collect your set of envelopes for use from July.

Thank you to those kind parishioners who are a part of the parish's planned giving programme and who contribute every week to the support of the parish, either by using the envelopes or by direct debit. Your generosity enables the parish to meet its costs and to plan for works including repairs and maintenance, utility costs, and insurance as well as for other costs such as supplies for the Masses, catechist books, our processions and other liturgical and devotional events.

If you would like to be a part of the planned giving programme and receive a set of envelopes, please speak with the parish office.



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

# HOLY CROSS PARISH ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

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FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THOSE IN NEED

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As the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker,  
Holy Cross Parish holds it's annual St. Joseph's Table.

We are asking parishioners to donate canned goods  
and other non-perishable foods to this table  
which will then be distributed to those most in need.

A table will be placed before the altar of St. Joseph in Holy Family Church  
and by the statue of St. Joseph in Holy Trinity Church for your donations.

Please support this good work of Holy Cross Parish  
by donating to the St. Joseph's Table  
through the month of May.







A synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

The Diocese of Parramatta synod will be held from 12-15 October, A.D. 2023.

The synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across the diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the people of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

The Eastern Deanery "listening consultation" will be held on Saturday, 3 June from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

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# Saints & STUFF

*Saint Louis-Marie  
Grignion de Montfort*



St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort (1673-1716) was a French Priest renowned for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and for the praying of the holy Rosary.

He is one of the founders of the theology of Mary, known as Mariology, writing two books: "The Secret of Mary" and "True Devotion to Mary." He saw Jesus and Mary as inseparable from one another. He said consecration to Jesus in Mary was a special path to being conformed to, united and consecrated to Christ, because "the more a soul is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ."

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Holy Rosary*

**964** Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death"; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion.

**971** "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honours "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs... This very special devotion... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## *The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary*

Since Pope Pius V in the 16<sup>th</sup> century there have been fifteen mysteries of the holy Rosary grouped into three sets: the joyful mysteries, the sorrowful mysteries, and the glorious mysteries.

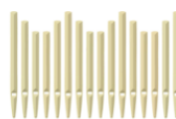
Then, in 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added five new mysteries to the Rosary. These he called the luminous mysteries, or the mysteries of light. These mysteries, he said, are a meditation on the public life of Christ and of the revelation of the kingdom of God in Him.

The luminous mysteries are:  
1. the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan; 2. Christ's first miracle at the Wedding at Cana; 3. Christ's proclamation of the kingdom of God and His call to conversion; 4. the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor; 5. the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Each day of the week is dedicated to one of the groups of mysteries. The joyful mysteries are prayed on Mondays and Saturdays, the sorrowful mysteries on Tuesdays and Fridays, the glorious mysteries on Wednesdays and Sundays, and the luminous mysteries on Thursdays.

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## 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

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### The Readings

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#### Introit (Cf. Is. 48:20)

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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#### First Reading

##### The Acts of the Apostles (8:5-8, 14-17)

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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#### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 65:1-7, 16-20. R. see v. 1)

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. R.

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#### Second Reading

##### The First Letter of St. Peter (3:15-18)

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that

those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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#### Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them  
and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

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#### Gospel

##### The Gospel of John (14:15-21)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows him;  
but you know him,  
because he is with you, he is in you.  
I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer see me;  
but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.  
On that day  
you will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments  
and keeps them  
will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me  
will be loved by my Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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#### Communio (Jn. 14:15-16)

If you love me,  
keep my commandments,  
says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father  
and he will send you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.