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With this holy season of the 40 days of Lent, which the Church has made a time of recollection and penance, in preparation for the greatest of all her feasts, we suffer with Christ in his forty days in the wilderness so that we can share in the glory of his Resurrection.

The number 40, as St. Jerome teaches, denotes punishment and affliction: "Let us remember the 40 days and 40 nights of the Deluge (*Genesis* 7:12), sent by God in his anger, when he repented that he had made man, and destroyed the whole human race, with the exception of one family. Let us consider how the Hebrew people, in punishment for their ingratitude, wandered 40 years in the desert, before they were permitted to enter the Promised Land (*Numbers* 14:33). Let us listen to our God commanding the Prophet Ezekiel to lie 40 days on his right side, as a figure of the siege, which was to bring destruction on Jerusalem (*Ezekiel* 4:6).

With these mysteries we can understand why it was, that the Son of God, having become Man for our salvation, and wanting to subject himself to the pain of fasting, chose the number of forty days. So Lent is brought before us with everything that can impress us with its solemn character, and with its power of appeasing God and purifying our souls. Let us, therefore, look beyond the little world which surrounds us, and see how the whole Christian universe is, at this very time, offering this forty days penance as a sacrifice of penance to the offended Majesty of God; and let us hope, that he will mercifully pardon our sins.

The Forty Days of
LENT

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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.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 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. Claudette Takchi

5:00 p.m. Rose Succar

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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 4: A. Quinlan,

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G. Dankwah, S. Martin, M. Magpayo,

C. Elegado, J. Puni, J. Osei-Yamoah,

A. Osei-Yamoah, L. Tordilla, J. Fili,

J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj,

S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Gerry Pinto,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Sisters, Mary Georges,
Reanne 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
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

Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Attard family, Axiak family, Victor
Azzopardi, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown, Jim
Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Lazarus
Camilleri, John Lawrence Denmeade, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim
El-Hallal, Marcus El-Khoury, Alan Frost, Sita Futu'u, Carmen
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Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La Rosa, Jim Mackie,
Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia
Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Jack McIntyre, Giovanna Mondello,
Sam Munro, Joseph Nammour, Susan Nammour, Jack Newell,
Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Mary
Elizabeth Olsen, Sheila Pidgeon, Peter Robertson, Emanuel
Tabone, Maria Ho Thi Ti, John Timbs, Joseph Vella, Dib Zaiter.



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

Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent

Through the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed twice each Friday, giving all parishioners the chance to participate in this important devotion and spiritual exercise.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church and then again at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Join the parish as we pray the *Via Crucis*, the Way of the Cross, remembering the Passion of Our Lord, and so prepare your souls to devoutly participate in Holy Week and in the celebration of Easter.

Good Friday “Cross Walk”

On Good Friday, we will again hold our Stations of the Cross “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

This is an annual event of the parish which we began back in 2016.

As in previous years, we are asking for people to offer their houses as one of the stations along the way, where we will stop and pray outside for a few minutes before going on to the next station.

If you live on Grimwood Street, William Street, Clyde Street or The Trongate and would like to offer your home as one of the possible stations, please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office during the week. We can then look at how we can include your home in the route planned for the Good Friday walk.

We are looking, also, for people to volunteer as marshalls to help along the way. The role of the marshall is to help us safely cross roads and to guide people along the route. In this way, we can safely carry out this noble work in honour of Our Lord as we commemorate His saving Passion.

Thank You Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms and Holy Oils and Burial of the Alleluia

Last Tuesday we commemorated Shrove Tuesday with the annual burning of the palms and holy oils and the burial of the “Alleluia” which was followed by a pancake supper.

This was the third year that this event was held at Holy Family Church and we thank those who generously gave of themselves in service.

In particular we thank those who served: Alvin, Elvis, Jeevan, Johnnie, Jonah, Joshua, Patrick, Patrick and Paul. We have the finest altar servers in the diocese and we are grateful to them for their diligent service to the parish and their dedication to Our Lord.

Thank you, also to those who brought along pancakes and other foods to share at the pancake supper and who helped to clean and pack-up afterwards.

We also thank Richard Elzain for photographing and filming much of the evening.

These parish events draw us ever deeper into the life of our Catholic faith and help us to experience the richness of Tradition and the beauty of what we believe. They also help us to appreciate and understand more of why we do what we do. On an evening like this one, we see where the ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday come from and we understand why we never sing “Alleluia” during the season of Lent. They also give us a chance to socialise with fellow parishioners.

Thank you to those who joined us for this and showed your support for the parish as we prayed together to prepare ourselves to commemorate Ash Wednesday and to begin in a holy way the season of Lent.

Additional Time for the Sacrament of Penance

A third weekly time has been arranged for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance (confession) in the parish.

The additional time is scheduled weekly for Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

This time is in addition to the other weekly times on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below.

This can be used to make a single donation or, for those who are part of the planned giving programme, to make your contribution.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.



HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

Lenten

DEVOTIONS



*Mass in
LATIN*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
6PM Thursdays

Beginning Thursday, 22nd February 2024



*Stations
OF THE
Cross*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
5:30PM Fridays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
6:30PM Fridays



*ADORATION
of the
Blessed
Sacrament*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
5:45PM Sundays

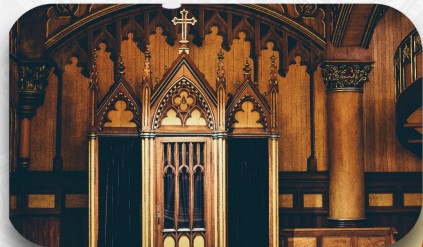
*Following the 5PM Sunday Mass
Includes Evening Prayer & Benediction*



*Daily
MASS*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
6:30PM Tuesdays
8:15AM Wed - Sat

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
6PM Wednesdays
9:15AM Tue & Thur - Sat



*SACRAMENT
of
Penance*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
6:30PM - 7PM Wednesdays
4:15PM - 4:45PM Sundays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
10AM - 10:30AM Saturdays



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GRANVILLE
Cnr. Randle St & Bennalong St, Granville

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, EAST GRANVILLE
200 The Trongate, South Granville

Schedule subject to change. Please see the Granville Catholic Church Record for any changes

THE BURNING of THE PALMS *and* HOLY OILS *and* THE BURIAL of THE ALLELUIA





KEEPING A HOLY LENT

ATTEND ONE MORE MASS A WEEK

Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays at 8:15 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in Latin

Fridays at 8:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturdays at 8:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

MAKE YOUR CONFESSION

Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church

Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Holy Family Church

Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church

PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church and at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church

FAST AND ABSTAIN

On Fridays eat only one large meal and two smaller meals and abstain from eating meat

GIVE ALMS

Give in support of the works of the Church by giving alms to support Catholic works such as the parish, Aid to the Church in Need and Caritas Australia

Saints & STUFF

THE ANGELS IN THE DESERT

In the Gospel of Matthew, once the temptations of Satan are ended, Angels look after Christ as he remains in the desert. It is important to note that the Angels did not come to him whilst he was being tempted but only after. That is because Christ, sharing in all the suffering of humanity, was tempted in all the ways we are and defeated those temptations.



Christ also promised to us that Angels will care for us. Later in the Gospel of Matthew he says: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven”. Here he promised to us our Guardian Angel, who remains by our side from the moment of our conception to the moment we face judgement.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Jesus' Temptations

538 The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him “until an opportune time”.

539 The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he “binds the strong man” to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father.

540 By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

CATHOLIC Trivia

5 Lies from the Devil and What God Has to Say About Them

1. You Need to Overwork Yourself to Pull Ahead

Satan likes telling us that we have to compete through life to keep up appearances and to remain in good standing, but constant competition can lead to the derailment of our hearts and minds. The devil likes to keep us busy and stretch ourselves to the breaking point, but we don't have to do that to ourselves. We've already won. The moment we accept that God reigns over all others, we pull ourselves ahead and only need to rely on Him and hold tight to His promise that His grace is enough. Always.

Just like St. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians:

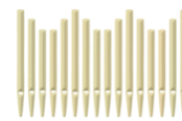
**“The Lord said to me,
'My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect
in weakness.'
I will all the more gladly boast
of my weaknesses,
that the power of Christ
may rest upon me.”**

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 90:15-16)

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

The Book of Genesis (9:8-15)

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 24:4-9. *R.* see v. 10)

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *R.*

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. *R.*

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Peter (3:18-22)

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by

water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 4:4)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

The Gospel of Mark (1:12-15)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Communio (Mt. 4:4)

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.



“ Lent stimulates us
to let the Word of God
penetrate our life
and in this way
to know the fundamental truth:
who we are,
where we come from,
where we must go,
what path we must take in life. ”

—Pope Benedict XVI

