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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

It may seem odd that in Lent the Church proclaims the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Lent is usually associated with Jesus in the wilderness and our penance and preparation for the glory that comes with Easter, not with glory that comes in Lent. However, the glory of Christ is not something separate from His suffering forty days and nights in the desert nor His passion and crucifixion. The glory of Christ is the consequence of His suffering, for there would be no glory without the resurrection and there would be no resurrection without the crucifixion.

On that mountain-top of Tabor 2,000 years ago, with His close friends, Peter, James and John, our Lord was transfigured and “the aspect of His face changed and His clothes became brilliant as lightning.” All the dirt of the trek up the mountain, all the tiredness, all the hunger pangs and thirst were transfigured and our

Lord stood before them with all the brightness and beauty of the glory that would not be seen again until His rising from the dead.

The three apostles that were with Christ—Sts. Peter, James, and John—are the same three that will be with Him in the garden of Gethsemane and there too they will be tired. Here on the mountain they were tired but managed to keep awake. In the garden they, again, will be tired, but will fall asleep. St. Luke says, “they were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw His glory.” In other words, if they had fallen asleep they would have missed it all—the transfiguration would have passed them by. Because they stayed awake, a phrase so often used by Christ, they saw His glory. In the garden of Gethsemane as Christ suffered and sweated blood in agony, they slept and so did not see His suffering.

So often our own suffering and our own joys are separate from one another and it is difficult to see how suffering can be thought of with joy. Sts. Peter, James and John could not see it, but Moses and Elijah did. The Transfiguration was shown to them, and is told to us, because we need to believe that our life has meaning, and that there is purpose in suffering, and that it is not an end in itself but a means to an end. The Cross is not the final outcome, but it is the Cross that gives birth to the resurrection.

We all want to feel that our experiences matter and make sense, even in the midst of what seems senseless. St. Thomas Aquinas said: “For a person to go straight along the road, he must have some knowledge of the end... he must have some knowledge of the end. Above all this is necessary when hard and rough is the road, heavy the going, but delightful the end.”

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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. Rosemary Wehbe

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, N. Begley

Readers

Vigil Sisters, Racquel La Rosa, Rosette
Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Rosza Kazmer,
Raphaella Chidiac, Armani Barakat

Children's Liturgy Elmo and Shanthi

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, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos,
Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo,
Sarah-Joy O'Connor, 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
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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.

Enrolments Now Open for the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation

Enrolment forms are now available for the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. These can be collected from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be returned to Fr. Andrew at a Mass.

Masses for first Holy Communion will be said on Saturday, 8 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church and on Saturday, 15 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

The Mass for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be said on Thursday, 16 May at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

Please be aware that those enrolling their children for these Sacraments will be obliged to attend Mass every Sunday in the parish as well as the lessons and preparation.

Rubbish Left in the Churches

Please do not disrespect the church by leaving used tissues and bottles of water lying in the pews. Please take your used tissues with you and do not leave them for others to pick up and throw away.

Please do not bring food and drinks into the church. In particular, at Holy Family Church, a great deal of effort has gone into replacing the old carpet and it would be appreciated if this could be kept clean and free of food and drink stains.

Caritas “Project Compassion”

Donations to Caritas “Project Compassion” can be made by scanning the QR code on the following page or by using the envelopes by the doors of the churches.

Volunteers for Easter Vigil Fire

To assist with preparing and safely monitoring the Easter Vigil fire, two adult volunteers are needed for both Holy Family Church and Holy Trinity Church. We are asking for volunteers to prepare and light the fire and to keep it lit and, after the “Lucernarium”, to safely extinguish the fire.

If you would like to offer your help, please speak with Fr. Andrew this weekend before or after one of the Masses.

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
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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
5:45PM Sundays

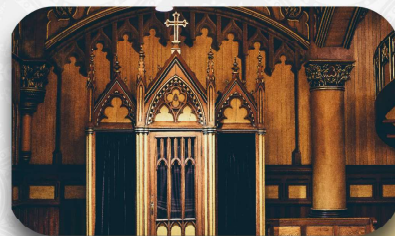
*Following the 5PM Sunday Mass
Includes Evening Prayer & Benediction*



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 & Bernalong St, Granville

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

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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 TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

On Mount Tabor, in the north of Israel near the Sea of Galilee, Jesus was transfigured, witnessed by three of the apostles, Peter, James, and John, and in the presence of the Old Testament figures of Moses and Elijah.

The three Apostles were those closest to Our Lord and who witnessed more of His miracles than the other Apostles. More than that however, They would each take on an important place in His life and in the life of the Church: St. Peter was the rock upon which the Church was built, the first Pope; St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred; and St. John was the only one of the apostles who remained with the Lord at the Cross and it was to him that Christ gave His mother, Mary, as his own mother and who would become like her own son.

As for the two Old Testament figures, Moses and Elijah, they represent the Law and the Prophets. In this way Christ showed that He was the fulfilment of all that had come before and been revealed in the Law and the Prophets and that the entire scope of the Old Testament and the Jewish religion pointed to Him as the promised Messiah, the Saviour of the world, in whom Faith finds its perfection.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Transfiguration

554 From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ... the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

555 For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory". Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."

CATHOLIC Trivia

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

2. You have no identity and you need to find it to live

Crises strike when we accept the idea that we are nothing. It becomes a tragedy when we resort to attaching ourselves to all worldly things mundane. Popular modern-day lifestyles such as YOLO (you only live once) and FOMO (fear of missing out) only add to drama and various other problems.

Though it is important to understand yourself, there is no need to say "I don't care" and do reckless things with your life. Cherish it, Christ died for your right to enjoy life, as well as your ability to do good unto others and yourself. Whenever you begin to question who you are, turn to Christ and remind yourself that following His footsteps is all you need to do to discover, or rediscover yourself.

**"I have been crucified
with Christ; and it is no longer
I who live, but it is Christ
who lives in me."**

(Galatians 2:19-20)

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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 26:8-9)

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading

The Book of Genesis (22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18)

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks—because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9)

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. R.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. R.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:31-34)

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us—he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation (See Mt. 17:5)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

The Gospel of Mark (9:2-10)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Communio (Mt. 17:5)

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.