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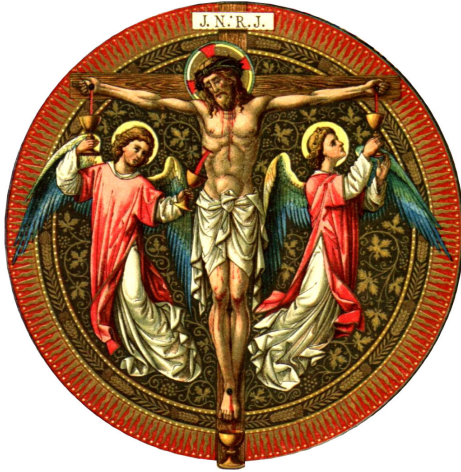
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THE MONTH of THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of CHRIST

There is a moment that is particularly upsetting in the film "The Passion of the Christ" when Claudia, the wife of Pontius Pilate, who was deeply troubled by dreams of Christ's innocence, silently brings fresh linens to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has just seen her Son scourged to the brink of death by the impious and drunken legionaries charged with carrying out His punishment. A look passes between the noblewoman in her elegant clothes and the future Queen of Heaven, whose garments are woven of coarse, earth-toned cloth. The intensity of their gaze at last breaks, and Mary turns at once to the task not of cleansing the blood-soaked stones of the square, but of retrieving from them as much as possible of the infinitely precious blood that poured out of her Son's sacred veins, the very Blood of God spilled so carelessly onto the earth.

It is the long tradition of the Church, which traditionally celebrates the July 1 as the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, that Christ was entirely drained of His blood during His torture, crucifixion, and death, drinking the

*It is written,
"You shall be holy, for I am holy."
And if you invoke as Father him
who judges each one impartially
according to his deeds,
conduct yourselves with fear
throughout the time of your exile.
You know that you were
ransomed from the futile ways
inherited from your fathers,
not with perishable things such
as silver or gold, but with
the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb
without blemish or spot.
(I Peter 1:16-19)*

chalice of suffering "to the dregs" by shedding every last drop of His most Precious Blood.

St. Thomas Aquinas famously said that just one drop of Christ's blood would have been enough to save the whole world, but instead Our Lord spared nothing in His suffering to show us that "God so loved the world..." (John 1).

One of the best means of participating in the graces of the Precious Blood is to offer it to God our Father. St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi once said: "Every time a creature offers up the Blood by which he was redeemed, he offers a gift of infinite worth." God revealed the practice of making this offering to her when He complained that so little effort is made in this world to disarm His Divine justice against sinners. Acting upon this warning, she daily offered the Precious Blood fifty times for the living and the dead. Because of her devotion God showed her on different occasions the many souls who had been converted or delivered from Purgatory.

Let us honour the most Precious Blood of Christ which we receive in Holy Communion, for when we receive the sacred Host we receive not only His Body but also His most Precious Blood, Soul, and Divinity. And always pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, in satisfaction for my sins, in supplication for the holy souls in Purgatory and for the needs of Holy Church".

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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, 8:30 a.m. and 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.

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 Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges,
Wadzi Mushininga, Reanne Chidiac

Children's Liturgy *not during school
holidays*

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, Semaan Alwan, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh
Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi, So Si Beng, Bonello
Family, Nick Bonello, Betty Borg, Alice Boustani, Yousseph
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Macchia, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna
Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Giovanna
Mondello, Joseph Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Peter
Pidgion, Paul Raad, Peter Robertson, Raffaele Scaturchio,
Emanuel Tabone, Darren Thornton, Peter Tuu Van Tran,
Joseph Vella, Peter Duc Van Vu, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

Catholic Foundation Appeal

This weekend the Catholic Foundation continues its annual “Good Samaritan Appeal”. This year’s appeal is in support of Aboriginal Catholic Care.

You can donate by making a contribution using the envelopes available on the pews and placing them in either the first or second collection.

Alternatively, to make a donation online, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au.

ABC Television Documentary on Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta

ABC Television has broadcast a documentary on Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta entitled “Sacred Space—the Franciscan of Parramatta” which is available to watch on ABC iView.

The diocese has encouraged people to watch this documentary as a “story that will help spread the good news about our Church and its mission”.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Sunday Evening at Holy Family Church

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which was introduced as a part of the Holy Cross Parish Year of the Blessed Sacrament, continues each Sunday evening at Holy Family Church, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Join us as we pray before the real presence of Our Lord—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—seeking the abundant graces that flow from the Blessed Sacrament and in reparation for the many sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion.

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. In a world increasingly violent towards Christ and His Church, we should seek to pray more fervently for the conversion of the world and the triumph of His Most Sacred Heart.

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

The new financial year begins this weekend and sets of planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available by the doors of the churches. Please collect your set of envelopes for use from this weekend.

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 Youth Pastoral Council

In order to encourage young parishioners to foster pastoral activity and to share in the consultative process of the parish, the Holy Cross Parish Youth Pastoral Council will be established.

This new council will sit in conjunction with the Parish Pastoral Council whilst maintaining their distinct character.

Membership of the Youth Parish Pastoral Council is open to all parishioners actively involved in the life of the parish who are aged between 16 and 25 years old.

Thank you to those who have already come forward to be a part of this. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, please speak with Fr. Andrew.



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.

To make a submission to the synod, visit

parracatholic.org/synod2023

Submissions close 31 July.



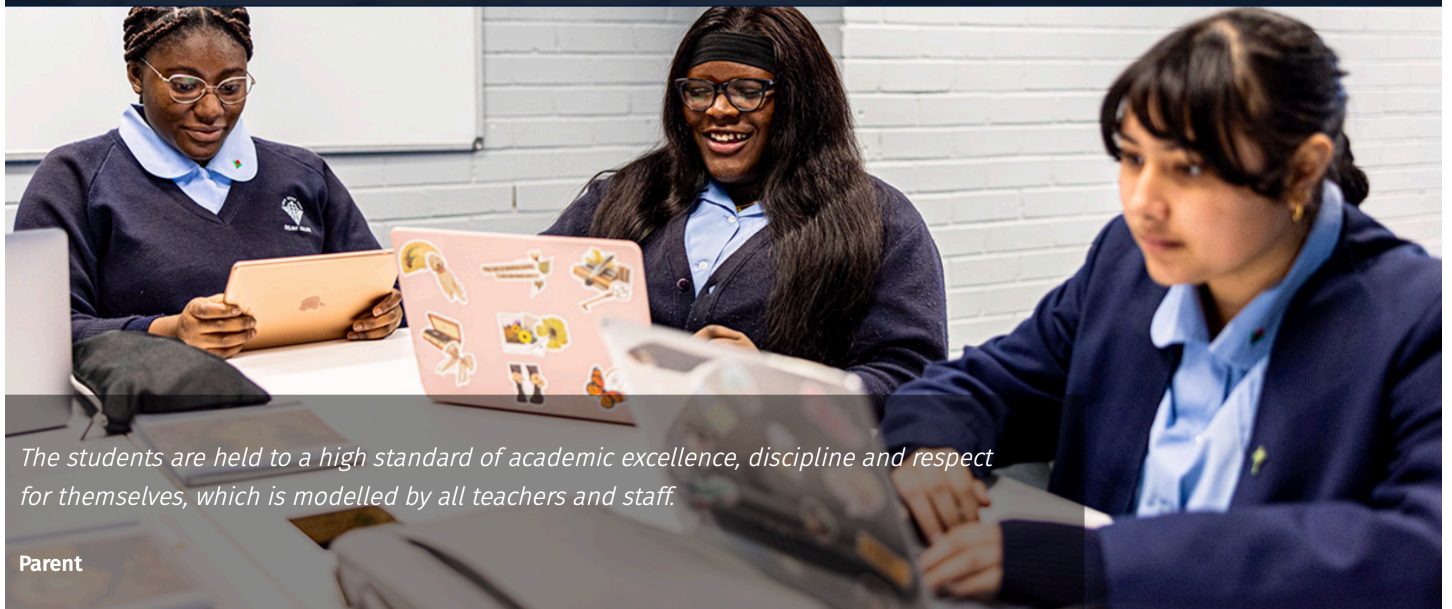


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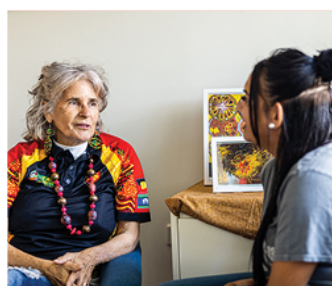
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Saints & STUFF

RELIC OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The 12th century Basilica of the Holy Blood in Bruges, Belgium holds a phial said to contain a cloth with the blood of Christ, brought to the city by Thierry of Alsace after the 12th century Second Crusade.



It is said that the cloth was that used by Joseph of Arimathea to soak up the blood of Christ after he washed His body for burial.

Whether the phial is genuine or not the fact remains that we behold the Precious Blood of Christ at every Mass. Daily on every altar in every Catholic church around the world a miracle takes place when, by the power of the Holy Spirit and at the hands of the priest, the wine and water in the chalice becomes truly the Blood of Christ Himself.



O most Precious Blood
of Jesus Christ,
Heal the wounds in the most
Sacred Heart of Jesus

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Precious Blood of Christ

602 St. Peter can formulate the apostolic faith in the divine plan of salvation in this way: "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers.. with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake." Man's sins, following on original sin, are punishable by death. By sending his own Son in the form of a slave, in the form of a fallen humanity, on account of sin, God "made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

610 Jesus gave the supreme expression of his free offering of himself at the meal shared with the twelve Apostles "on the night he was betrayed". On the eve of his Passion, while still free, Jesus transformed this Last Supper with the apostles into the memorial of his voluntary offering to the Father for the salvation of men: "This is my body which is given for you." "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

CATHOLIC SAY

The Story of a Young man who saved the Blessed Sacrament from ISIS and became a Priest

Martin Baani was just 24 years old when he risked his life as a seminarian to rescue the Blessed Sacrament from the imminent invasion of Islamic State terrorists in his hometown.

On August 6, 2014, Baani received a call from a friend who warned that a nearby village had fallen into the hands of ISIS, and that his hometown of Karamlesh would be next. Baani promptly headed to the San Addai church and took the Blessed Sacrament, to prevent the jihadists from desecrating it. That day, he fled in a car along with his Parish Priest and three other priests. "I was the last one to leave Karamlesh, with the Blessed Sacrament in my hands," he told Aid to the Church in Need.

Despite threats from ISIS, Baani chose to stay in Iraq instead of fleeing. He continued his studies in Erbil, the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan. In September 2016, Baani was ordained a priest along with six other men.

A few months before his ordination, Baani said: "Every day I go to the refugee camps to accompany the families. We are Christian refugees. ISIS wants to eliminate Christianity from Iraq but I have decided to stay. I love Jesus and I don't want our history to disappear."

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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 46:2)

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

The Second Book of the Kings (4:8-11, 14-16)

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 88:2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2)

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. R.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (6:3-4, 8-11)

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that

way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation (I Pt. 2:9)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness
and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (10:37-42)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 102:1)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.



"Behold, I am doing a new thing"

Isaiah 43:19

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