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THE FOUR LAST THINGS

DEATH and JUDGEMENT

The month of November is traditionally dedicated to praying for the holy souls in Purgatory. In recognition of this we will dedicate the bulletins this week and next to the Church's teachings on the four last things: death, judgement, heaven, and hell. This week we begin with death and judgement.

Where does death come from? Death comes from sin. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans explained: "Therefore, just as through one

person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned" (5:12).

Before the fall of Adam and Eve man lived in communion with God and possessed bodily immortality. But with original sin we lost that immortality and so became subject to decay and to death. With the loss of bodily immortality also comes suffering and illness. So it is now our part in this life to suffer and die.

But what is death? Death is nothing more than the separation of the body and soul. We do not cease to exist at death. We do not become unaware of things at death. Our bodies will cease to live as a result of age, sickness or accident, but we will continue. Life will go on; our souls will continue to be alive, but apart, for a time, from our bodies which will no longer be animated.

Death is a temporary state, for at our death we will be judged by Christ in the particular judgement, and then, at the end of the world, all men shall rise again for the general judgement. Thus the whole man, body and soul, will be rewarded for the good or evil that he has done, body and soul, in this life.

There are three possible outcomes to the particular judgment. Those whose love for God has been perfected in this life are taken straight to heaven, where they enjoy endless happiness in the face to face vision of God. Those who die in God's love but still love Him imperfectly must be purified in the intermediate state of purgatory. Those, however, who reject God's love by mortal sin and die without repenting are condemned to the everlasting torments of hell.

The Lord takes us seriously. He lets us have our own way. We get what we choose. We go to our own place. By the course of our lives we choose eternal happiness or eternal damnation.

The general judgment at the end of time simply solemnly confirms the particular judgments of each one, with the difference that then the body as well as the soul will receive what is due to it. And all God's judgments will be revealed as most just.

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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

Church Cleaning Group 1: C. Takchi
and M. Wehbe

Readers

4:30 p.m. Robyn Rich


8:30 a.m. Claudia Tiller

5:00 p.m. Samar Karaki

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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 1: L. Hale,
D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,
J. Galea, A. Quinlan, L. Franco

Readers

Vigil Sisters, Rebecca Hanson,
Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges,
Rosza Kazmer, Jasmine Miranda

Children's Liturgy Reanne Chidiac and
Raphaella Chidiac

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Marcus El-
Khoury, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Carmello Gioenco,
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,
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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.
Benjamin, Basil Benjamin, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Alice
Boustani, Yousseph Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul
Bradbery, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Michael
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Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell,
Haydee Nursoo, Mary Elizabeth Olsen, Herbert Pidgeon, Laura
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Alex Taktak, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

**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.

**Blessing of the Graves
of Priests at Rookwood
Next Saturday**

Next Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Rookwood Cemetery, we will visit the graves of the past Priests of Granville to bless the graves and to pray the Divine Office for the Dead for the repose of their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed.

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.

**First Friday Devotions
in Honour of
the Sacred Heart**

This Friday, being the first Friday of the month, we continue our devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord. At Holy Trinity Church, beginning with confessions at 6:15 p.m., there will then be the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

November Masses

Envelopes for the November Masses for the repose of the faithful departed are available at the doors of the churches. The names given will be written in the Book of Remembrance and will be remembered at Masses said throughout the month of November.

***Requiescant in Pace*
Lazarus (Les) Camilleri**

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Les Camilleri, a long time parishioner of the parish. In your charity, please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family, in particular, his beloved wife, Vicki, in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.

The funeral will be offered on Tuesday, 31 October 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.*

**Important Notice
Regarding Latin Mass
Thursday**

The usual first Thursday Mass in Latin will not be said this Thursday so as to allow for the Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed to be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The Mass in Latin will resume on the first Thursday in December.

**Important Notice
Regarding Confessions
Next Saturday**

Because of the visitation to Rookwood Cemetery next Saturday morning, confessions will not be available on Saturday morning at Holy Trinity Church. The next availability for confessions will be on Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

ALL ✠ SOULS ✠ DAY



ALL SAINTS' DAY, WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

8:15 A.M. | HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

6:00 P.M. | HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



ALL SOULS' DAY, THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

8:15 A.M. | HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

9:15 A.M. | HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

6:00 P.M. | HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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

May they rest in peace.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



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*



Saints & STUFF

ST. BENEDICT MEDAL



The St. Benedict medal is one of the oldest and most honoured medals used by Christians and due to the belief in its power against evil is also known as the “devil-chasing medal”.

The front of the medal is marked by Saint Benedict’s cross. The reverse side of the medal bears the words *Vade retro satana* (“Step back, Satan”), a phrase which has been used by Christians to ward off evil since the 15th century.

Tradition holds that as a young Benedictine, the future Pope Leo IX attributed his recovery from a snake bite to that cross. After becoming pope in 1049, Leo IX enriched the St. Benedict cross to the form of a medal, and gave it blessings and indulgences.

It became increasingly popular in the 18th century, after its formal approval by Pope Benedict XIV, to ward off spiritual and physical dangers, especially those related to evil, poison, and temptation.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Desire for Happiness

1718 The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it: We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated. How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you. God alone satisfies.

1719 The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.

1720 The New Testament uses several expressions to characterise the beatitude to which God calls man: the coming of the Kingdom of God; the vision of God: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”; entering into the joy of the Lord.

CATHOLIC Trivia

The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Since Pope Pius V in the 16th century there have been fifteen mysteries of the holy Rosary grouped into three sets: the joyful mysteries, the sorrowful mysteries, and the glorious mysteries.

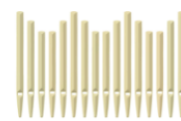
Then, in 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added five new mysteries to the Rosary. These he called the luminous mysteries, or the mysteries of light. These mysteries, he said, are a meditation on the public life of Christ and of the revelation of the kingdom of God in Him.

The luminous mysteries are:
1. the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan; 2. Christ’s first miracle at the Wedding at Cana; 3. Christ’s proclamation of the kingdom of God and His call to conversion; 4. the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor; 5. the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Each day of the week is dedicated to one of the groups of mysteries. The joyful mysteries are prayed on Mondays and Saturdays, the sorrowful mysteries on Tuesdays and Fridays, the glorious mysteries on Wednesdays and Sundays, and the luminous mysteries on Thursdays.

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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 104:3-4)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

The Book of Exodus (22:20-26)

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, ‘You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

‘If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

‘If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.’”

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. R.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (1:5-10)

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread—and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to

tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

Communio (Cf. Ps. 19:6)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.



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