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The Month of

ST. JOSEPH



The Month of March

The Church dedicates the month of March to St. Joseph, the earthly father of Our Lord and the husband of the most Blessed Virgin Mary. March 19 marks his feast day.

Sources of His Life

The chief sources of St. Joseph's life are found in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke. It is interesting to note that nowhere is St. Joseph heard to speak and nothing he said is ever recorded. It is a powerful symbol of the strength of St. Joseph and his role as guardian and protector of Our Lord and Our Holy Mother.

Residence

Bethlehem, the city of David and his descendants, appears to have been the birth-place of St. Joseph. When, however, the Gospel history opens, namely, a few months before the Annunciation, St. Joseph was settled at Nazareth. Why and when he gave up his home to move to Galilee is not known; some suppose that the moderate circumstances of the family and the necessity of

earning a living may have brought about the change. St. Joseph, as we learn from St. Matthew 13:55, and St. Mark 6:3 was a "tekton". The Greek word means in English both mechanic in general and carpenter in particular.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

It is probably at Nazareth that St. Joseph betrothed the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, it is not known for sure whether the marriage took place before or after the Incarnation. This marriage, true and complete, was, in the intention of the spouses, to be a virgin marriage. But soon the faith of St. Joseph in Mary was tested: she was with child. However painful the discovery must have been for him, unaware as he was of the mystery of the Incarnation, he would not defame her, and he resolved "to send her away quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit'... When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as

the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife" (Mt. 1:19, 20, 24).

Death

Tradition supposes that St. Joseph died before the beginning of Jesus' public life, and according to the "Story of Joseph the Carpenter", he died around the year A.D. 18 or 19. According to the Venerable Bede, he was buried in the Valley of Josaphat, but it is also probable that he died and was buried at Nazareth.

Devotion

St. Joseph was granted the singular honour of being the earthly father of Our Lord and the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As protector of the Holy Family he is honoured as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the "domestic Church" which is each and every Catholic family.

In 1962 Pope John XXIII decreed that the name of St. Joseph be included in the Roman Canon of the Mass and in 2013, following on from the work of Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis ordered that his name be added to the Eucharistic Prayers.

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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 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

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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 2: P. Zaiter,

N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifuclo,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda,
Reanne Chidiac, Sisters

Children's Liturgy Victor and Armani

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, Carmen Bonello, Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown, Jim
Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Lazarus
Camilleri, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Alan Frost, Sita
Futu'u, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Angela Gentiluomo,
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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
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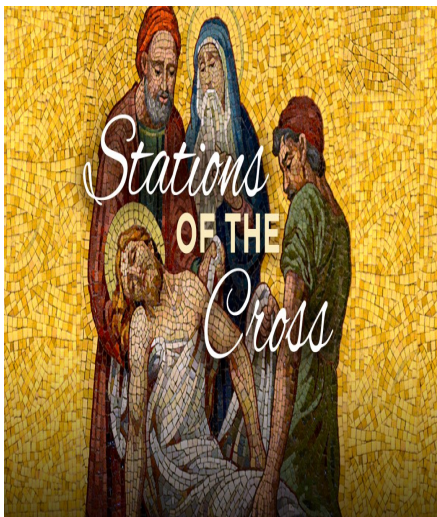
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

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” Safety Marshalls

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.

We are asking 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.

When using the toilets, if you turn the lights on, please ensure that you turn them off again. As we are all aware, electricity bills are high at the moment and so we would like to minimise this cost.

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 for Holy Family Church

To assist with preparing and safely monitoring the Easter Vigil fire, two adult volunteers are needed for Holy Family Church. Fortunately, we have had some people volunteer to help at 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. Please speak with Fr. Andrew this weekend before or after one of the Masses to assist.

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

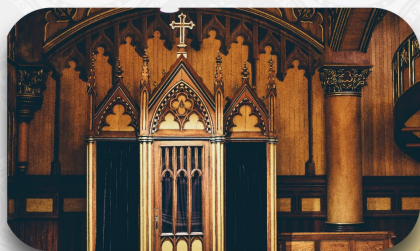
*Following the 5PM Sunday Mass
Includes Evening Prayer & Benediction*



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

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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

ST. BRENDAN

St. Brendan (A.D. 484-577), the patron saint of sailors and whales, was the brother of St. Briga. He was educated by St. Ita of Killeedy and St. Eric of Kerry and was a friend of St. Columba and St. Brendan of Birr, St. Brigid, and St. Enda of Arran. He was ordained in 512 and built monastic cells across Ireland. The legend which lead to his patronage of whales is as follows: St. Brendan and his brothers figure in "Brendan's Voyage", a tale of monks travelling the high seas of the Atlantic, evangelising to the islands, possibly reaching the Americas in the 6th century. At one point they stop on a small island, celebrate Easter Mass, light a fire – and then learn the island is an enormous whale!



CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Kingdom of God

543 Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word

545 Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents". The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life "for the forgiveness of sins".

546 Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic.

CATHOLIC Trivia

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

3. You're Not Forgiven and You Can't Move On

This is the oldest trick in the book. Satan likes to tell you there is no way you deserve to be happy and there is no way you can stand up again after you've fallen. The truth? God paid for our sins long ago, knowing the devil would try to use your sins against you. God tells us over and over in His Word that He has forgiven our sins. Though God's payment of our sins is not justification to be non-repentant, it is justification for us to understand that we are imperfect beings, and as such we must turn to Him when the devil attacks us with negative emotions, ideas and even truths. God doesn't want to bring us down to live in the filth of guilt, He wants to lift us up so we can enjoy our lives as He designed them to be.

**"If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness."**

(1 John 1:9)

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3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 24:15-16)

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading

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

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me. You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 18:8-11. R. Jn. 6:68)

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. R.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:22-25)

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 3:16)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

The Gospel of Mark (9:2-10)

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.