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# Granville

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The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A

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Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

On that mountain-top of Tabor 2,000 years ago, with His close friends, Peter, James and John, our Lord was transfigured and “the aspect of His face changed and His clothes became brilliant as lightning.” All the dirt of the trek up the mountain, all the tiredness, all the hunger pangs and thirst were transfigured and our Lord stood before them with all the brightness and beauty of the glory that would not be seen again until His rising from the dead.

The three apostles that were with Christ—St. Peter, St. James, and St. John—are the same three that will be with Him in the garden of Gethsemane and there too they will be tired. Here on the mountain they were tired but managed to keep awake. In the garden they, again, will be tired, but will fall asleep. St. Luke says, “they were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw His glory.” In other words, if they had fallen asleep they would have missed it all—the transfiguration would have passed them by. Because they stayed awake, a phrase so often used by Christ, they saw His glory. In the garden of Gethsemane as Christ suffered and sweated blood they slept and so did not see His suffering.

The Transfiguration was shown to St. Peter, St. James and St. John, and is told to us, because we need to believe that our life has meaning, and that there is purpose in suffering, and that it is not an end in itself but a means to an end. We all want to feel that our experiences matter and make sense.



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### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

*“This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.  
Listen to him.”*

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Lana Leatherby

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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.** Rose Succar

**5:00 p.m.** Claudette Takchi

## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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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 2: P. Zaiter,  
N. Chidiac and C. Bultjens

### Readers

**Vigil** Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,  
Ingrid Bifuclo

**10:00 a.m.** Raphaella Chidiac,  
Mary Georges, Wadzi Mushininga

**Children's Liturgy** Victor Liu and  
Claudette Takchi

## 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.

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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

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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.

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **Holy Masses for the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross**

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On Tuesday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, patron saint of Australia and patron saint of the Diocese of Parramatta.



Holy Mass will be said at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Family Church, at 10:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church with Holy Trinity Primary School, at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church with Holy Family Primary School, and at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

## **Mary MacKillop Place**

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As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross on Tuesday, Holy Mass will be said at the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel at Mary MacKillop Place at 80 William Street, North Sydney at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



## **MARY MACKILLOP PLACE**

The chapel will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for private prayer and for visits to the tomb of St. Mary of the Cross.

The museum will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and, to celebrate the solemnity, admission will be free.

For more information on Mary MacKillop Place, visit [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au) or phone 8912-4890.

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

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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.

## **Learn More of Your Catholic Faith for Free**

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Learn more of the truth and beauty that is the Catholic faith by reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Dr. Andrew Wood of the St. John Centre for Philosophy and Theology is currently holding classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church which will run for eight nights on Mondays at the Cloister Hall at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta.

Many parishioners have studied with Dr. Wood in the past and have said what a wonderful teacher he is and how he made the faith and the teachings of Christ and the Church much more accessible to them.

For more information, call 0449 574 527.

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The Church in Australia celebrates Tuesday the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop. It is a particularly poignant celebration of the foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) as the Church celebrates the Year of St. Joseph.

At the Holy Mass celebrating her canonisation on 17 October, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said: "For many years countless young people throughout Australia have been blessed with teachers who were inspired by the courageous and saintly example of zeal, perseverance and prayer of Mother Mary MacKillop. She dedicated herself as a young woman to the education of the poor in the difficult and demanding terrain of rural Australia, inspiring other women to join her in the first women's community of religious sisters of that country. She attended to the needs of each young person entrusted to her, without regard for station or wealth, providing both intellectual and spiritual formation. Despite many challenges, her prayers to St. Joseph and her unflagging devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom she dedicated her new congregation, gave this holy woman the graces needed to remain faithful to God and to the Church. Through her intercession, may her followers today continue to serve God and the Church with faith and humility!"

In 2011, St. Mary of the Cross was proclaimed the Patron of the Diocese of Parramatta. Bishop Fisher, in his homily at the Holy Mass commemorating the silver jubilee of the diocese, spoke of the relation between St. Mary of the Cross and Parramatta. He said, "not only did she labour amongst us in this life, but she interceded from heaven to bring about a miracle for one of our parishioners." The first miracle attributed to Mary MacKillop was that of a woman living in the Diocese of Parramatta, whose complete recovery from acute myeloblastic leukaemia in the early 1960's was the miracle accepted by the Vatican in 1993 which led to the 1995 beatification.

Our own parish of Granville has a very close association with St. Mary of the Cross herself. The Sisters of St. Joseph founded a convent in Waratah Street in Granville in 1885, and a letter written by St. Mary to her mother on July 1, 1885 mentions the foundation at Granville. Our parish's two primary schools, Holy Trinity Primary School and Holy Family Primary School, are both schools founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph and continue in the Josephite tradition.

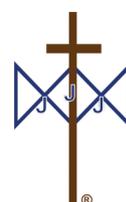
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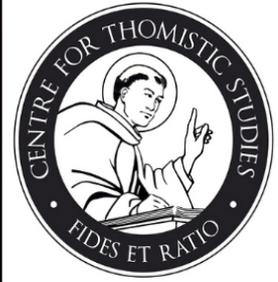


## *The Solemnity of* **ST. MARY of the CROSS**

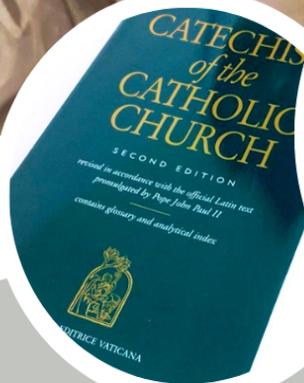
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O God, source of all goodness,  
who have shown us in Saint Mary  
a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross,  
teach us, we pray, by her example  
to live the Gospel in changing times  
and to respect and defend  
the human dignity of all in our land.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.





**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

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**Lecturer** Dr Andrew Francis Wood

**Term 3  
Starts:  
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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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CANDLELIGHT  
PROCESSION  
*in Honour of the*  
ASSUMPTION  
*of the*  
BLESSED  
VIRGIN  
MARY

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Tuesday, 15 August

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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 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.

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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.*

# Saints & STUFF

## ST. GAETANO



St. Gaetano dei Conti di Thiene (October 1, 1480 to August 7, 1547), was an Italian Catholic priest and religious reformer, who helped found the Theatines, whose feast day is celebrated this Sunday, August 7.

In the Maltese village of Hamrun his feast is celebrated by carrying his statue through the streets and then running it up the steep steps of the church. To check out the festivities go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3agT-YS1h8>.

He is known as the patron saint of Argentina, the unemployed, gamblers, document controllers, and good fortune.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Tradition*

77 "In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church the apostles left bishops as their successors. They gave them their own position of teaching authority." Indeed, "the apostolic preaching, which is expressed in a special way in the inspired books, was to be preserved in a continuous line of succession until the end of time."

78 This living transmission, accomplished in the Holy Spirit, is called Tradition, since it is distinct from Sacred Scripture, though closely connected to it. Through Tradition, "the Church, in her doctrine, life and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes." "[I]ts riches are poured out in the practice and life of the Church, in her belief and her prayer."

95 "It is clear... in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## Will my sin be forgiven if I don't feel sorry?



The question is, "I want to confess an obvious sin, but I do not feel remorse or regret for doing it. Do I need to be regretful to confess this sin or will it be forgiven even if I have no remorse?"

The answer is that what is required is repentance, which is an act of the will. Remorse and regret are emotions, which you may or may not feel and do not have control over. Feelings of remorse and regret are not required, but they are helpful in keeping us from sinning again. One way to encourage such feelings is to develop a devotion to Christ's Passion. Meditation on the agonies Christ suffered to merit for us the grace we receive through confession helps in developing a horror for sin and a just remorse for the sins of one's life.

source: [www.catholicsay.com](http://www.catholicsay.com)

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# The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A

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## The Readings

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### Introit (Cf. Mt. 17:5)

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.  
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

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### First Reading

#### The Book of Daniel (7:9-10, 13-14)

As I watched:  
Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
A court was held and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw,  
coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 96:1-2, 5-6, 9. R.v. 1, 9)

R. The Lord is king,  
the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. R.

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. R.

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. R.

### Second Reading

#### The Second Letter of St. Peter (1:16-19)

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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### Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 17:5)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him.  
Alleluia!

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### Gospel

#### The Gospel of St. Matthew (17:1-9)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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### Communio (I Jn. 3:2)

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.