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THE • FEAST • OF • THE • PRESENTATION • OF • THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 21 November. With the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary, it is the third feast of the Marian feasts which find their echo in three of the feasts of Our Lord: the Nativity (Christmas), the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and the Presentation in the Temple.

This feast is celebrated on this day by Catholics and Orthodox alike, and for those in cloistered religious life it is a day totally dedicated to God in prayer, silence and concealment.

This feast, celebrated for over a thousand years, commemorates the presentation of the young Mary in the

Temple in Jerusalem. According to tradition, the tradition found in the Protoevangelium of James, Mary's parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne, who had to this time being childless, were promised by God that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the fulfillment of this promise, the young Mary is taken by her parents to the Temple to be consecrated to God.

Today we continue to celebrate this feast as "we celebrate that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace" (Divine Office). It is, for us, a reminder of the need we have to truly dedicate ourselves to almighty God.

In a world that is increasingly marked by self-entitlement and which sees the Church as being at the service of individual demands, this feast, as does the Blessed Virgin Mary in all aspects of her life, is an example to us that our lives must be lived in dedication to God and in service of His Church, not only for our salvation, but for the salvation of the world. Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary points always away from herself and towards her son, Our Lord, so we, too, should by our lives, point always to Christ.

Let us pray, on this feast, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, will intercede for us so that we may come to share in the fullness of grace.

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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
and readers needed


8:30 a.m. Claudette Takchi
and readers needed

5:00 p.m. *Readers needed*

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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

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S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Sisters, Jasmine Miranda,
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, Lucy Farrugia,
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese
Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine
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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, Victor Azzopardi, Bonello family, Betty Borg,
Alice Boustani, Yousseph Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul
Bradbery, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill,
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Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La
Rosa, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna
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Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee
Nursoo, Mary Elizabeth Olsen, Herbert Pidgeon, Laura
Pestano, Rogelio Pestano, Rolando Pestano, Edward (Tom)
Pidgeon, 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.

Catholic Church Teaching on Attending Sunday Mass Every Week

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “The Sunday Eucharist (i.e. Mass) is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist (i.e. Mass) on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin” (n. 2181).

As Catholics, we have an obligation to almighty God to honour that which He has decreed and by attending Mass each and every Sunday we give to God what He deserves, which is our worship.

Those who have a serious reason for not attending Mass such as due to illness, or infirmity or looking after their young children are dispensed from this obligation as long as the serious reason remains. However, for the sake of the duty of the worship of God, the Church encourages those who legitimately cannot attend to still offer some prayers such as reading the Holy Bible or praying the Holy Rosary.

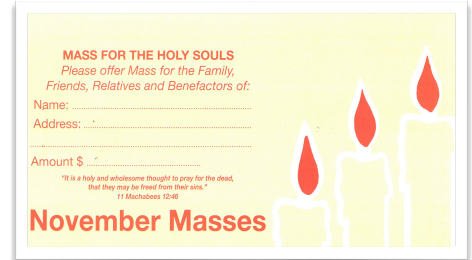
For all others, to not attend Mass on Sunday and on holy days of obligation (such as the Assumption or Christmas Day) commit a grave sin (i.e. mortal sin) which must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion.

Attending a Baptism or a wedding on a Sunday which does not take place during Mass does not fulfill the Sunday obligation and so those who do attend these must still go to Mass.

To duty attend Mass each Sunday is as nothing in comparison to the sacrifice of Our Lord on the Holy Cross who gave everything of Himself to us.

November Mass Envelopes

Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available by the doors of the churches.



As is the tradition of the Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying and offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the holy souls in purgatory. If you would like your family or friends remembered in these Masses, fill in one of the envelopes with their names (please print clearly) and leave it in the box by the doors. These names will be written in the Book of Remembrance which will be placed at the altars of the churches.

Red Wednesday

This Wednesday we honour Red Wednesday in support of Aid to the Church in Need as we pray for persecuted Christians in this country and around the world.

It is little known or publicised by the media that Christians are the most persecuted people in the world today. That persecution does not just exist in other countries but in Australia as well. The persecution of the Faith, of the Church, of individuals who seek to lead good and holy lives is a tragedy that must be confronted. Unless the faithful stand up and make a defence of the Christ, of the Church and of the Faith then we face a future, already known in other countries, where churches will be closed, Mass and the Sacraments will be banned, and Christians face legal discrimination.

So join us on Wednesday for Mass as we pray for the suffering.



PURGATORY

At the moment of judgement we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of [Christ's] love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy... The transforming "moment" of this encounter eludes earthly time-reckoning—it is the heart's time, it is the time of "passage" to communion with God in the Body of Christ. For the great majority of people—we may suppose—there remains in the depths of their being an ultimate interior openness to truth, to love, to God. In the concrete choices of life, however, it is covered over by ever new compromises with evil—much filth covers purity, but the thirst for purity remains and it still constantly re-emerges from all that is base and remains present in the soul. What happens to such individuals when they appear before the Judge? Will all the impurity they have amassed through life suddenly cease to matter? What else might occur? Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, gives us an idea of the differing impact of God's judgement according to each person's particular circumstances... Paul begins by saying that Christian life is built upon a common foundation: Jesus Christ. This foundation endures. If we have stood firm on this foundation and built our life upon it, we know that it cannot be taken away from us even in death. Then Paul continues: "Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3:12-15). Some recent theologians are of the opinion that the fire which both burns and saves is Christ himself, the Judge and Saviour. The encounter with him is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation "as through fire".

— Pope Benedict XVI, *"Spe Salvi"*, n. 45-47



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.



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RED
WEDNESDAY

Light Red. Wear Red. Pray Red.

THIS WEDNESDAY

*Join us this Wednesday as we stand in solidarity
with persecuted Christians
who suffer unjustly for their peacefully-held beliefs.*

*To honour Red Wednesday Holy Cross Parish
will turn our Facebook page RED
as we do something peaceful and positive to highlight the suffering
– injustices, discrimination, violence, oppression, torture and death –
of so many Christians and others today which goes unnoticed by the world.*

*And we invite you to wear RED that day
to honour those who are persecuted and ignored
and to use your social media to make #RedWednesday
a day that cannot be ignored.*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.

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Saints & STUFF

SAINT JUDE

Patron of Hope

St. Jude is well known as the Patron Saint of hope and lost causes. But did you know that he was one of the twelve Apostles? He is also known as Judas Thaddeus.

He is the Patron Saint of lost causes due to the tradition that, because his name was similar to the traitor Judas Iscariot, few, if any faithful Christians prayed for his intervention, out of the mistaken belief that they would be praying to Judas Iscariot. As a result, St. Jude was little used, and so became eager to assist any who asked him, to the point of intervening in the most dire of circumstances.

The Church also wanted to encourage veneration of this "forgotten" disciple. Therefore, the Church maintained that St. Jude would intervene in any lost cause to prove his saintliness and zeal for Christ, and thus St. Jude became the patron of lost causes.

*May the Sacred Heart of Jesus
be adored glorified,
loved and preserved
throughout the world
now and forever.
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
have mercy on me.
St. Jude of Jesus,
pray for me.*

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hell is Real

1033: We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbour or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

1035: The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

CATHOLIC Trivia

HELL

DOWN UNDER

Did you know that our English word "hell" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "helian", which means "to cover up", and originally meant other things, like a grave?

"Heaven", on the other hand, as the word suggests, means a place or a thing that is "heaved up"—therefore some elevated place.

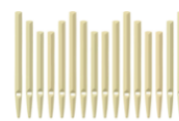
The "heaven" where God dwells must be the uppermost place, just as the hell where the devil suffers must be the deepest hole and the most securely covered place.

The old English word for "eyelids" was "helings" or little covers, and a person who covered a house with thatch was not called only a "thatcher" but a "helier".

**THE FACT THAT
THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO
HELL AND ONLY A
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
SAYS A LOT ABOUT
ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC
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The Readings

Introit (Jer. 29:11, 12, 14)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

The Book of Proverbs (31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)

A perfect wife—who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 127:1-5. *R.* v. 1)

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.
O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *R.*
Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *R.*
Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (5:1-6)

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you,
brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very
well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief
in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and
peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as

suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman;
and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for
that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons
of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night
or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as
everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 15:4, 5)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (25:14-15, 19-21)

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who
summoned his servants and entrusted his property to
them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a
third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set
out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants
came back and went through his accounts with them. The
man who had received the five talents came forward
bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with
five talents; here are five more that I have made." His
master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant;
you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will
trust you with greater; come and join in your master's
happiness.'"

Communio (Ps. 72:28)

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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is the foundation and confirmation
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— Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 2181