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PALM SUNDAY

of the PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

The Beginning of Holy Week

Today, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, inaugurates Holy Week because today we celebrate the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem, where He will face His passion and death. The re-enactment of His entry is marked by the sacramental of these blessed palms or olive branches, carried by us, the 'children of the Hebrews.'

The Processions

This procession of Christ the King is the first of a series of processions of Holy Week and the Triduum by which we are carried to Easter. Today the procession of palms, on Holy Wednesday the procession of the sacred oils used for the year to come in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination, and the anointing of the sick, on Holy Thursday, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose at which we watch and wait with the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane during his agony, on Good Friday the procession and veneration of the Holy Cross on which hung the world's salvation,

as well as the procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the reception of Holy Communion as no Mass is ever celebrated on that day, and at the vigil of Easter the procession of the paschal candle imaging the breaking into our darkness of the light of Christ.

Our birth into this world inaugurates the great procession of our life by which we move through this world, seeking out our salvation, until we reach the gates of heaven.

The Tree

Throughout our life we are lifted by joy and marred by tragedy, and often the two seem to come as one. The palms and olive branches of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem gives way to the palms and olive trees of the Garden of Gethsemane in which He endures His agony. The tribulation of the crowds hailing Christ as the King becomes the tirade of the crowds demanding His death. He who gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, life to the dead, and freed so many possessed by demons now suffers His own death.

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Week closes Lent and opens up to the Triduum, the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. But these are not three separate occasions but instead they form a unity, a single celebration of our salvation. There is no choice to be made as to which of the three days we attend. We attend them all because to miss even one of those days would be like walking out in the middle of a movie: we will never really know what's going on or what's happened.

This singular mystery of these three days must be confronted so that it may overwhelm us, so that we might be carried along in prayer and lowered to the grinding pains of hell and raised high to the glories of paradise. We must stand present, attentive, conscious to the working out by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit of our redemption and fall on our knees in wonder and awe, so that we might stand forever with all the angels and saints, with God our Father, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, in the kingdom of heaven forever.

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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. *Easter Vigil readers*

8:30 a.m. *Easter Sunday readers*

5:00 p.m. *Easter Sunday readers*

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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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil *Easter Vigil readers*

10:00 a.m. *Easter Sunday readers*

Children's Liturgy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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



Join us again this year for our annual Good Friday “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church as we pray the Stations of the Cross in commemoration of the Passion and Crucifixion of Our Lord. The walk will begin at Holy Trinity Church at 5:00 p.m. and will move through the streets of Granville, stopping at people’s houses as we pray the Stations of the Cross, and then conclude at Holy Family Church. This is a beautiful and powerful way to make known the Faith of Our Lord to the world and to draw us into the sufferings of Christ. At a time when the Church is being silenced and the Faith is publicly ridiculed, we must stand strong and publicly witness to the Truth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and of His Church.

Important Notice Regarding the Daily Mass Schedule for This Week

Holy Mass will not be said on Tuesday evening at Holy Trinity Church as we will pray the solemn office of Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday evening at Holy Family Church, there will be no Mass or confessions as the Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

On Thursday morning, Holy Mass will not be said at either Holy Trinity Church or Holy Family Church as the Mass of that day is the Mass of the Lord’s Supper which will be said at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m. and at Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

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.



Good Friday “Cross Walk” Safety Marshalls Needed

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

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.

TENEBRAE

THIS TUESDAY EVENING
at 7:00 p.m.

This Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, we will pray the ancient Office of Tenebrae, a service of psalms and hymns lit by candlelight.

With a dimly-lit church, a rarely-seen candle holder, somber tones, and a candle hidden away, Tenebrae is a unique and special liturgy in the calendar of the Roman Catholic Church.



The name Tenebrae comes from the Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows”.

A major feature of the service is the progressive extinguishing of candles as the psalms and readings progress, until only a single candle—a symbol of Christ—remains. For a brief time towards the end of the service we remain in darkness, meditating upon the mystery of Christ’s death and the apparent victory of darkness and evil in our lives, only to be startled by a loud noise—the “strepitus”—symbolising the earthquake at the time of the Resurrection.

It is a beautiful and moving service that draws us into the depths of Holy Week as the candles are slowly extinguished reminding us of the darkness of the Passion and Cross as we await the light of the Resurrection.

So join the parish on Tuesday evening to pray and to enter more fully into Holy Week.

HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

Palm Sunday

24 MARCH



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

4:30PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 23rd March*

8:30AM - HOLY MASS

5PM - HOLY MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

6PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 23rd March*

10AM - HOLY MASS

Holy Week

Holy Tuesday

26 MARCH



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

7PM - TENEBRAE

*A solemn service of
psalms, prayers & candles*

Holy Thursday

28 MARCH



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

6PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

7:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

29 MARCH



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

9:15AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

10:30AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY FAMILY & HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

3PM - COMMEMORATION OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

5PM - CROSS WALK

Easter Sunday

Easter Vigil
30 MARCH



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
5:30PM - VIGIL MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
8PM - VIGIL MASS

Easter Sunday
31 MARCH

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
8:30AM - HOLY MASS
5PM - HOLY MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
10AM - HOLY MASS

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The Readings

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2)

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. R.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are, and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names

so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation (Phil 2:8-9)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Passion

The Gospel of Mark (14:1-15:47)

All join in the reading of part of the Crowd (C).

N It was two days before the Passover and the feast of
Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were
looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have
Him put to death. For they said,

**C It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a
disturbance among the people.**

N Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper;
He was at dinner when a woman came in with an
alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke
the jar and poured the ointment on His head. Some who
were there said to one another indignantly,

**C Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could
have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the
money given to the poor;**

N and they were angry with her. But Jesus said,

✠ Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What
she has done for me is one of the good works. You have
the poor with you always and you can be kind to them
whenever you wish, but you will not always have me.
She has done what was in her power to do; she has
anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you
solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good
News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also,
in remembrance of her.

N Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief
priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They
were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him
money; and he looked for a way of betraying Him when

the opportunity should occur. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, His disciples said to Him,

C Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

N So He sent two of His disciples, saying to them,

✠ Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.

N The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as He had told them, and prepared the Passover. When evening came He arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

✠ I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me.

N They were distressed and asked Him, one after another,

O Not I, surely?

N He said to them,

✠ It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to His fate, as the scriptures say He will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

N And as they were eating He took some bread, and when He had said the blessing He broke it and gave it to them saying,

✠ Take it; this is my body.

N Then he took a cup, and when He had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and He said to them,

✠ This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

N After the psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

✠ You will all lose faith, for the scripture says, 'I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N Peter said,

O Even if all lose faith, I will not.

N And Jesus said to him,

✠ I tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.

N But he repeated still more earnestly,

O If I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N And they all said the same. They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to His disciples,

✠ Stay here while I pray.

N Then he took Peter and James and John with Him. And a sudden fear came over Him, and great distress. And He said to them,

✠ My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.

N And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass Him by. He said,

✠ Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N He came back and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter,

✠ Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake for one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

N Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more He came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for Him. He came back a third time and said to them,

✠ You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.

N Even while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,

O 'The one I kiss, He is the man. Take Him in charge, and see He is well guarded when you lead him away.'

N So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O Rabbi!

N and kissed Him. The others seized Him and took Him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus spoke,

✠ Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.

N And they all deserted Him and ran away. A young man who followed Him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked. They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against Him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against Him,

C We heard Him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'

N But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,

O Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

N But He was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to Him,

O Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?

N Jesus said,

✠ I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

N The high priest tore his robes, and said,

O What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?

N And they all gave their verdict: He deserved to die. Some of them started spitting at Him and, blindfolding Him, began hitting Him with their fists and shouting,

C Play the prophet!

N And the attendants rained blows on Him. While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high-priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,

O You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

N But he denied it, saying

O I do not know, I do not understand what you are talking about.

N And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,

O This fellow is one of them.

N But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

C You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.

N But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,

O I do not know the man you speak of.

N At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears. First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took Him away and handed Him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned Him,

O Are you the king of the Jews?

N He answered,

✠ It is you who say it.

N And the chief priests brought many accusations against Him. Pilate questioned Him again,

O Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowds went up

and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.

O But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N They shouted back.

C Crucify Him!

N Pilate asked them,

O Why? What harm has He done?

N But they shouted all the louder,

C Crucify Him!

N So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed Him over to be crucified. The soldiers led Him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed Him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on Him. And they began saluting Him,

C Hail, king of the Jews!

N They struck His head with a reed and spat on Him; and they went down on their knees to do Him homage. And when they had finished making fun of Him, they took off the purple and dressed Him in His own clothes. They led Him out to crucify Him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry His cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He refused it. Then they crucified Him, and shared out His clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified Him. The inscription giving the charge against Him read: 'The king of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. The passers-by jeered at Him; they shook their heads and said,

C Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N The chief priests and the scribes mocked Him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C He saved others, He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N Even those who were crucified with Him taunted Him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✠ Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

C Listen He is calling on Elijah.

N Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it Him to drink, saying,

O Wait and see if Elijah will come to take Him down.

N But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed His last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of Him, had seen how He died, and he said,

O In truth this man was a son of God.

N There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow Him and look after Him when He was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with Him. It was now evening, and since it was Preparation day (that is the vigil of the Sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that He should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if He was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped Him in the shroud and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where He was laid.