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THE ✠ FEAST ✠ OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

The apostles, Saints Simon and Jude, whose feast day the Church celebrates on Saturday, are known, also, by other names in the Gospels. St. Simon is referred to as “the Zealot” and St. Jude as “Jude Thaddeus”. Apart from their names, however, little else is known about them. Although tradition holds that St. Jude travelled to Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq) and St. Simon to Egypt to preach the Gospel before both arrived in Persia (modern day Iran). It was here in Sufian (or at Siani) where they suffered martyrdom in A.D. 65 by having their throats cut.

St. Jude is thought to have been a relative of Jesus and it is also believed that he is the author of the Letter of Jude in the New Testament.

Today, St. Jude is most honoured as the patron of hopeless or impossible causes, whose intercession is sought in times of great need and despair. Both St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as the “Patron Saint of the Impossible”.

St. Jude is often depicted holding an axe and a medallion bearing the face of Christ. St. Simon is often

shown holding a saw as one tradition holds that he was martyred by being sawn in half.

The Church honours both of these great apostles for making known the salvation of Our Lord, for taking the faith across the world, and for the sacrifice of their lives for this.

Let us pray that we will continue to honour these saints and that, by their intercession, they will aid us in our daily battles so that in our lives we may make known the faith that they preached and so draw others closer to Our Lord and to His holy 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.

Rosters

Church Cleaning

Readers

4:30 p.m. Rosemary Wehbe


8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

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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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Gerry Pinto, Ingrid Bifulco,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Wadzi Mushininga, Sisters,
Raphaella Chidiac

Children's Liturgy Sr. Susanne and
Victor Liu

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, 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,
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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.*

IN MEMORIAM

Therese Akkary, Perfecto Arribas, Attard family, Najibeh
Malkoun Assaad, Axiak family, Victor Azzopardi, Mr. and Mrs.
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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

N O T I C E S

The Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project YouCat for Kids Now Available

Last year we launched the first Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project which made copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* freely available to all those who sought to participate and support this pastoral work of the parish.

This year we continue with the Catechism Project and encourage even more people to come forward and to be a part of this important work by asking for a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and committing to reading at least one paragraph the *Catechism* each day, to praying for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Church, and to pray for Holy Cross Parish.

With this year, however, we have expanded the reach of this project and are offering copies of *YouCat*, the catechism for adolescents and young people which summarises the most important elements of the faith in a question-and-answer format so making the truths of the faith accessible to a younger generation, as well as *YouCat for Kids*, which is intended for primary school aged children.

These books have been donated by Fr. Andrew and are made available to all those who seek to know and to love the Catholic faith ever more deeply. In a world which abhors truth and seeks to destroy Christianity, at a time when the teachings of the Church are questioned and formation in the faith is sorely lacking, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and education in the faith is needed more than ever.

The Church needs men and women ready to make a stand in defence of the Faith, of the Church, and of Our Lord.

Holy Mass for the 60th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Family Church This Friday

The parish will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of Holy Family Church with Holy Mass on Friday, 27 October at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we commemorate the consecration of the church and the altar dedicated to almighty God and from which flow His tremendous blessings and grace.

This is a chance to give thanks to almighty God for the gift of the Faith He has given to us and for His providence which has allowed for a church to be in this place so that His people may offer Him right worship and receive the grace of the Sacraments.

Following the Mass there will be light refreshments so that we can continue this celebration.

November Mass Intentions for the Faithful Departed

As is the tradition of the Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying for the faithful departed. Throughout November Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls, beseeching the mercy of God that they may be forgiven their sins and receive eternal life in heaven with all the Angels and Saints.

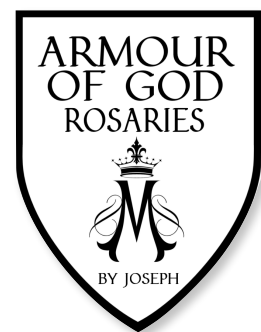
If you would like to have your family and friends remembered in these Masses and their names written in the Book of Remembrance please fill in one of the envelopes by the doors of the church and leave this in the box provided.

Those whose names are given will be remembered in the Masses said throughout November and will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

Thank You to Armour of God Rosaries

Thank you to Joe Chidiac and Armour of God Rosaries for the generous donation to the parish from the sale of Rosary beads.

Armour of God Rosaries by Joe Chidiac are available for sale in the piety shop. Each pair of Rosary beads are hand made and can be custom made especially for you or as a gift for others.



To order a pair of Rosary beads visit their Facebook page @ArmourOfGodRosaries or email armourofgodrosaries@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Graves of Priests at Rookwood Saturday, 4 November

On Saturday, 4 November at 11:00 a.m. at Rookwood Cemetery, we will visit the graves of the past Parish Priests of Granville to bless the graves and to pray the Divine Office for the Dead.

You can gain a plenary indulgence for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by visiting the cemetery and praying for the repose of the souls and fulfilling the usual conditions of confession, Holy Communion and praying for the intention of the Pope.

For those who would like to attend but are unable to drive themselves or to arrange transport, the parish bus will be available to drive people to and from the cemetery. If you would like to request a seat on the bus, please see Fr. Andrew for further details.

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Luminous Mysteries

The first luminous mystery, the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism in which we were saved (Titus 3:5). Through the Sacrament of our baptism, God has given us his very life and can say of us, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

The mystery of the wedding at Cana encourages us to develop a devotion to Mary. She is, as English poet William Wordsworth noted so beautifully, "our tainted nature's solitary boast." Mary not only ordered the servants to do whatever Christ commanded them, she herself submitted perfectly to the will of God, having said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

With the mystery of the proclamation of the Kingdom of God we recognise that every miracle performed by Christ and the apostles is a sign of a deeper reality. After all, the sick who were healed would get sick again, and the dead who were raised had to die again. As Catholics we have the unmerited privilege of guiding others to the Sacraments. It is through these Sacraments that Christ continues to heal the sick and raise the dead, sometimes physically but always spiritually.

The mystery of the Transfiguration tells us that it is part of our human nature to avoid suffering and seek pleasure. Because of this, we, too, can be like St. Peter, wanting to cling to the good times when the Lord felt close. It is comforting to note that while our Lord does not grant St. Peter's request, He does not make him walk back down the mountain alone but goes with him.

The most sacred object on the face of this earth is the Holy Eucharist. On meditating upon the mystery of the institution of this great sacrament, we should beg the Lord for a greater desire to receive Him, hidden behind the accidents of bread and wine. A bishop once told of a conversation he had with a Protestant. "Do you really and truly believe that that bread and wine become the actual body and blood of Jesus?" the Protestant asked. "Absolutely I do, you don't?" asked the bishop. "No, I don't," said the Protestant. "But I'll tell you one thing: If I did believe it, I would crawl over broken glass daily to receive Him!"



The Baptism of Jesus



The Wedding at Cana



The Proclamation of the Kingdom



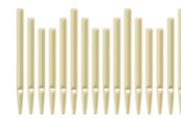
The Transfiguration



The Institution of the Eucharist

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60 YEARS

JOIN US FOR HOLY MASS
IN CELEBRATION OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DEDICATION
OF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

FRIDAY, 27th OCTOBER
at 6:00 p.m.





MASSES FOR THE DEAD

NOVEMBER MASSES

*To have the names of the faithful departed
of your family and your friends remembered at the altar
during Holy Masses said during the month of November,
complete one of the special November Masses envelopes
and leave this in the box by the doors of the church.*

*The names of those given will be written
in the Book of Remembrance
and placed at the altar of St. Joseph
at Holy Family Church
and in the chapel of the Missionary Sisters
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World
at Holy Trinity Church.*

During the month of November the Church asks the faithful to pray for the faithful departed—that the Holy Souls in Purgatory may be forgiven their sins and so borne to live forever with Our Lord and all the Angels and Saints.

Of this Pope Francis has said that “Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: It is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.”

Pope Benedict XVI said that “praying for the dead is a noble practice that implies belief in the resurrection of the dead... We intend our prayers of suffrage... to be united with this prayer of the Lord which is priestly *par excellence*. Christ substantiated his entreaty to the Father with the gift of himself on the Cross; let us offer our prayers in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is the real and actual representation of that unique and saving self-emptying.”

The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer of the Church, because it is the prayer of Christ Himself—the Son of God to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. There can be no greater prayer than this to be said for those who are suffering in purgatory, and no greater hope of salvation than offering this prayer.

We pray for those who have died because they can no longer pray for themselves. While in this life we can pray for ourselves and perform penances as acts of contrition for our sins. But at our death, we are no longer able to do this and so we rely solely on the love and the mercy of those who remain in this world and of the Saints in heaven to pray for us and our eternal souls.

In each Mass the Priest prays for the dead, asking the Lord to remember His servants “who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace” and asking that they may be granted “a place of refreshment, light, and peace.” This November, remember those who have died and pray for them, so that, they, when we depart from this world, will remember and pray for us.



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES OF

Priests at Rookwood

Visitation of the graves of past Priests of Granville
at Rookwood Cemetery to bless the graves
and to pray the Divine Office for the Dead

11:00 a.m. | Saturday, 4th November



*Enter Rookwood Cemetery on the corner
of East St. and Victoria St. East, Lidcombe
then continue down Necropolis Drive
until you get to the roundabout,
then turn left into the roundabout,
then the first left to St. Michael the Archangel Chapel*



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 16:6, 8)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (45:1, 4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I am you
that men may know from the rising
to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7)

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. R.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (1:1-5)

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation (Phil. 2:15-16)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (22:15-21)

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 32:18-19)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.