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# Granville Catholic Church Record

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The Official Bulletin of Holy Cross Parish

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*The Month of*

# THE HOLY FAMILY

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The Church dedicates the month of February to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Holy Family is given to us as the perfect example of the family. But more than that it is also a reminder to us of the incarnation of God—that God was made man and was born into a family.

The family has been the will of God since the beginning of the world. With Adam and Eve we have

the first family—our first parents and from whom all families flow, even the Holy Family. The Gospel of Luke gives the family line of Jesus and traces His ancestry to Adam.

So important is the family in the will of God that although our Lord was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary He desired that His Son be given a father on earth and so gave to Him St. Joseph.

And from this the Church holds the family to be a domestic Church, living in service of one another.

So in this the month of the Holy Family, when the very idea of family is threatened in our world, let us pray that Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph will intercede for our families and guard them and protect them from the assaults of the Devil and bind us to one another.

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## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

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**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### 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.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 1: C. Takchi,  
M. Wehbe, N. Khoury

### Readers

**4:30 p.m.** Robyn Rich

**8:30 a.m.** Rose Succar


**5:00 p.m.** Claudette Takchi

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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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.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 2: P. Zaiter,  
N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

### Readers

**Vigil** Gerry Pinto, Ingrid Bifulco,  
Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Raphaella Chidiac,  
Armani Barakat, Jasmine Miranda

**Children's Liturgy** Elmo and Shanthi

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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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

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Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Attard family, Axiak family, Victor  
Azzopardi, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul  
Bradbery, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Lazarus Camilleri, John  
Lawrence Denmeade, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal,  
Marcus El-Khoury, Alan Frost, Sita Futu'u, Carmen Galea,  
Maria Gambin, John Graham, 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, Jack McIntyre, Giovanna Mondello, Sam  
Munro, Joseph Nammour, Susan Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean  
Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee Nursoo, Mary Elizabeth Olsen,  
Herbert Pidgeon, Sultaneh Salhab, Saliba family, Emanuel  
Tabone, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

## **Palms to Be Burned For Ash Wednesday**

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On Shrove Tuesday we will hold the traditional Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

The ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday.

If you have palms to be burned, please bring these to the church in the coming week and leave these by the doors. These will be collected and burned to prepare the ashes.

## **Online Donations in Support of the Parish**

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Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://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.



## **The Sanctity and Reverence Due to the Blessed Sacrament when Receiving Holy Communion**

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There has been a rise in the number of instances where people present themselves for Holy Communion but walk away without consuming the Sacred Host. To profane the Blessed Sacrament in this way is one of the most heinous crimes that can be committed. So much so that the Church declares that anyone who does so incurs an automatic excommunication (*latae sententiae*).

For those of us who are Catholic and desire to be faithful to Our Lord and to His Most Precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, which we receive in Holy Communion, please ensure that, being in a state of grace, when you receive the Sacred Host that you consume the Host whilst facing the altar. It is the altar which is the place of the sacrifice of Our Lord and so it is to the altar that we should face, recognising that it is from there that we receive such abundant graces.

Never walk away carrying the Sacred Host. Should you see someone who does this, remember that it is all of our duty before almighty God to protect the Blessed Sacrament and so please stop this person immediately and let the Priest know straight away.

We all have a duty to almighty God to show reverence to Him above all others and all other things and a duty to protect and safeguard the Blessed Sacrament against all profanity.

## **Parish Office Closed Thursday**

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The parish office will be closed on Thursday due to a compulsory seminar arranged by the Diocese of Parramatta.

## **Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia and Pancake Supper 13 February**

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On Shrove Tuesday, which is celebrated this year on 13 February, we will hold the traditional Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia in preparation for Ash Wednesday the following day.

The ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday. If you have blessed palms to be burned, please bring these to the church before Shrove Tuesday. These will be collected and burned to prepare the ashes.

On Shrove Tuesday, the Burning of the Palms and the Burial of the Alleluia will be held at Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m. followed by a pancake supper at 7:00 p.m. If you can prepare some pancakes to bring along for this supper, it would be appreciated.

Note that as this will take place at Holy Family Church, there will be no evening Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church on this day.

## **Ash Wednesday**

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Ash Wednesday will be commemorated this year on 14 February. There will be four Masses said that day to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass and to be imposed with ashes.

The Holy Mass times for that day will be:

8:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church

9:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church

5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church

7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church

Please take note of the changes to the usual Mass times for a Wednesday and that the regular confessions on Wednesday will not be available due to the Masses.

# RESTORATION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



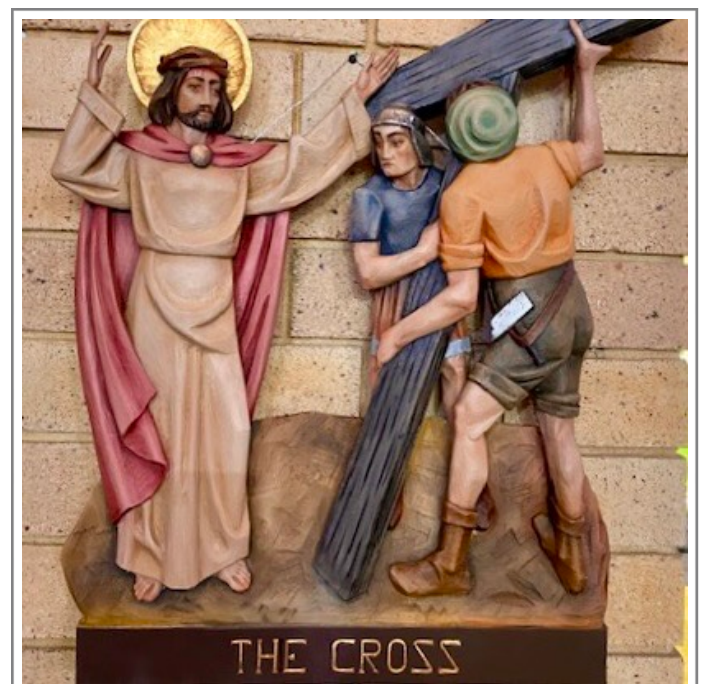
Continuing with the work to restore the beauty of our parish churches, the Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church have been cleaned and painted to bring out the exquisite detail of the carvings and the features of each of the stations. As one parishioner commented on seeing these, "they have come to life".

As soon we will begin our Lenten devotions, these restored Stations of the Cross will be a way for each of us to be drawn ever more deeply into the Passion of Our Lord as we pray, "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, for by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world."

# RESTORATION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The restoration of these Stations of the Cross was made possible by the kind and generous donation of a parishioner. This gift allowed us to have the fourteen stations cleaned, repaired and painted so that they may be a means of devotion for generations to come, and so honour those who gave these stations to the church 60 years ago. Please pray for this parishioner, for the family, both living and deceased, in thanksgiving to almighty God for this kindness and generosity.





# Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

AT HOLY CROSS GRANVILLE



## Shrove Tuesday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

**6:30PM** - Burning of the Palms & Burial of the 'Alleluia'

**7PM** - Pancake Supper

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## Ash Wednesday Mass

**8AM** - Holy Trinity Church

**9:30AM** - Holy Family Church

**5:30PM** - Holy Family Church

**7PM** - Holy Trinity Church

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# Saints & STUFF

## St. JUDE

St. Jude, known as Thaddeus, was the brother of St. James the Less, and one of the twelve Apostles. He is often depicted with the attributes of a flame above his head, meaning that he was present at Pentecost, and holding an image of Christ. Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. He preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya, and returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem. Most scholars agree St. Jude was martyred either in Armenia or Beirut. His bones are interred now in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is devoutly honoured by Catholics as the patron of difficult cases, because of his encouragement to perseverance in his epistle (the Letter of St. Jude). Moreover, both St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as "the Patron Saint of the Impossible." So let us honour St. Jude and his generous intercession before the throne of almighty God, that he may pray for us and help us in our needs, and that, by the grace of God, we will persevere in faith in all difficulties.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Ways of Coming to Know God*

**33** The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. the soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material", can have its origin only in God.

**34** The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".

**35** Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man, and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith.(so) the proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## Protestant Preacher Admits Catholics Have Most Miracles

A video is being shared around on social media (<https://youtu.be/VvYeXh3JHco>) of Pentecostal preacher Benny Hinn telling a Pentecostal audience that Catholics experience more miracles than Pentecostals.

Amazingly, he credits this to the Catholic belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which Hinn says he also affirms (at least a version of it). He also credits the fact that Catholics don't "church hop" (or jump from church to church) as much as Pentecostals.

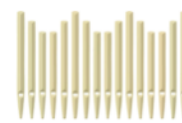
Hinn tells his audience, "They just released a study that more people are healed in a Catholic church than in Pentecostal churches... Because Catholic people revere the Eucharist."

And he adds, "There's healing in the Catholic churches because these people are devoted and show up every Sunday. They don't church hop. We hop, they don't. That's why we're sick, and many of them are healed."

Maybe we should appreciate a little more the fullness of truth given to us by the Catholic Church...

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## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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### The Readings

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#### **Introit** (Cf. Ps. 94:6-7)

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

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#### **First Reading**

##### **The Book of Job** (7:1-4, 6-7)

Job began to speak:  
Is not man's life on earth  
nothing more than pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?  
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.  
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'  
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'  
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.  
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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#### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 146:1-6. *R.* v. 3)

*R.* Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving;  
to him our praise is due. *R.*

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. *R.*

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust. *R.*

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#### **Second Reading**

##### **The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

(9:16-19, 22-23)

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be

able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation** (Mt. 8:17)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

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#### **Gospel**

##### **The Gospel of Mark** (1:29-39)

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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#### **Communio** (Cf. Ps. 106:8-9)

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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*"The Church is not a political power;  
it's not a party, but it's a moral power."*

*— Pope Benedict XVI*