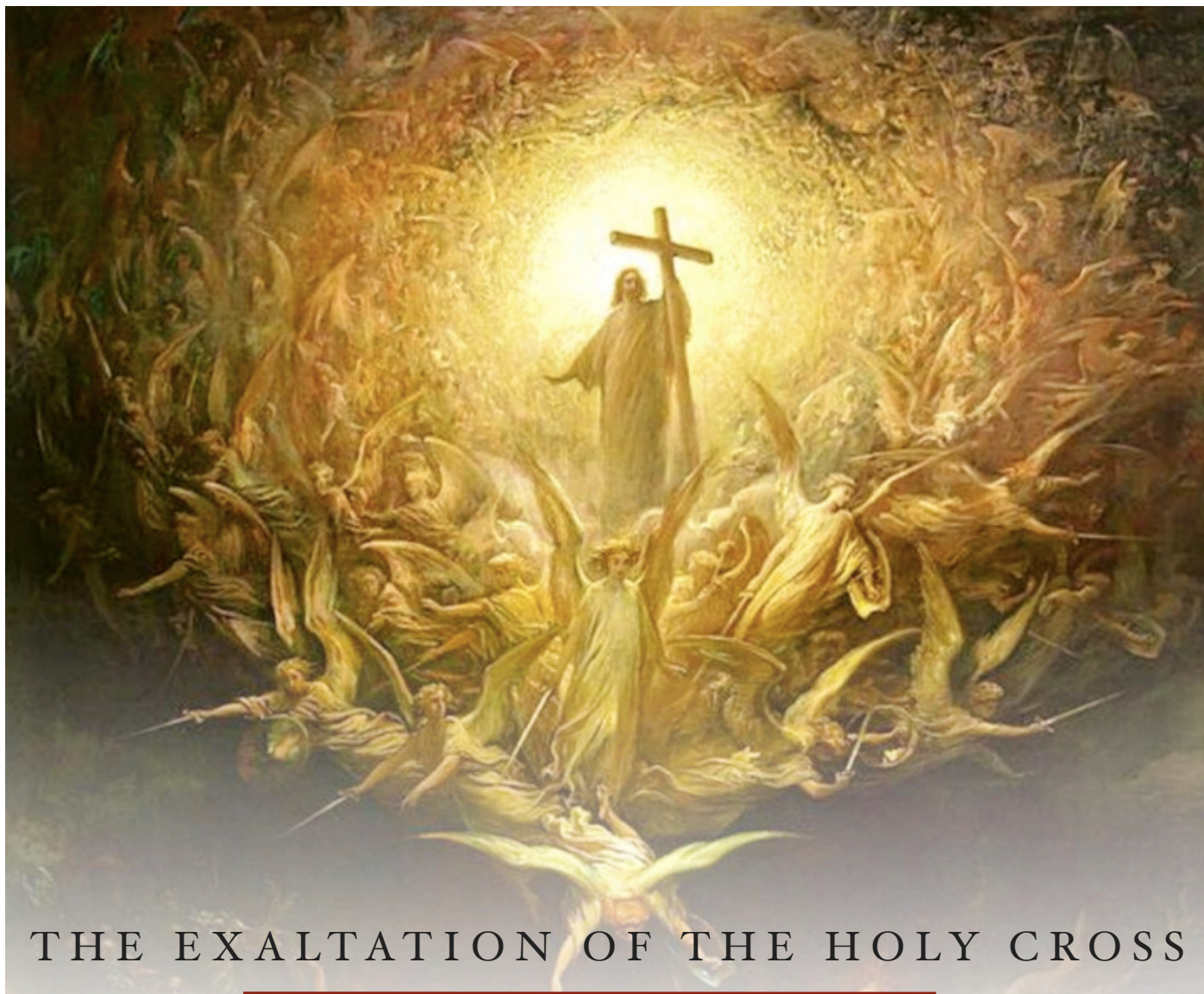

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On Thursday the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast recalls three events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of the churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in A.D. 629 by the emperor Heraclius after it had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians in A.D. 614.

Under Constantine, around A.D. 327, Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem, caused excavations to be made in order to determine the location of Calvary as well as that of the Holy Sepulchre. It was in the course of these excavations that the wood of the Cross was recovered. It was recognised as authentic, and for it was built a chapel or oratory. Soon after the discovery of the Cross its wood was cut up into small relics and quickly scattered throughout the world.

It is the Holy Cross, the ancient symbol of humiliation and failure, which is for us the sign of triumph and salvation.

For us the Holy Cross is the sign of the victory of good over evil, of life over death, and we honour this symbol whenever we make the sign of the Cross on ourselves. For by this we mark ourselves out as faithful Christians and we unite ourselves with the agony of the Cross so that we may be brought to share in its exaltation.

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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 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 Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

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

Children's Liturgy Wanda Krasinski and
Chloe Zaiter

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,
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Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos,
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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

Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad,
Victor Azzopardi, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin, Basil Benjamin,
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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Congratulations to James and Rachel Madry on the Birth of Oscar

It is with great joy that we announce the birth of Oscar Miutzihin Madry to James and Rachel. Oscar was born on Sunday, 13 August at 12:04 p.m. weighing 3.65 kilograms at 53 centimetres.



Congratulations to James and Rachel on the birth of their first child. We are pleased that mother and son are both well.

May almighty God bless them and keep them close to one another so that they may be an image of the love of Our Lord. May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph be the patrons of their family, to guard them and to guide them.

Father's Day Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests

Thank you to all those who supported the Father's Day Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by those Priests that are supported by your generosity.

If you would like to make a contribution to this appeal, envelopes are available on the pews and can be placed in either collection. Or, if you prefer online contributions can be made at csfparra.org.au.

Thank you for your support of these Priests.



HOLY CROSS WEEK

As the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Thursday, we celebrate our parish's feast day and the third anniversary of the foundation of Holy Cross Parish.

Join us through this Holy Cross Week as we celebrate this feast and pray for our parish.

With the regular Mass times during the week there will be, also, other Masses and devotions.

On Thursday, as we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, there will be a sung Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

On Friday at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, we will pray the Stations of the Cross and the Litany of the Holy Cross.

Let us adore the Holy Cross, the instrument by which Our Lord chose to redeem the world, so that we may seek to unite ourselves with the passion of Christ so that we may, by His mercy, come to share in the glory of His resurrection.

Thank you to those who joined us for our Holy Cross Parish retreat day, "Under the Holy Cross" at Holy Family Church as we celebrated the votive Mass of the Mystery of the Holy Cross, prayed before Our Lord in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and enjoyed a BBQ lunch.

Let us pray that we may always seek to live our lives under the Holy Cross so that we may stand with boldness and strength in the faith of Our Lord in imitation of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John.

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.

So do not abandon these moments of grace before Our Lord, for at a time when the Church is under terrible attack, we must cherish these moments where we can pray freely before Our Lord and ask that He guard His holy Church from all assaults.

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.

HOLY CROSS WEEK



SATURDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER

“UNDER THE HOLY CROSS” PARISH RETREAT DAY

11:00 *a.m.* to 2:00 *p.m.* at HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

HOLY MASS for the FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

6:00 *p.m.* at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

STATIONS OF THE CROSS *and the* LITANY OF THE HOLY CROSS

6:00 *p.m.* at HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



T H E † M E M O R I A L † O F

Our Lady of Sorrows

The month of September is traditionally given in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast is celebrated on September 15.

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her solidarity with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance.

Yet we remember that, as Pope Benedict XVI said, “Today Mary dwells in the joy and the glory of the Resurrection. The tears shed at the foot of the Cross have been transformed into a smile which nothing can wipe away, even as her

maternal compassion towards us remains unchanged. The intervention of the Virgin Mary in offering succour throughout history testifies to this, and does not cease to call forth, in the people of God, an unshakable confidence in her... Mary loves each of her children, giving particular attention to those who, like her Son at the hour of his Passion, are prey to suffering; she loves them quite simply because they are her children, according to the will of Christ on the Cross.”

As the Blessed Virgin Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Our Lord was nailed for our salvation, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her

soul. We honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was given to us as our mother from the Holy Cross, when remember and contemplate the seven sorrows she endured:

† *The prophecy of Simeon*

† *The flight into Egypt*

† *The loss of the Child Jesus
for three days*

† *Mary meets Jesus
on his way to Calvary*

† *Crucifixion and Death of Jesus*

† *The body of Jesus
being taken from the Cross*

† *The burial of Jesus*



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for us through their lifetime of service



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Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy
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\$100

Supports **transport costs to take unwell priests to medical appointments.**



\$250

Can support a retired priest's **medical care, mental health, and wellbeing.**



\$500

Can help fund **specialist medical consultations.**



\$1,000

Can help support our retired priests' **day-to-day living needs and home comforts.**



\$2,500

Provides our priests with **fifty hours of professional care** from our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team.



\$5,000

Can help fund **aged care and nursing home accommodation.**

Saints & STUFF



The Most Holy Name of Mary

The Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary is celebrated each year on 12 September. Pope Innocent XI introduced it to commemorate the victory at the Battle of Vienna in 1683. It was removed following Vatican II but restored by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002 along with the Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus. The memorial commemorates all the privileges bestowed upon Mary by God and all the graces received through her intercession and mediation. The day is often celebrated by croissants which commemorated the defeat of the Ottoman army at Vienna on this feast day.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Sacrifice on the Cross

617 The Council of Trent emphasises the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" and teaches that "his most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us." And the Church venerates his cross as she sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope."

618 The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men". But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]", for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps." In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering. "Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven" (St. Rose of Lima).

CATHOLIC Trivia

Croissants

Here is some interesting trivia for all our croissant lovers.

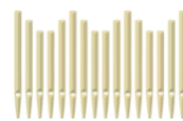


Last Wednesday, 12 September, was the glorious feast of the Holy Name of Mary. On that day 335 years ago, in A.D. 1683, the Catholic armies of Europe fought the Ottoman army at Vienna. It was after this battle that the "crescent pastry" came into being. The Christian victory was marked by eating the symbol of the Moors.



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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 118:137, 124)

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

The Prophet Ezekiel (33:7-9)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 94:1-2, 6-9. R.v. 8)

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (13:8-10)

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation (II Cor. 5:19)

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (18:15-20)

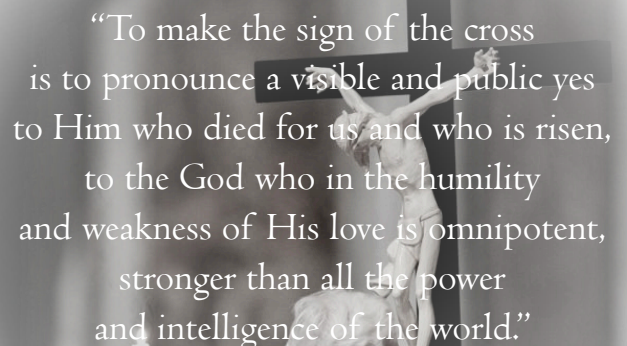
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communio (Ps. 41:2-3)

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



“To make the sign of the cross
is to pronounce a visible and public yes
to Him who died for us and who is risen,
to the God who in the humility
and weakness of His love is omnipotent,
stronger than all the power
and intelligence of the world.”

Pope Benedict XVI