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### THE ASSUMPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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In 1950 Venerable Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption, the fourth of the four dogmas or teachings of the Blessed Virgin, saying that Mary, at the end of her life, was taken up body and soul into heaven. Throughout her history, the Church, both in the east and the west, both the Catholics and the Orthodox, have held that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven body and soul.

But why is this so important? When you and I die our souls will be separated from our bodies. Our souls will stand before the throne of God in judgement and our bodies will be buried in the earth. Even for our Lord at His death His body was laid in a tomb. So why not for our Lady? Why did God not allow her body to be buried in the earth but, instead, carried her body and soul, into heaven? To understand this we need to understand just who the Blessed Virgin Mary is and why she matters in the history of our salvation.

At the beginning of time we were born into paradise and we lived with God who walked with us as He walked in the garden in the cool of the evening. But we chose ourselves, rather than God and by our pride, we were expelled from paradise to wander the earth in suffering and in pain. But neither did God remain in paradise but left His home to search for us and to call us back through Abraham, Noah, Isaac, and Jacob. But we preferred the life of filth to the life of grace and again and again we pushed God away. Until that day, two thousand years ago, when God no longer sent out others to look for us but came after us Himself.

In a young girl, of whom the world should never have heard, of a village that should never have mattered, in a country that was the backwaters of a great empire, at a time that should have been lost in history, was born God made Man. Whereas the sin of the woman Eve banished us from the sight of God — the faith of the woman Mary saw God set his sights on us. Whereas the self-esteem of the man Adam denied us our humanity — the self-sacrifice of Jesus gained for us the fulfillment of our humanity.

In her giving birth her virginity remained undefiled, in her falling asleep, she did not leave the world, but was assumed body and soul into Heaven, and crowned Queen. In the glory which she possesses in body and soul in Heaven, she is the image and the beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. And on earth she shines forth until the day of the Lord shall come, a sign of certain hope and comfort to the children of God.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### 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.

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### Rosters

#### Readers

**4:30 p.m.** readers needed

**8:30 a.m.** Julie Vu

**5:00 p.m.** Narelle Khoury

## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### 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.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 3: Hanh Hanh  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Racquel La Rosa, Gerry Pinto,  
Rebecca Hanson

**10:00 a.m.** Reanne Chidiac, Sisters,  
Hind Dagher-Hadchiti

**Children's Liturgy** *No children's liturgy  
next week*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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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

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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, Sam Munro, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean  
Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Sultaneh Salhab,  
Raffaele Scaturchio, Mr. and Mrs. Sega, 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.*

***Requiescant in Pace***  
**Michael Collins**

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It is with sadness that we announce the death of Michael Collins. In your charity, please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.

The funeral will be offered on Friday, 25 August at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

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*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.*

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**Online Donations  
in Support  
of the Parish**

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Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to help us to meet our costs.



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

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On Tuesday 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.

For those who wish to leave their cars at Holy Family Church and catch the bus to attend Mass at Holy Trinity Church, please be at Holy Family Church by 5:00 p.m.

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.

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

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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.

**Please Help the Alphones  
Family to Stay in Australia**

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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.

**Important Holy Mass  
Intentions Reminder**

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A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed.

Please also note that the Mass offered is the Mass of the day and not a memorial Mass. The Priest offers the sacrifice of the Mass for the intention of the donor but celebrates the Mass of the day, including Sundays, so the Masses remain parish Masses.

**Children's Liturgy**

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There will be no children's liturgy at the Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 20 August and Sunday, 27 August but will resume on Sunday, 3 September.



# WALK FOR *Mary*

*Candlelight Procession  
in honour of the  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Tuesday 15th August*

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

**6PM - HOLY MASS**

*Holy Trinity Church*

Followed by a candlelight procession  
to Holy Family Church.

*A Vigil Mass will be offered on Monday 14th August  
at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church*



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

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TUESDAY

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

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Join us on Tuesday evening 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.

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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.*



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Together we can  
keep the faith  
alive

The "Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians" belong to the religious family of the Salesians of Don Bosco and are devoted in particular to the education of young people. Twelve sisters of this community currently live and work in the apostolic vicariate of Chaco in the far north of Paraguay. In fact, they not only care for the young people here but also support the families, visiting the sick and the elderly, bringing them Communion, giving catechetical instruction and supporting the poor and disadvantaged with practical help and advice.

This is a vast region, covering around 37,000 square miles (96,000 km<sup>2</sup>), similar in size to South Korea or a little larger than Hungary, yet at the same time only sparsely populated, with just 30,000 inhabitants. The roads are very poor, and many places can only be reached by water. These include the two remote and isolated communities under the care of Sister Blanca. The people in them belong to two different indigenous tribes, and in order to reach them Sister Blanca has to make a journey of 2½ hours along the Paraguay River.

The other sisters also work in the town of Puerto Casado, where they care in particular for the members of the indigenous Maskoy people. "The grace of God has always accompanied the sisters of our community since they are instruments of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the marginalised peoples of Puerto Casado and the Maskoy Indians

—an impoverished ethnic group which is continuing to develop, thanks to the support of the Salesian brothers and sisters," explains Sister Marciana Toledo Vergara, the Superior of the community.

Sr. Emilia works in five different indigenous communities, preparing the children for their First Holy Communion, caring for the sick and supporting the local teachers. She also supports the students of the Maskoy people and generally helps the indigenous peoples in their daily struggle for survival. Meanwhile, Sr. Justa works together with some of the committed laywomen of the parish, visiting the various suburbs of Puerto Casado. Sr. Irene organises catechetical sessions and leisure activities for the children and young people and also guides a young people's group in the parish, helping to organise the liturgy and working to help the most needy.

In Ñu Apu'a the sisters have established a boarding school for 110 children whose families live too far from the nearest school. In this way, these children also have a chance to gain a proper school education.

These are just a few examples of the outstanding work the sisters are doing. They offer their service selflessly and for no reward, and so we in turn would like to support them for the current year with basic subsistence aid of \$8,000.

[aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

# Saints & STUFF

## ST. DOMINIC



During this month of August, where we honour Our Blessed Mother, we also remember in a special way St. Dominic whose Feast we celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Tradition says that Our Lady gave the Holy Prayer of the Rosary to St. Dominic which has been prayed by Catholics around the world since.

The Province of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) which covers Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands is dedicated to the Assumption and so this month holds special significance for these heirs of St. Dominic.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Assumption*

**966** “Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.”

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

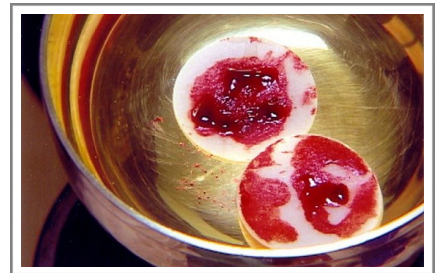
**She is our Mother in the order of grace.**

**967** By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a “preeminent and... wholly unique member of the Church”; indeed, she is the “exemplary realisation” (*typus*) of the Church.

# 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 its 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.”

The Vatican, in 2017, approved the findings and reports of the case.

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### The Readings

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#### **Introit** (Cf. Ps. 73:20, 19, 22, 23)

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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#### **First Reading**

##### **The First Book of the Kings** (19:9, 11-13)

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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#### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 84:9-14. *R.v.* 8)

*R.* Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R.*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. *R.*

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. *R.*

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#### **Second Reading**

##### **The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans** (9:1-5)

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ—it is the truth—my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them.

They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation** (Ps. 129:5)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

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#### **Gospel**

##### **The Gospel of St. Matthew** (14:22-33)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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#### **Communio** (Ps. 147:12, 14)

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

