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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD o f C H R I S T

**“If you do not eat the flesh  
of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you have no life in you.  
He who feeds on my flesh  
and drinks my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I will raise him up  
on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood real drink.”  
(John 6, 53-55)**

Church teaching has always been that the Eucharist is really and truly the substance of Christ's body and blood, that when we receive the Eucharist we actually receive, on our hands and on our tongues, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We believe that to be ordained a priest is to be given the power to change ordinary bread and wine into the very substance of Christ's Body and Blood. We believe that after consecration, the substance is no longer bread, but the substance of Christ, although the attributes of the bread and the wine, their qualities like colour and taste and texture remain the same. And that is why we genuflect before it, for if it were only a piece of bread, we'd be committing idolatry every time we genuflect before the tabernacle.

We celebrate Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, today because of the vision of a small nun, Juliana of Liège eight-hundred years ago. She had a dream in which she saw the Church beneath the full moon, but that full moon had one dark spot on it, and that dark spot she believed to be the absence of a great feast in honour of the Body and Blood of Christ. Soon, Christ Himself appeared to her and asked that she plead for the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi.

For twenty years she had that vision but told no one, until she told her confessor and he told the bishop. At first the bishop was unsure of the girl's claim but soon after he heard of the miracle of Bolsena. Bolsena is a town in Italy and in the year A.D. 1263, a priest, whilst celebrating the Mass, had doubts as to whether the bread and wine truly became the Body and Blood of Christ. At that moment the host he held in his hands began to bleed onto the altar. Today the cloth on which the blood was caught is still kept and on it can be seen the face of Christ.

A year later the Pope decreed that the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ was to be celebrated throughout the world and is a public holiday in many parts of the world.

There are stories, verified by doctors, of women who lived on nothing else but the Body and Blood of Christ which they received daily in Holy Communion. There is Alexandrina Marina in Portugal who for thirteen years, from A.D. 1942 to A.D. 1955 ate and drank nothing except the Body and Blood of Christ, but lost no weight nor suffered any signs of malnutrition. There is Marthe Robin of France who for thirty years up until her death in A.D. 1981 took no food or drink except Holy Communion.

Pope Benedict XVI repeatedly said that God's love is the solution to every problem, personal and social, and that the Eucharist is the ultimate manifestation of that love.

This is not just a theory, this is not just some story, this is reality. The bread and wine are not something like the Body and Blood of Christ, they are not representative of His Body and Blood. The fact is that after the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the prayer of consecration of the Priest, the bread and wine no longer exist at all. There is no bread and there is no wine at all. Where they once were there is now and only the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ. On the altar, on your hands and on your tongue lies God.

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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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.

## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## SOCIAL MEDIA



holycrossgranville.org.au



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Holy Cross Parish App



@holycrossgranville

## 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 3: Hanh Hanh  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

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

**10:00 a.m.** Jasmine Miranda,  
Raphaella Chidiac, Mary Georges

**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, Semaan Alwan, 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, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Youseff  
Jose Chalhoub, John Dover, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin,  
Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Kelvin Huitt, Salim  
Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Salvatore La Macchia,  
Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun,  
Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Joseph Nammour, Jack  
Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Peter  
Pidgion, Paul Raad, Peter Robertson, Emanuel Tabone,  
Darren Thornton, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

## Catholic Foundation

This weekend the Catholic Foundation holds its annual "Good Samaritan Appeal". This year's appeal is in support of Aboriginal Catholic Care.

There will be a collection at each Mass this Sunday in support of the appeal. You can donate by making a contribution to this collection or you can use the envelopes on the pews and leave these in any of the collections.

To make a donation online, visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au).

## "St. Joseph's Table Appeal" Sorting and Packing Friday, 23 June

Thank you to all those who have supported the St. Joseph's Table appeal over the last month. We have had a tremendous response to this and many people have rallied behind this and given their support by way of donations of canned foods and other non-perishable items as well as toiletries and blankets. We also thank Holy Trinity Primary School for their support in collecting over 30 bags of items.

All the items donated will be sorted and distributed to those in need including the St. Vincent de Paul Society and families in our parish and in our parish schools. The money generously donated will be used in support of families in need.

We are now asking for people to help us to sort and pack these items. If you can, please come along on Friday, 23 June between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to MacKillop Hall. The more people we have the easier the job will be, so please, if you can even for a short time, come along to help.

The Last time we did this it was a great atmosphere of people working together for a common cause so please do come along.

## Annual **VOLUNTEER DRIVE** **VOLUNTEER!**

### Volunteer Information Night

# THIS FRIDAY 7PM

The Volunteer Information Night for our annual volunteer drive will be held this Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, following Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord at 6:00 p.m.

This will be a chance to learn more about the different ways to volunteer and to help out in the parish. It will be a chance to ask any questions about what is involved and to meet other volunteers.

It will be an information night but also a social night to be with other parishioners who volunteer or who are interested in volunteering and in being part of the life of the parish. We encourage everyone to come along and to find out how you can give some of your time in support of the parish.

We hope to see you all there this Friday evening!

## Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord This Friday Evening

This Friday the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord. Holy Mass will be said at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. This will be followed by the Volunteer Information Night at 7:00 p.m.

## Delany College Enrolments Now Open for 2024

Delany College, Granville is a Catholic co-ed secondary school. Our Patrician heritage goes hand-in-hand with our contemporary learning environment to offer an excellent choice for quality education.

The College provides a nurturing community for students to pursue excellence in their academic studies, as well as sporting and cultural activities. We aim for all our students to belong, participate and achieve.

If you have a child that you want to enrol for 2024, please get your enrolment forms in as soon as possible as we are soon approaching the end of term 2 and places are filling fast. For more information, please telephone the college office on 8633-8100 or visit the college's site at [delanygranville.catholic.edu.au](http://delanygranville.catholic.edu.au).



## First Holy Communion Mass Next Saturday

Next Saturday will be the second of the two first Holy Communion Masses. This Mass will be said at Holy Trinity Church at midday.

This is an important day in the life of these parishioners and an important day in the life of the parish.

It would be affirming for these young men and women of our parish to know that you are seeking to build up our community by attending this Mass with them and praying for them on this most sacred day.



A large crowd of people is walking outdoors, likely on a street. In the foreground, a priest is visible, wearing a white cassock and a white stole, holding a processional cross. The cross is ornate, with a golden sunburst design. Behind the priest, a large crowd of people is walking, some looking towards the camera. The background shows a street with parked cars and a fence.

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WALK WITH  
CHRIST  
TODAY

CORPUS CHRISTI, NEXT SUNDAY AT 11:00 A.M.  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



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# ADORATION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

# UNDER THE STARS

TODAY AT 5:45 P.M.  
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH





*Annual* **VOLUNTEER DRIVE**



# ***VOLUNTEER!***

**HOW WILL *YOU* JOIN IN  
THE LIFE OF THE PARISH?**

**See you there!**

***Volunteer  
Information Night***

**THIS  
FRIDAY  
7PM**

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

**Come along!**

**Answering your questions about:  
registration forms,  
training and support,  
rosters,  
Working with Children Checks**



**HOLY CROSS  
VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE**



# Be the face of Christ to our First Nations people



**\$25**

Can provide **friendship and support** through a weekly yarning circle.



**\$50**

Can provide a **fresh vegetable box** for a struggling family.



**\$75**

Can teach people **computer and technology skills**.



**\$100**

Can support **transport costs** to take people with limited mobility to vital appointments.



**\$200**

Can provide **art and craft classes, fellowship, and support**.



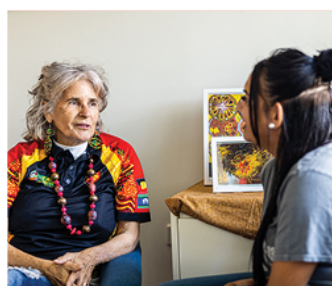
**\$500**

Can help people with limited education improve their **reading, writing, and other literacy skills**.



**\$1,000**

Can provide **counselling** for people experiencing emotional and financial hardship.



**\$2,000**

Can provide **44 caseworker hours of practical and emotional support** for people in need.

Please support Aboriginal Catholic Care with a gift to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



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# Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

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## The Readings

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### Introit (Cf. Is. 80:17)

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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### First Reading

#### The Book of Deuteronomy (8:2-3, 14-16)

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart—whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

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### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12)

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened  
the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. R.

He has established peace  
on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. R.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus  
with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. R.

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### Second Reading

#### The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (10:16-17)

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

### Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

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### Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 6:51-52)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

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### Gospel

#### The Gospel of John (6:51-58)

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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### Communio (Jn. 6:57)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.