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Happy FATHER'S DAY

*St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary,
you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty.*

You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you.

You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes.

They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

*You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace
and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, His tender 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. readers needed

8:30 a.m. Rose Succar

5:00 p.m. Claudette Takchi

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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 2: P. Zaiter,
N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Reanne Chidiac, Sisters,
Raphaella Chidiac

Children's Liturgy Sr. Susanne and
Claudette Takchi

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

Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad,
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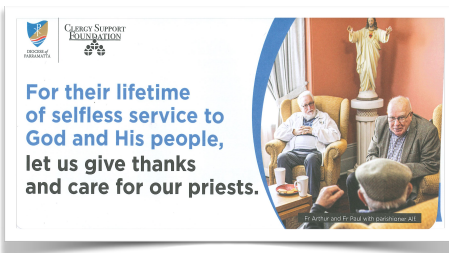
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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Important Notice Sacrament of Penance Next Saturday

The Holy Cross Parish retreat day will be held next Saturday. Because of this, the regularly scheduled Sacrament of Penance (confessions) from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church will not be offered. Instead, there will be a time for the Sacrament of Penance at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church as part of the retreat day.

Father's Day Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests This Weekend



This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day. In celebration of this day the annual diocesan appeal for sick and retired priests is made.

Last year, across the diocese, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling over \$200,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution.

A third collection will be held this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope.

If you prefer online contributions can be made at csfparra.org.au.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this appeal and please continue to pray for these men who have given their lives as Priests in service of Our Lord and His Church for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls.

“Under the Holy Cross” Parish Retreat Day Next Saturday

As we begin our celebrations of Holy Cross Week, join us next Saturday at Holy Family Church for our Holy Cross Parish retreat day.

You are welcome to attend the whole day or just part of the day but do dedicate some of the day to this retreat as a way to unite yourself more closely with the Holy Cross of Our Lord and to celebrate our parish's feast.

The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Holy Mass which will be followed by the first of two talks. At midday we will pray the Angelus and then have a BBQ lunch. After lunch, at 1:00 p.m., there will be the second of the talks and this will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At 2:00 p.m. the Sacrament of Penance will be offered for those who would like to make their confession.

We are asking for people to volunteer to help serve lunch. If you can help with this, please let Fr. Andrew know.

Join us, also, through the week for our celebrations in honour of the Holy Cross, with Mass on Thursday, 14 September for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Stations of the Cross on Friday, 15 September.

First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

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

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



UNDER THE HOLY CROSS

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11:00 a.m. | Holy Mass
11:40 a.m. | First Talk
12:00 p.m. | Angelus
12:05 p.m. | BBQ Lunch
1:00 p.m. | Second Talk
1:20 p.m. | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00 p.m. | Sacrament of Penance



Let us care for those who have cared for us through their lifetime of service



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



\$25

Can supply **fresh food and provide nourishing meals** for a retired priest.



\$50

Can help **fill a retired priest's petrol tank, supporting active independence.**



\$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

St. Teresa of Calcutta



On Monday the Church celebrates the 7th anniversary of the canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Last year, at Saint Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis, declared Mother Teresa to be a Saint. This follows his approval of a second miracle attributed to her intercession in which a Brazilian man was cured of multiple brain tumours in 2008.

Beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 2003 she was known as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. Thirteen years after her beatification Pope Francis will now declare her to be St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Let us seek her intercession that she may guide us to our Lord and Saviour with whom she now lives.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Communion of Saints

947 "Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others... We must therefore believe that there exists a communion of goods in the Church. But the most important member is Christ, since he is the head... Therefore, the riches of Christ are communicated to all the members, through the sacraments."

948 The term "communion of saints" therefore has two closely linked meanings: communion in holy things (*sancta*)" and "among holy persons (*sancti*)."

956 The intercession of the saints. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness. They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus. So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."

"Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life" (St. Dominic).

"I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth" (St. Thérèse of Lisieux).

CATHOLIC Trivia

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa was born in what is now Macedonia in Skopje, but then was part of Albania, on August 27th, 1910. Her real name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu.

In 1928, she joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Loreto, an order that ministered in schools in India. She took the name Sister Teresa and for 17 years taught in schools.

In 1950 she founded the Missionaries of Charity, a new order devoted to helping the sick and poor. The order grew to include convents in more than 100 cities around the world, and Mother Teresa became a worldwide symbol of charity, meeting with Diana, Princess of Wales, and many other public figures.

In 1979 Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, and in 1985 she was awarded the Medal of Freedom from the United States.

She died on September 5th, 1997, in Calcutta at the age of 87 years old.

She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II on 19th October, 2003, following a miracle attributed to her intercession in which an Indian woman was cured of an abdominal tumour.

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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 85:3, 5)

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

The Prophet Jeremiah (20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 62:2-6, 8-9. R.v. 2)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the

behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation (see Eph. 1:17-18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communio (Ps. 30:20)

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

UNDER THE HOLY CROSS

**HOLY CROSS PARISH
RETREAT DAY**

**NEXT SATURDAY
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**