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Confession Once a Month ✠ Mass Once a Week ✠ Rosary Once a Day

Make your confession once a month. Whether you have mortal sins to confess or venial sins the Sacrament of Penance is the means by which Our Lord grants to us the grace of forgiveness and mercy, so that we are not only reconciled to Him but so that we are strengthened by cooperating with His grace to forge ahead against our inclination to sin.

The fact is that we all sin. We may be Baptised but concupiscence, the inclination to sin, remains.

Sin is real and we can never take it lightly or presume on God's mercy. We each take responsibility for our lives and our actions have eternal consequences. The choice for heaven or hell is ours and we make that choice by the way we live our lives.

Our Lord recognises the difficulties we face and so He gives to us this Sacrament to strengthen us and to help us persevere to eternity.

Hear Holy Mass at least once a week. The Mass is the source and summit of our faith. It is the unbloody memorial of the sacrifice of Our Lord on Calvary.

Because Our Lord thought us worth it He feeds us with His Body and Blood so that it may grant to us forgiveness and salvation. It purifies us from evil ways and evil passions. It brings us charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good. It is a strong defence against all enemies, visible and invisible, and it calms our evil impulses.

It is the foundation of our lives, the anchor by which we steady ourselves against the ravages of this world and the devil.

It is the most intimate experience we can have with Our Lord in this life, for only if we are blessed to reach our eternal homeland will we be perfectly united.

Pray the holy Rosary once a day. It is the spiritual weapon of Our Lady granted to St. Dominic as an instrument of devotion and a means of drawing us closer to our salvation.

The Rosary grants to us abundant graces. It is a powerful armour against hell, destroys vice, decreases sin, and defeats heresies. It causes virtue and good works to flourish, it withdraws us from the love of things of this world and points us to love of things eternal.

If we are faithful to the praying of the Rosary during our life we shall, at the moment of our death, participate in the merits of the Saints in heaven and we shall be delivered from the pains of purgatory to the glory of heaven.

The Rosary is a gift we offer to our Good Mother, Mary. It is a garland of roses and each "Hail, Mary" prayed devoutly is like a pure rose placed in the crown of 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, 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.

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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Sisters, Rozsa Kazmer,
Hind Dagher-Hadchiti

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
Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Teofila Cabal,
Mary Caden, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill,
Youseff Jose Chalhoub, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe
Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis,
Nouhad Houry, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun,
Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews,
Giovanna Mondello, Joseph Nammour, Haydee Nursoo,
Peter Pidgeon, 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.*

Requiscat in Pace **William (Jim) Mackie**

It is with sadness that we announce the death of long-time parishioner, William (Jim) Mackie. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family in the faith and hope of the resurrection.

The requiem Mass for the repose of his soul will be said on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel at Rookwood Catholic Cemetery.



*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
May his soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*



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

The new sets of planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available by the doors of the churches.

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, or to arrange a direct debit, please speak with the parish office.

Holy Rosary and Adoration **of the Blessed Sacrament** **for Those Suffering Cancer** **Thursday, 20 July, 6:00 p.m.** **Holy Family Church**

On Thursday, 20 July at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church we will pray the holy Rosary and have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for those who are suffering cancer.

There are many people in the parish who have been diagnosed with cancer and who suffer this terrible disease. In support of them and to seek divine intercession, we will offer our prayers by the Rosary and before the Blessed Sacrament.

Please join us and show your support for those suffering and to offer your prayers beseeching the intercession of Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Cleaning **of Holy Family Church** **Saturday, 22 July, 11:15 a.m.**

Fr. Andrew will be cleaning Holy Family Church on Saturday, 22 July at 11:15 a.m. He is asking for parishioners to join him to help clean the church that morning.

It is hoped that, in this way, more people will come forward to volunteer to clean Holy Family Church on a regular basis. As we have been asking, and as announced through the annual volunteer drive, we are looking for at least 40 people to form groups of around ten people to clean the church once a month. So far, we have **6 people** who have volunteered to clean the church regularly and so we are looking for at least 34 more people.

And a reminder that we are still calling on people to volunteer to read at Mass and for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at Holy Family Church.

Requiscat in Pace **Annie Smith**

It is with sadness that we announce the death of long-time parishioner, Annie Smith. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family in the faith and hope of the resurrection.

The requiem Mass for the repose of her soul will be said on Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church.



*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
May her soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*



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.

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.



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.



HOLY ROSARY *and*
ADORATION *of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN PRAYER *for* THOSE SUFFERING CANCER



THURSDAY, 20 JULY *at* 6:00 *p.m.*
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Join us as we pray for those of our parish
who are suffering cancer
so that they may be consoled and strengthened

*"You shall worship the Lord your God...
and I will take sickness away from among you."*

Exodus 23:25

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



Saints & STUFF

ST. BENEDICT MEDAL



The St. Benedict medal is one of the oldest and most honoured medals used by Christians and due to the belief in its power against evil is also known as the “devil-chasing medal”.

The front of the medal is marked by Saint Benedict’s cross. The reverse side of the medal bears the words *Vade retro satana* (“Step back, Satan”), a phrase which has been used by Christians to ward off evil since the 15th century.

Tradition holds that as a young Benedictine, the future Pope Leo IX attributed his recovery from a snake bite to that cross. After becoming pope in 1049, Leo IX enriched the St. Benedict cross to the form of a medal, and gave it blessings and indulgences.

It became increasingly popular in the 18th century, after its formal approval by Pope Benedict XIV, to ward off spiritual and physical dangers, especially those related to evil, poison, and temptation.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Desire for Happiness

1718 The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it: We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated. How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you. God alone satisfies.

1719 The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.

1720 The New Testament uses several expressions to characterise the beatitude to which God calls man: the coming of the Kingdom of God; the vision of God: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”; entering into the joy of the Lord.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Bleeding Host in Poland Confirmed to be the True Body and Blood of Christ

In Poland a consecrated host fell on the floor and picked up and placed in a container with water, according to the report by the Bishop of Legnica. The falling of the host and it’s preservation occurred on Christmas day of 2013. After the host was conserved in a container with water by the Parish Priest, it gradually began to turn to change colour, possessing red-bloody stains.



The final medical statement by the Department of Forensic Medicine found that “in the histopathological image, the fragments (of the Host) were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle. Tests also determined the tissue to be of human origin, and found that it bore signs of distress.”

In 2017 the Vatican approved the findings and reports of the case.

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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 47:10-11)

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

The Prophet Zechariah (9:9-10)

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. R.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:9, 11-13)

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who

raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 (11:25-30)

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communio (Ps. 33:9)

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



"Behold, I am doing a new thing"

Isaiah 43:19

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