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On Tuesday we celebrate the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, after her Assumption body and soul into heaven, was crowned Queen of Heaven. And we celebrated, also, the feast day of our Sisters, the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World—Australia.

In A.D. 1954 Pope Venerable Pius XII spoke about the Queenship of Mary in his encyclical, *Ad Caeli Reginum*, and taught that as her Son is proclaimed Prince of Peace, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords so she is honoured as Queen of Heaven because of the intimate connection that lies between a mother and a son.

From the annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel when Our Lady sang in the Magnificat: "From this day all generations will call me blessed," and the Visitation and the greeting of Elizabeth who said, "why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord," the Church has recognised this singular honour granted to her.

Let us glory in being subjects of the Virgin Mother of God, who, while wielding royal power, is on fire with a mother's love.

And let us pray not only for ourselves but also for our Sisters in the words of St. Ephrem: "Majestic and Heavenly Maid, Lady, Queen, protect and keep me under your wing lest Satan the sower of destruction glory over me, lest my wicked foe be victorious against me."

THE QUEENSHIP
of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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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. Julie Vu

5:00 p.m. Narelle Khoury

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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 4: A. Quinlan,

G. Pinto, M. Asiedu, M. Moses,

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J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj,

S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson,

Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Hind Dagher-Hadchiti,

Raphaella Chidiac, Sisters

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, Carmello Giovenco, 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, 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

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 requiem Mass for the repose of his soul will be said on Friday 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**

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (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.



Thank you
**Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Last Monday evening we celebrated the vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Holy Mass at Holy Family Church followed by vespers and the blessing of the newly restored statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. Thank you to all those who assisted that evening, in particular to John Portelli and Elvis for arranging the music, to Avanti Florist (avantiflorist.com.au) for the stunning arrangements of flowers that adorned the sanctuary and the statues, and to the donor who made the restoration of these statues possible.

On Tuesday we continued our celebrations with Holy Mass at Holy Family Church with Holy Family Primary School and then at Holy Trinity Church followed by a candlelight procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church. Thank you to all those who made these celebrations possible, in particular, to John Portelli and Maryanne Takchi for arranging the music, to Brandon, Elvis, Alvin, Anthony, Jeevan, Paul, Patrick and Patrick for serving the Mass and the procession, to Joe Chidiac for driving the parish bus both before the Mass and after the procession, to Rosette Chidiac and Claudette Takchi for leading the procession, to Richard Zaiter for organising safety marshals and securing the route, to all those who volunteered as marshals and all those who helped carry the statue of Our Lady, to Claudette Takchi and Maryanne Takchi for the beautiful arrangement of flowers that decorated the bier that carried the statue of Our Lady, and to all who devotedly joined us in the procession to give witness to the love of Our Lady to the world.

**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.

By spending this short time before Our Lord we show our love for Him and we receive His abundant graces to strengthen us for the week ahead.

**Important Holy Mass
Intentions Reminder**

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.

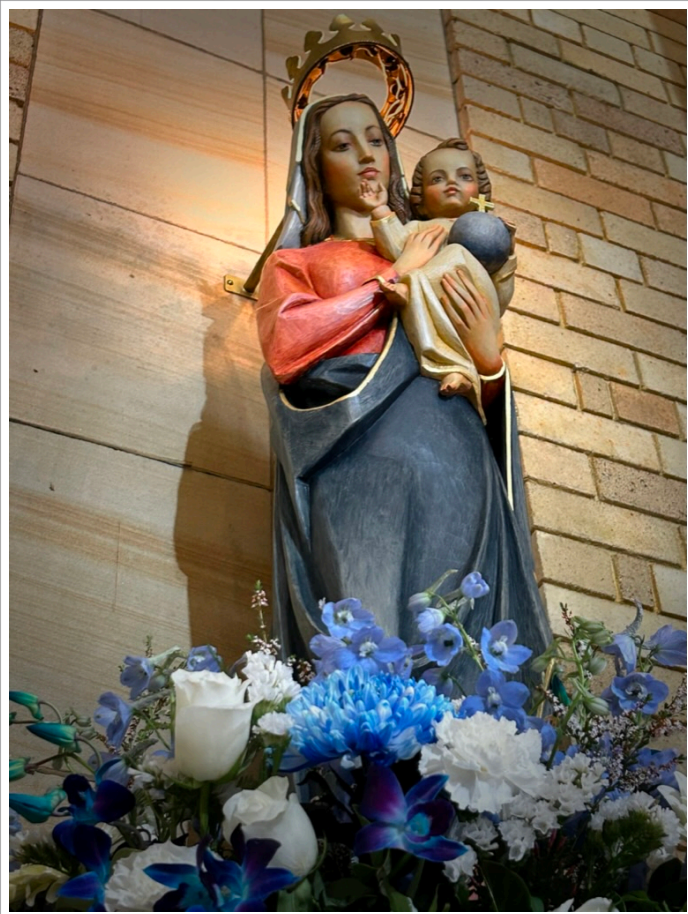
Please also note that the Mass offered is the Mass of the day and not a memorial Mass. The Priest offers the sacrifice of the Mass for the intention of the donor but celebrates the Mass of the day, including Sundays, so the Masses remain parish Masses.

Children's Liturgy

There will be no children's liturgy at the Mass at 10:00 a.m. this Sunday or next Sunday, but will resume on Sunday, 3 September.

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

VESPERS *and* BLESSING OF STATUES



These statues remind us of our own immortality and the grace of God that transforms us and brings us to the fulfillment of our humanity.

These statues were long neglected and had become tired and broken in much the same way as we can neglect our souls and allow them to become mired in the filth of our sins.

Now these statues have not only been restored but given a new life and they shine forth radiant with the colours of humility and holiness.

They remind us of the workings of grace of almighty God that is offered to us through the Sacraments, and above all else, through the Most Blessed Sacrament, which transforms us and give us new life and allows us to shine, too, with humility and holiness.

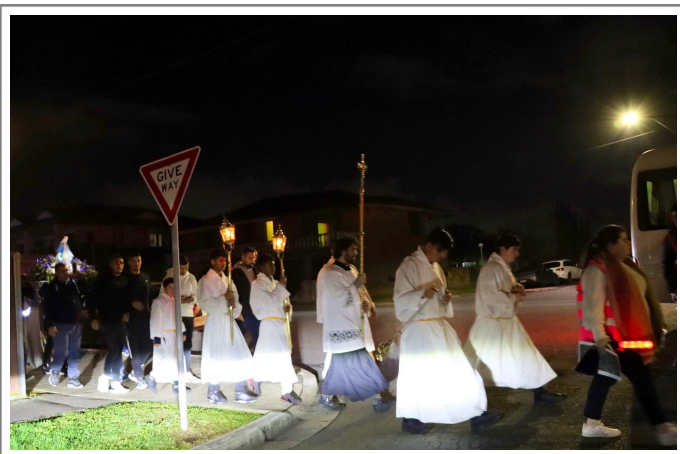
They remind us, also, of what can be achieved when people work with one another to achieve something good.

From the one who said these statues should be restored and found a way to do it, to the one who kindly and generously gifted the money to make these good works possible, to the one whose skill restored and brought to life these statues; each of these people used, firstly, a particular gift of God given to them which, when brought together, achieved these noble works for God.

—Rev. Fr. Andrew Bass, Homily given on the Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

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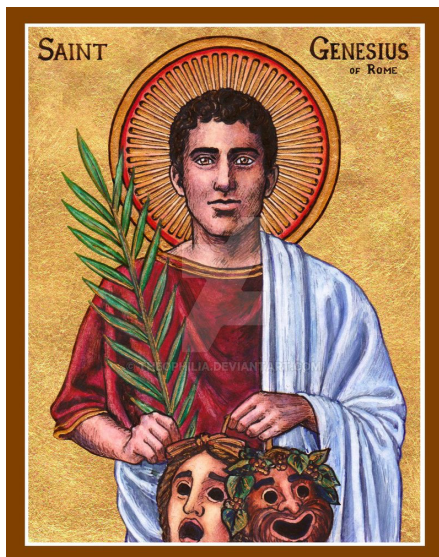
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Saints & STUFF

St. Genesis



There is a patron saint for everything and everyone, even clowns. And that's St. Genesis, a Roman martyr of the 3rd century.

In his earlier life he was a comedian and actor who performed in plays that mocked Christianity. According to legend, while performing in a play that made fun of baptism, he had an experience on stage that converted him. He proclaimed his new belief, and he steadfastly refused to renounce it, even when the emperor Diocletian ordered him to do so.

He is also the patron saint of actors, comedians, and lawyers. His feast day is 25th August.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Blessed Virgin Mary

971 "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honours "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs.

This very special devotion differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

972 In [Mary] we contemplate what the Church already is in her mystery on her own "pilgrimage of faith," and what she will be in the homeland at the end of her journey. There, "in the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity," "in the communion of all the saints," the Church is awaited by the one she venerates as Mother of her Lord and as her own mother.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Why the Devil Hates Mary

The Italian Priest, Fr. Sante Babolin, a renowned exorcist who has performed more than 2,300 exorcisms, said that "as proof of this hatred" of the devil toward the Mother of God, "while I was insistently invoking the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the devil answered me: 'I can't stand That One (Mary) any more and neither can I stand you any more.'"

Fr. Babolin pointed out the passage in the book of Genesis (3:15) — which is evoked in the Rite of Exorcism — where God says to the serpent that "she will crush your head." In this ritual, he said, the exorcist says to the devil:

"Most cunning serpent,
you shall no more dare to deceive
the human race,
persecute the Church,
torment God's elect
and sift them as wheat...
The sacred Sign of the Cross
commands you,
as does also the power of the
mysteries of the Christian Faith...
The glorious Mother of God,
the Virgin Mary, commands you;
she who by her humility
and from the first moment
of her Immaculate Conception
crushed your proud head."

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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 83:10-11)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (56:1-6, 7)

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R.v. 4)

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (11:13-15, 29-32)

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now—and only because of the mercy shown to you—will also enjoy mercy eventually.

God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (15:21-28)

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Communio (Ps. 129:7)

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

THE WORLD OFFERS YOU
COMFORT
BUT YOU WERE NOT MADE
FOR COMFORT
YOU WERE MADE FOR
GREATNESS

POPE BENEDICT XVI