
Granville

Catholic Church Record

Vol. 8. No. 47

November 26, 2023

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Official Bulletin of Holy Cross Parish



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND



**Together
we can keep
the faith alive**

From its inception, the Catholic Church has provided for those in need. As part of her mandate to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ, the Church is deeply committed to social assistance, education and healthcare.

What many do not know though, is that the Church herself often requires urgent help in countries affected by displacement or catastrophe. In addition, more than 200 million Christians cannot freely exercise their faith; they suffer persecution and oppression for their love of Christ.

Unlike charities which exist primarily to provide humanitarian and social relief, Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

Aid to the Church in Need has long been described as a school of love. Countless people have discovered and learned the essence of Christianity as they make spiritual and material offerings to help build a bridge enabling the suffering and persecuted Church to live and witness their own faith.

Aid to the Church in Need has a threefold mission: first, to share the stories of those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith in Christ; second, to encourage prayer for the suffering Church; and third, to raise financial support to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk.

We do not seek, or receive assistance from the Church or the Government. We exist solely on the providence of our benefactors—people like you—who choose to journey with us in support of our brothers and sisters in faith.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Address

200 The Trongate,
South Granville, N.S.W. 2142

T 0497 190 444

E granville@parracatholic.org

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Andrew Bass PP

Business and Projects Manager

John Portelli

Catechist Co-ordinator

Lana Leatherby

Sacraments and Youth Co-ordinator

Rosette Chidiac

Online and Social Media Co-ordinators

Rosette Chidiac and John Portelli

Piety Shop

Claudette Takchi and Annette Wirz

Holy Family Primary School

T (02) 8633-8200

Holy Trinity Primary School

T (02) 8633-8500

Delany College

T (02) 8633-8100

DONATIONS

BSB: 067-950

Account: 00007247

Name: Granville Catholic Parish

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. Robyn Rich

8:30 a.m. Claudia Tiller

5:00 p.m. Samar Karaki

SOCIAL MEDIA



HolyCrossGranville



Holy Cross Parish App



@holycrossgranville

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, N. Begley

Readers

Vigil Gerry Pinto, Sisters, Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Rozsa Kazmer,

Wadzi Mushininga, Mary Georges

Children's Liturgy Wanda Krasinski and
Chloe Zaiter

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
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, Victor Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen
Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick
Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Lazarus Camilleri, Nazirah
El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Marcus El-Khoury, Alan Frost, Sita
Futu'u, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Raymond Gee, Joe
Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Chahid Habib, Fay Irons, Lex
Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La
Rosa, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna
Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Sam Munro, Joseph
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, Mershed
Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, 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 duly 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.

Red Wednesday

Last Wednesday we honoured Red Wednesday in support of Aid to the Church in Need as we prayed 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.

Thank you to those who joined us for the Masses offered that day and for those who wore red in support of the persecuted faithful.

Thank you, also, to Elvis, Paul and Patrick for serving the Holy Mass on Wednesday evening at Holy Family Church.

Holy Family Primary School End of Year Mass and Year 6 Farewell Mass

This Friday Holy Family Primary School will join us for Holy Mass at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Family Church for their end of year Mass.

Holy Mass for the Year 6 farewell will be said on Wednesday, 13 December at 6:30 p.m. Please note the change of time for Mass for this day.

Holy Trinity Primary School Year 6 Farewell Mass

Holy Trinity Primary School will farewell their year 6 students at Holy Mass on Tuesday, 5 December at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING *of the* UNIVERSE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe marks Christianity not as one religion among others but as the one, true religion. Jesus Christ, God made man, reigns as King of the Universe — as king of all faiths, of all peoples, of all nations, and of all ages.

Before our Lord ascended the throne of the Cross, Pontius Pilate asked Him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.”

Do we consider ourselves as truly subject to the words, the teachings, the person of Christ? Do we really believe that our King reigns from the Cross, that Cross that is at once the reality of the suffering of this world and at the same time the only answer to the suffering of this world. Have we enthroned Him in our hearts, our minds, our bodies and souls in a real way that affects how we live our lives? How many of us are willing to be the soldiers of the King, to fight the battle against the implications of Pilate’s question “what is truth” in a world that has denied truth?

We do not determine for ourselves what is right and what is wrong. We look to our Mother, the Church, who guides us just as she is guided by the Holy Spirit. We entrust ourselves to her care in confidence that she will lead us to the source of all truth and goodness, and so to the fulfilment of our humanity.

So we surrender our will to the will of God and abandon ourselves to His divine providence in the sure and certain hope of salvation.

But in a world which demands what is popular, are we prepared to do what is right?

“For [Christ] must reign until he has put all his enemies under His feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For God has put all things in subjection under His feet. . . .

When all things are subjected to Him,

then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things under Him,

that God may be all in all.”

—I Corinthians 15:25-28

Saints & STUFF

CHRIST *the* KING



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and draws to a close the Church's year.

This solemnity reminds us that in the midst of government upheaval and loyalty to political parties and ideologies that it is Jesus Christ who reigns as the true leader and ruler. Just as the three kings bowed before the baby Jesus, recognising that He was the true king, so all earthly powers must bow before the throne of God and recognise that true power comes from Him alone.

Pope Pius XI wrote: "While nations insult the beloved name of our Redeemer by suppressing all mention of it in their conferences and parliaments, we must all the more loudly proclaim His kingly dignity and power, all the more universally affirm his rights."

CATECHISM *of the* CATHOLIC CHURCH

*The Kingdom
of God*

781 "At all times and in every race, anyone who fears God and does what is right has been acceptable to him. He has, however, willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge Him and serve Him in holiness. He therefore chose the Israelite race to be His own people and established a covenant with it. He gradually instructed this people... All these things, however, happened as a preparation for and figure of that new and perfect covenant which was to be ratified in Christ... the New Covenant in His blood; He called together a race made up of Jews and Gentiles which would be one, not according to the flesh, but in the Spirit."

782 The People of God is marked by characteristics that clearly distinguish it from all other groups found in history: Its destiny, finally, "is the Kingdom of God which has been begun by God himself on earth and which must be further extended until it has been brought to perfection by him at the end of time."

CATHOLIC Trivia

“

**The age of
casual Catholicism**

is over;

the age of

heroic

Catholicism

has begun.

**We can no longer
be Catholics**

by accident,

but instead

we must be

Catholics by

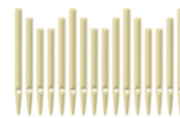
conviction.

”

— Fr. Terrence Henry TOR

MT
V C A L S

Maryanne Takchi
0402 704 274
maryannetakchi@gmail.com
instagram.com/mtvocals



JOHN PORTELLI

PIANO AND ORGAN INSTRUMENTALIST

WWW.JOHNPORTELLI.COM.AU

OVER 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN CATHOLIC SACRED MUSIC

John.Portelli@outlook.com.au

0401 463 343

 JohnPortelliMusician

 John.Portelli.Musician



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

**Together
we can keep
the faith alive**



At the end of the Second World War, Europe lay in ruin; millions of German men, woman and children were displaced from their homes. It was Christmas 1947, and into this dark hour, began what would become the life work of a young Dutch priest, asked to take charge of a special relief campaign for exiled priests and Catholics in Germany. From its very mission would come its name —aid to the Church in need.

Father Werenfried van Staaten, a convincing speaker and charismatic personality, appealed to the Catholic people of Belgium and the Netherlands, calling them to move past their hatred for the Germans and see in the suffering of these innocent German families, the suffering Christ. He called for action:

“We must go East... Trucks must be staffed with priests and filled with gifts... and make a tour from village to village across the vast districts. We must celebrate Mass, preach and distribute with hands plenty of what the love of the Christian West has bought together.”

Father Werenfried's pleas unleashed a flood of generosity and he became repeatedly successful at getting unique aid projects off the ground; tonnes of bacon for starving German families; the adoption of thousands of itinerant priests by Dutch school children; priests ministering on foot given motorbikes and VW Beetles; a fleet of chapel trucks built to take the sacraments to the people.

When the Cold War began in the 1950's Father Werenfried launched an unprecedented campaign for the persecuted Church behind the Iron Curtain. His leadership saw Aid to the Church in Need build, “fortresses of God”; churches constructed along the length of the Iron Curtain. From the 1960's onwards, Aid to the Church in Need increased its scope, offering hope to suffering Catholic communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Father Werenfried remained at the helm of Aid to the Church in Need until his death in 2003. Known as the greatest beggar of the 20th century, it is estimated that during his lifetime he orchestrated the collection and distribution of some \$5 billion for the needs of the suffering Church.



www.aidtochurch.org | 1800 101 201

**Together
we can keep
the faith alive**



Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians

In fact, we are the only international Catholic charity dedicated to this mission.

In 2022 we supported

5,702 Projects
in **128** countries
with **\$221** Million AUD

Ways to Give

www.aidtochurch.org

1800 101 201

Aid to the Church in Need has a threefold mission:
first, to share the stories of those who suffer
and are persecuted for their faith in Christ;
second, to encourage prayer for the suffering Church;
and third, to raise financial support to keep the faith alive
in those places where it is most at risk.

We do not seek, or receive assistance from the Church or the Government.

We exist solely on the providence of our benefactors—people like you—who choose to journey with us in support of our brothers and sisters in faith.



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

PONTIFICAL
FOUNDATION



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

The Readings

Introit (Rev. 5:1; 1:6)

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

The Prophet Ezekiel (34:11-12, 15-17)

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest—it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 22:1-3, 5-6. *R.* see v. 1)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. *R.*

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. *R.*

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *R.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to

God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation (Mk. 11:9-10)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communio (Ps. 28:10-11)

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.