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ST. JOACHIM *and* ST. ANNE

The Parents
— of the —
Blessed Virgin Mary

According to tradition, St. Anne was born in Bethlehem, and married St. Joachim of Nazareth, both descendants of David. In the Protoevangelium of St. James, St. Joachim is described as a rich and pious man, who regularly gave to the poor and to the synagogue at Sepphoris. Tradition has it that the parents of the Blessed Virgin, who, apparently, first lived in Galilee, came later on to settle in Jerusalem. However, the high priest rejected St. Joachim and his sacrifice, as their childlessness was interpreted as a sign of divine displeasure. St. Joachim consequently withdrew to the desert where he fasted and did penance for forty days. Angels then appeared to both St. Joachim and St. Anne to promise them a child. There was ancient belief that a child born of an elderly mother who had given up hope of having offspring was destined for great things.

As the mother and father of the Blessed Virgin, the mother of the faithful, St. Anne and St. Joachim are held to be the grandmother and the grandfather of the faithful.

The Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Joachim and St. Anne on 26 July each year.

*O Lord, God of our Fathers,
who bestowed on Saints Joachim
and Anne this grace,
that of them should be born
the Mother of your incarnate Son,
grant, through the prayers of both,
that we may attain the salvation
you have promised to your people.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

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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. Claudia Tiller

5:00 p.m. Samar Karaki

DONATIONS

BSB: 067-950


Account: 00007247

Name: Granville Catholic Parish

SOCIAL MEDIA

 HolyCrossGranville

 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 1: L. Hale,
D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,
J. Galea, A. Quinlan, L. Franco

Readers

Vigil Sisters, Ingrid Bifulco,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Hind Dagher-Hadchiti,
Rosza Kazmer, Jasmine Miranda

Children's Liturgy Reanne Chidiac and
Raphaella 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

Rev. Fr. Carl Ashton, Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas,
Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi, Mr. and Mrs.
Benjamin, Basil Benjamin, 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, Sultaneh Salhab, Raffaele
Scaturchio, Mr. and Mrs. Segal, Emanuel Tabone, Peter Tuu
Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

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. 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.

Diocese of Parramatta Synod Submissions Close Monday

A reminder that submissions to the Diocese of Parramatta's synod will close on Monday. If you would like to make a submission, or for more information on the synod, you can visit the official website at parracatholic.org/synod2023 or scan the QR code on the following page.

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.

Please Help the Alphones Family to Stay in Australia

The Alphones family are asking for your help. They are dedicated parishioners of our parish and they are asking for you to help them to remain in Australia.



The family are petitioning the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs so that they may be granted permanent residency.

The family have lived and worked in Australia for the past fifteen years and their three children have grown up here and go to school in our parish.

Please help this family to stay in Australia by signing the online petition at <https://tinyurl.com/mrv28hny> or visit the parish's Facebook page to click the link.

Please pray for this family that Our Lord may always guard them and keep them close.

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.

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.

The vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption will be said on Monday, 14 August at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

Liberty Funerals Open Day and Lunch This Thursday

Liberty Funerals at 101 South Street, Granville will be hosting an open day this Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day will include discussions on how they organise a funeral and how to plan ahead. There will also be a lunch provided. If you would like to go along, please contact Liberty Funerals on 9637-0322.

Liberty Funerals are great supporters of the parish and have always been kind to us. As you would have read in last week's edition, they generously gifted two donation boxes to the parish—one for each of our churches.

For more information on Liberty Funerals, visit their website at libertyfunerals.com.au

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.*

RESTORATION *of the* STATUES *of OUR LADY and ST. JOSEPH* at HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



The statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the baby Jesus and of St. Joseph with the boy Jesus have been restored and returned to their altars at Holy Family Church.

These restorations were made possible by the generous donation of a kind and supportive parishioner, and we ask that you pray for this donor that they may be blessed for their sacrifice.

The statues were not finished and sealed before placed in the church and over the decades have deteriorated.

These restorations give glory to almighty God and honour those who originally donated them.

These works, also, continue the restoration work undertaken at Holy Family Church over the past years including the restoration of the lighting inside and outside of the church, the painting of the church doors, the restoration of the candle sticks, as well as many other works.



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

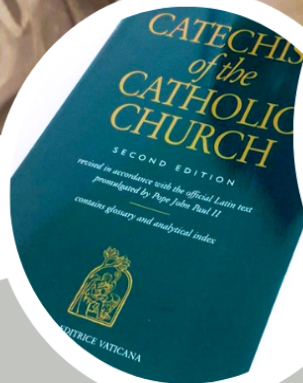
parracatholic.org/synod2023

Submissions close tomorrow.





COURSES



Centre for Thomistic Studies Course

Time 6-7pm **Ontology (Metaphysics)**

Time 7-9pm **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

Venue St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, Parramatta

Cost Free

Duration 8 Week Terms (Monday Nights)

Texts The Catechism of the Catholic Church (BYO)

Lecturer Dr Andrew Francis Wood

**Term 3
Starts:
31 July**

About the Centre: Since 2003 Dr Andrew Wood has been offering parish-based courses in theology, philosophy and Scriptural studies. The Centre for Thomistic Studies' mission is to form laity and clergy in the Catholic, and especially Thomistic, intellectual tradition.

Contact Us

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The Readings

Introit

(Cf. Ps. 67:6-7, 36)

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading

The First Book of the Kings

(3:5, 7-12)

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps. 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R.v. 97)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. R.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. R.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. R.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

(8:28-30)

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communio (Ps. 102:2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.