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The Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus (St. Teresa of Ávila) (1515-1582) on October 15. Canonised by Pope Gregory XV in 1622, she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope St. Paul VI in 1970.

St. Teresa is most widely renowned for her mysticism, a way of mental prayer and contemplation, which she described as “nothing other than a close sharing between friends. It means frequently taking time to be alone with Him whom we know loves us.” (C.C.C., n. 2709).

Born in Ávila in Spain in A.D. 1515, she entered a Carmelite convent at the age of twenty. In time, she sought a reform of that order, seeking to overcome the lack of discipline and to strengthen the spiritual practices and prayer life of the nuns. For these reforms, she was greatly persecuted but was eventually granted the protection of the Pope and the Spanish king.

St. Teresa is the patron saint of Spain, declared such by the government in 1627, as well as the patroness of those who are sick, those in religious orders, people ridiculed for their piety, and lacemakers.

A prayer she wrote, known as the Bookmark of St. Teresa of Ávila, says: “Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices.”

So let us pray that St. Teresa of Jesus will intercede for us and guide us, through our prayers, to seek that perfect union with Our Lord.



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ST. TERESA *of* JESUS

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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

Readers

4:30 p.m. Rosemary Wehbe

8:30 a.m. Julie Vu

5:00 p.m. Narelle Khoury

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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 Racquel La Rosa, Rebecca
Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda, Sisters,
Wadzi Mushininga

Children's Liturgy Wanda Krasinki and
Chloe Zaiter

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,
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.



*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, Nieves 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
Collins, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Alan Frost, Carmen
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Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee
Nursoo, Mary Elizabeth Olsen, Clair O'Sullivan, Herbert
Pidgeon, Saliva family, Raffaele Scaturchio, Emanuel Tabone,
Alex Taktak, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

Holy Mass for H.S.C. Students

Holy Mass will be offered for the intention of those students undertaking their H.S.C. exams on Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Please pray for those who are beginning their exams that they may entrust themselves to divine providence.

Blessing of the Graves of Priests at Rookwood

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. 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. For those who would like the bus, please place your name on the forms by the doors of the church. Please be aware that there are limited places available on the bus and we may not be able to accommodate all requests.

Online Donations

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) or scanning the QR code below.

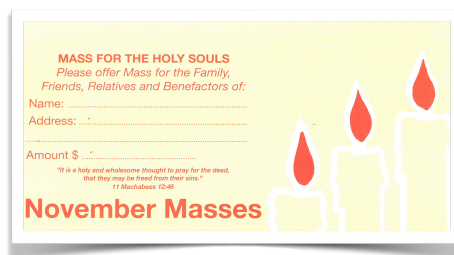
Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated in helping to meet our costs.



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.



MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS
Please offer Mass for the Family,
Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Amount \$ _____
"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
that they may be freed from their sins."
1st Maccabees 12:46
November Masses

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

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.

The Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project

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.

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 so that the freedom that comes from believing in and following Our Lord will be made known.

For a copy for yourself or for someone in your family, please speak with Fr. Andrew.



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.

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Pope Benedict XVI said of the Rosary: "With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory."

Meditating on the sorrowful mysteries demands that we meditate on our own lives and hold them against the lives and faith of Our Lord and the suffering He endured because of our sins.

The mystery of the agony in the garden demonstrates Our Lord's obedience to the Heavenly Father, saying, "not my will but thine, be done". This prayer echoes that of His mother, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:28). We should trust that even if the Lord permits suffering to come to us, it is for our good and His glory.

The mystery of the scourging at the pillar tells us that we were not created for comfort but for heaven. "The world will offer you comfort," said Pope Benedict XVI, "but you were not made for comfort you were made for greatness."

The mystery of the crowning with thorns means we, too, are called to bear persecution. Regardless of the persecution we face in this life, we can take courage in Our Lord's words, "in the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

The mystery of the carrying of the Cross reminds us that suffering is part of life and that if we want to be a disciple of Christ, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Christ (Luke 9:23).

The mystery of the crucifixion, the most atrocious evil ever committed upon the face of the earth, the execution of the God-man. And yet from this evil God brought forth great good—the redemption of mankind. Meditating upon the crucifixion we are encouraged that regardless of the trials and evil we may be undergoing, "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him" (Romans 8:28).

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.



The Agony in the Garden



The Scourging at the Pillar



The Crowning with Thorns



The Carrying of the Cross



The Crucifixion



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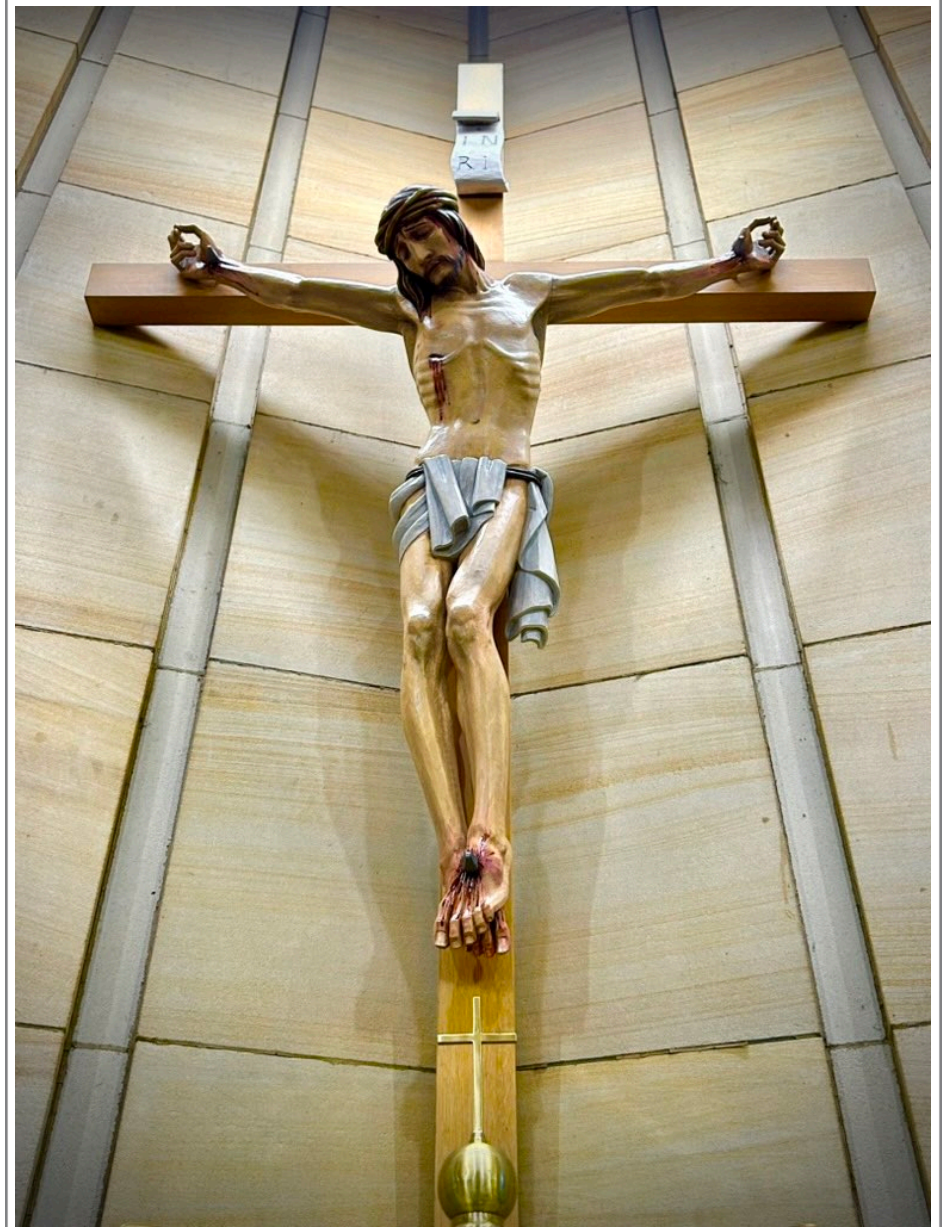
Provides our priests with **fifty hours of professional care** from our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team.



\$5,000

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

RESTORATION *of the* CRUCIFIX CORPUS *at* HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



As we continue our restoration of Holy Family Church, we have now completed the repair and the painting of the corpus of Our Lord on the crucifix that hangs in the sanctuary.

This work was made possible by the generous donation of a kind and supportive parishioner, and we ask that you pray for this donor that they may be blessed for their sacrifice.

The wood of the corpus was not sealed prior to being placed on the Cross and, over time, it had deteriorated to the extent that one of the arms of Our Lord had broken away from the crucifix.

This work, along with all the restoration undertaken, gives glory to almighty God and honours the original donors.

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Esther 4:17)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (5:1-7)

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Is. 5:7)

R. The vineyard of the Lord
is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River
it stretched out its shoots. R.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us
and we shall be saved. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (4:6-9)

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation (see Jn. 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (21:33-43)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communio (Lam. 3:25)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.