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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD o f C H R I S T

**“If you do not eat the flesh  
of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you have no life in you.  
He who feeds on my flesh  
and drinks my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I will raise him up  
on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood real drink.”  
(John 6, 53-55)**

Church teaching has always been that the Eucharist is really and truly the substance of Christ's body and blood, that when we receive the Eucharist we actually receive, on our hands and on our tongues, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We believe that to be ordained a priest is to be given the power to change ordinary bread and wine into the very substance of Christ's Body and Blood. We believe that after consecration, the substance is no longer bread, but the substance of Christ, although the attributes of the bread and the wine, their qualities like colour and taste and texture remain the same. And that is why we genuflect before it, for if it were only a piece of bread, we'd be committing idolatry every time we genuflect before the tabernacle.

We celebrate Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, today because of the vision of a small nun, Juliana of Liège eight-hundred years ago. She had a dream in which she saw the Church beneath the full moon, but that full moon had one dark spot on it, and that dark spot she believed to be the absence of a great feast in honour of the Body and Blood of Christ. Soon, Christ Himself appeared to her and asked that she plead for the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi.

For twenty years she had that vision but told no one, until she told her confessor and he told the bishop. At first the bishop was unsure of the girl's claim but soon after he heard of the miracle of Bolsena. Bolsena is a town in Italy and in the year A.D. 1263, a priest, whilst celebrating the Mass, had doubts as to whether the bread and wine truly became the Body and Blood of Christ. At that moment the host he held in his hands began to bleed onto the altar. Today the cloth on which the blood was caught is still kept and on it can be seen the face of Christ.

A year later the Pope decreed that the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ was to be celebrated throughout the world and is a public holiday in many parts of the world.

There are stories, verified by doctors, of women who lived on nothing else but the Body and Blood of Christ which they received daily in Holy Communion. There is Alexandrina Marina in Portugal who for thirteen years, from A.D. 1942 to A.D. 1955 ate and drank nothing except the Body and Blood of Christ, but lost no weight nor suffered any signs of malnutrition. There is Marthe Robin of France who for thirty years up until her death in A.D. 1981 took no food or drink except Holy Communion.

Pope Benedict XVI repeatedly said that God's love is the solution to every problem, personal and social, and that the Eucharist is the ultimate manifestation of that love.

This is not just a theory, this is not just some story, this is reality. The bread and wine are not something like the Body and Blood of Christ, they are not representative of His Body and Blood. The fact is that after the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the prayer of consecration of the Priest, the bread and wine no longer exist at all. There is no bread and there is no wine at all. Where they once were there is now and only the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ. On the altar, on your hands and on your tongue lies God.

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## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## 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, 6:00 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

### Rosters

### Church and Toilets Cleaning

*waiting for volunteers*

### Flower Arranging

*requesting volunteers to form groups of  
at least 2 people to arrange flowers for  
the sanctuary*

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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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: D. Portelli,  
L. Toman, W. Krasinski, J. Galea,  
A. Quinlan, N. Begley

### Readers

**Vigil** Sisters, Ingrid Bifulco,  
Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Mary Georges,  
Rosza Kazmer, Wadzi Mushininga

**Children's Liturgy** Reanne and  
Raphaella

## 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, Paul  
Karam, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine  
Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, 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, Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello,  
Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen  
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, John Drake, Alan Frost,  
Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary  
Grech, Sam Grech, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Salim Karaki, Paul  
Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La Rosa, Jim Mackie, Frouzine  
Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun,  
Crising Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Giovanna Mondello,  
Sam Munro, Joseph Nammour, Susan Nammour, Jack Newell,  
Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Laura Pestano, Rogalio  
Pestano, Rolando Pestano, Samuel Pickering, Peter Pidgeon,  
Flory Pinto, Sultaneh Salhab, Emanuel Tabone, Maria Ho Thi Ti,  
John Timbs, John Toye, Phero Vu Van Vuong, Phyllis Webb,  
Willian Yott, Dib Zaiter.



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

## Online Donations in Support of the Parish

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.



## Sacrament of Penance (Confession) Times Through the Week

A reminder that the Sacrament of Penance (confessions) is available three times during the week: on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 at Holy Family Church, on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 10:30 at Holy Trinity Church, and on Sunday afternoons from 4:15 to 4:45 at Holy Family Church.

It is also important to remember that missing Mass on Sundays (except in case of illness) is a mortal sin that must be confessed.

## First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

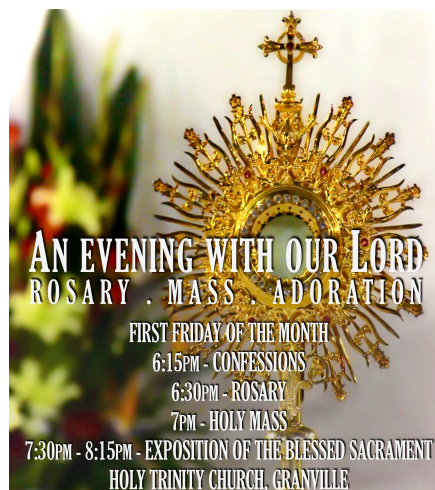
This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

## First Friday Mass and Adoration “Evening with Our Lord”

Join us this Friday evening at Holy Trinity Church as we continue our first Friday devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in reparation for the sins of humanity.

Confessions will be heard from 6:15 p.m., the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.



## Diocesan “Pastoral Plan Think Tank Sessions”

The diocese is hosting “think tank sessions” about the proposed diocesan pastoral plan. The sixth session will be held on Wednesday, 5 June from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Harris Park parish.

## St. Joseph’s Table Sorting Friday, 14 June at 5:00 p.m. at MacKillop Hall

As the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Holy Cross Parish holds its annual St. Joseph’s Table.

We are asking parishioners to donate canned goods and other non-perishable foods and toiletries to this table which will then be distributed to those in need.

Tables have been placed before the altar of St. Joseph in Holy Family Church and by the statue of St. Joseph in Holy Trinity Church for your donations. In previous years your donations have helped many families.

On Friday, 14 June at 5:00 p.m. at MacKillop Hall we will be sorting the items donated and preparing hampers. If you can help with these, we would be glad of your support.

## Flower Arrangement Groups for Holy Family Church

Parishioners are asked to volunteer to form groups of at least two people to arrange flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family Church. The groups will be rostered for Saturday mornings after the 9:15 a.m. Mass and will be responsible for buying and donating the flowers, arranging the flowers for the sanctuary and removing the flowers from the previous week.

Thank you to the six people who have already volunteered for this work. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. This means there are three groups but it also means that flowers can only be arranged every two or three weeks.

**If there are to be flowers decorating the sanctuary every week, as people want, then we need many more people to volunteer.**



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# WALK WITH CHRIST TODAY

TODAY AT 11:00 A.M.  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH





## ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.





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Please support this good work of Holy Cross Parish  
by donating to the St. Joseph's Table  
through the month of May.







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## Good Shepherd Appeal

# Support our seminarians to “go out into the deep.”

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# Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

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## The Readings

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### Introit (Cf. Ps. 80:17)

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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### First Reading

#### The Book of Exodus (24:3-8)

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

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### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 115:12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13)

R. I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. R.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. R.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. R.

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### Second Reading

#### The Letter to the Hebrews (9:11-15)

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were

called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

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### Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

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### Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 6:51-52)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

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### Gospel

#### The Gospel of Mark (14:12-16, 22-26)

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' 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.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' 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.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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### Communio (Jn. 6:57)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.