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The Official Bulletin of Holy Cross Parish

The Catholic year is divided in many ways. From the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmastide, Lent, Eastertide, and Ordinary Time to the many solemnities, feasts, and memorials. But the year is also divided by months and days, each of which is dedicated to a particular aspect of our faith.

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, February is the month of the Holy Family, March is the month of St. Joseph, April is the month of the Blessed Sacrament, May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, July is the month of the Precious Blood, August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, September is the month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, October is the month of the Holy Rosary, November is the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and December is the month of the Immaculate Conception.

And then there are the days of the week. Sunday is dedicated to the Resurrection and the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Monday is dedicated to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Souls in Purgatory, Tuesday is the day of the Holy Angels, Wednesday the day of St. Joseph, Thursday is given in honour of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday honours Our Lord's Passion and His Sacred Heart, and Saturday is the day of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Heart, for just as Saturday is the gateway to Sunday, so the Blessed Virgin Mary leads us to her Son, our Lord.



THE DEDICATION

OF THE YEAR

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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, 5:45 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,

11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Readers

4:30 p.m. readers needed

8:30 a.m. Rose Succar

5:00 p.m. readers needed

DONATIONS

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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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Rebecca Hanson,
Gerry Pinto

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

Children's Liturgy Elmo Xavier and
Shanthi Xavier

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.

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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

Rev. Fr. Carl Ashton, Therese Akkary, Semaan Alwan, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi, So Si Beng, Betty Borg, Alice Boustani, Yousseph Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Giovanna Mondello, Joseph Nammour, Erlita Nazareno, Haydee Nursoo, Peter Pidgeon, Peter Robertson, Bob Sakr, Sultaneh Salhab, Raffaele Scaturchio, Emanuel Tabone, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.

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

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.

Liturgical Formation Classes

The Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Worship will be holding liturgical ministry formation classes in September. These classes are for those currently involved as a liturgical minister or for those interested in serving as a liturgical minister, such as a reader at Mass or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

If you are interested in attending these classes or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit their website to download an enrolment form at officeforworship.org.au.

The classes will be held on Monday evenings at the Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

Holy Family Church Cleaners' and Readers' Rosters Available

The rosters for cleaners and readers at Holy Family Church are available for collection in the sacristy.

Donation Boxes Given by Liberty Funerals

Liberty Funerals, Granville have generously donated two beautiful donation boxes to the parish—one for each of the churches.

We thank Ralph Chaiban and Liberty Funerals for their kindness and their support of the parish.



These donation boxes will be used throughout the year for donations to various works of the parish.

For more information on Liberty Funerals, Granville, visit their website at libertyfunerals.com.au or telephone 9637-0322.

Cleaning of Holy Family Church

On Saturday morning a number of parishioners joined Fr. Andrew to help clean Holy Family Church. Thank you to those dedicated parishioners who joined us and helped with this.

We are still calling on people to form groups to help clean Holy Family Church on a regular basis. We are asking for groups of 10 people to form a group and to be rostered to clean the church once a month on Saturday mornings. If you can form a group, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

Holy Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Those Suffering Cancer

Last Thursday evening at Holy Family Church the parish said the Holy Rosary and had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in prayer for those who are suffering cancer, for their families, for those who care for patients and for the repose of the souls of those who have died.

Thank you to those who joined us to pray for those suffering and to show their care and support for them and for their families.

Thank you, in particular, to those who assisted, including Chloe Zaiter for singing, Rosette Chidiac for reading, and Joshua Zaiter, Elvis, Joshua, Paul and Patrick for serving at this solemn celebration.

Please continue to pray for those who suffer so that they may know the consolation of Our Lord.

Holy Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candlelight Procession

On Tuesday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass will be said at Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m. and at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. (please note the change of time from the usual Tuesday evening Mass). Following this Mass, there will be a candlelight procession with the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

The parish bus will be available to transport people from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for the Mass, and from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church after the procession.

A vigil Mass will be said on Monday, 14 August at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

CANDLELIGHT
PROCESSION
in Honour of the
ASSUMPTION
of the
BLESSED
VIRGIN
MARY

Tuesday, 15 August

Holy Mass at 6:00 *p.m.*
at Holy Trinity Church
followed by procession
to Holy Family Church



Join us on the evening of Tuesday, 15 August as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a candlelight procession from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

The parish bus will be available to carry parishioners from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church following the procession.

We are inviting parishioners to assist with this procession by forming groups of four people to help carry the platform on which will stand the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*If you would like to be a part of this,
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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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



Saints & STUFF

Patron Saints for Everything!

Did you know that there is a Patron Saint for almost everything you can think of?

We each have a Patron Saint because of our Christian name but we also have Patron Saints for our parish, for our diocese (Saint Mary of the Cross), for our country (Our Lady, Help of Christians), for our jobs and even for illnesses!

Priests have St. Jean-Marie Vianney as their Patron, police have St. Michael the Archangel, and builders have three Patrons: St. Blaise, St. Louis, and St. Vincent Ferrer!

Even animals have their Patron Saints. Dogs have St. Guy, cats have St. Gertrude of Nivelles who just happens to be also the Patron Saint of field rats!



And yes, even politicians have a Patron Saint. He is St. Thomas More.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

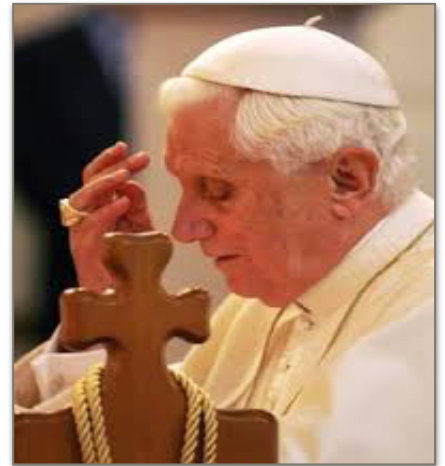
The Liturgical Seasons

1163 "Holy Mother Church believes that she should celebrate the saving work of her divine Spouse in a sacred commemoration on certain days throughout the year. Once each week, on the day which she has called the Lord's Day, she keeps the memory of the Lord's resurrection. She also celebrates it once every year, together with his blessed Passion, at Easter, that most solemn of all feasts. In the course of the year, moreover, she unfolds the whole mystery of Christ... Thus recalling the mysteries of the redemption, she opens up to the faithful the riches of her Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age; the faithful lay hold of them and are filled with saving grace."

1164 From the time of the Mosaic law, the People of God have observed fixed feasts, beginning with Passover, to commemorate the actions of the Saviour God, to give him thanks for them, to perpetuate their remembrance, and to teach new generations to conform their conduct to them. In the age of the Church, between the Passover of Christ already accomplished once for all, and its consummation in the kingdom of God, the liturgy celebrated on fixed days bears the imprint of the newness of the mystery of Christ.

CATHOLIC Trivia

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



The Sign of the Cross that marks the beginning and end of the Holy Mass, and which signifies the sealing of the Word of God "in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts" at the reading of the Gospel, has its origin in the first centuries of Christianity.

The sign of the cross, done by faith, has immense power. St. Benedict once did the sign of the cross over a poisoned drink meant to kill him, and as his hand moved reverently through the four directions of the cross, the glass shattered.

Each sign of the cross is also a sign—a renewal even—of one's personal decision to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. How many times have we gone through the "motion of the cross" instead of the "sign of the cross"?

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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 53:6, 8)

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

The Book of Wisdom (12:13, 16-19)

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R.v. 5)

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. R.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:26-27)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (13:24-30)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

Communio (Ps. 110:4-5)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.



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**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE
MONDAY, 31 JULY**