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The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Pope Paul VI, *Encyclical on the Month of May*, n. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianise the secular feasts which took place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pope Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (*Mediator Dei*) characterised it as one of “other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops” (n. 182).

In May of 2002 Pope St. John Paul II said that this month is “dedicated to Our Lady” and that “in accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a ‘Marian’ month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!”

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us.

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary—or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

So let us, throughout this holy month of Mary, dedicate ourselves more fervently to her motherly care and pray that she will guard us as her own sons and daughters and lead us to our true home.

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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, 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*

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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 Gerry Pinto, Rebecca Hanson,
Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Wadzi Mushininga, Sisters,
Mary Georges

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, Albert
Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Phyllis May Denmeade, Nazirah El-
Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria
Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech,
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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) 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.



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. We are looking for at least eight groups of people. To volunteer for this work please speak with Fr. Andrew after Mass.

Thank You to Joe Chidiac

We owe our thanks to Joe Chidiac for the work he has done over the past months in caring for the lawns at Holy Family Church.

Joe has given many hours of his time on many days to take care of the lawns.

We are blessed to have such a dedicated and hard-working volunteer as Joe to take care of all this work for Holy Family Church.

Holy Family Primary School Mother's Day Mass

Holy Family Primary School will be attending the parish Mass on Friday at 9:15 a.m. as part of their Mother's Day celebrations.

Enrolments Close This Week for the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist (First Confession and First Holy Communion)

A reminder that enrolments for the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist (first confession and first Holy Communion) will close on Thursday.

Enrolment forms are available for these Sacraments for those whose children are eligible. These can be collected from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be returned to Fr. Andrew at a Mass.

Please be aware that attendance at all lessons for these Sacraments is compulsory for those who enrol their children as is attendance at Mass every Sunday.

Diocesan "Pastoral Plan Think Tank Sessions"

The diocese is hosting "think tank sessions" about the proposed diocesan pastoral plan. The second session will be held on Wednesday, 8 May from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Druitt parish.

St. Joseph's Table

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 contributions have supported many families in our parish and in our schools as well as those in other parishes and across the diocese.

Please support this good work of Holy Cross Parish by donating to the St. Joseph's Table through the month of May in support of those who are having difficulties. Your donations can do a great deal to support those in need.

Important Holy Mass Intentions Reminder

A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed. Please do not write your request for a specific day and time on an envelope and leave it in a collections box, but speak directly with Fr. Andrew to make your request. Without doing this there is no guarantee that the Mass can be offered at that time but instead will be offered at the next available opportunity. Also note that it is not the custom of the Roman rite to announce the intention of the Mass. If you want the name said aloud, you will need to speak with Fr. Andrew in regard to this.



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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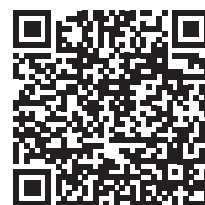


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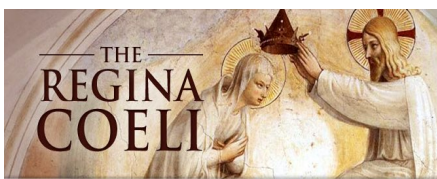


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Saints & STUFF



During the Easter season the traditional hymn to Mary, “Salve Regina” (“Hail, Queen”) is replaced with “Regina Coeli” (Queen of Heaven).

While the authorship of the Regina Coeli is unknown, the hymn has been traced back to the 12th century. It was in Franciscan use, after Compline (Night Prayer), in the first half of the following century.

According to tradition Pope St. Gregory the Great heard angels chanting the first three lines one Easter morning in Rome, while following barefoot in a great religious procession of the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary painted by St. Luke.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice,
alleluia.

The Son whom you merited
to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen,
alleluia.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Blessed Virgin Mary

963 Since the Virgin Mary's role in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit has been treated, it is fitting now to consider her place in the mystery of the Church. “The Virgin Mary is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer. She is ‘clearly the mother of the members of Christ’ since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church.”

964 Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. “This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death”; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion: Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: “Woman, behold your son.”

CATHOLIC Trivia

Why the Devil Hates Mary

The Italian Priest, Fr. Sante Babolin, a renowned exorcist who has performed more than 2,300 exorcisms, said that “as proof of this hatred” of the devil toward the Mother of God, “while I was insistently invoking the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the devil answered me: ‘I can't stand That One (Mary) any more and neither can I stand you any more.’”

Fr. Babolin pointed out the passage in the book of Genesis (3:15) — which is evoked in the Rite of Exorcism — where God says to the serpent that “she will crush your head.” In this ritual, he said, the exorcist says to the devil:

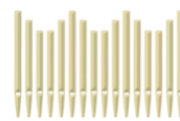
“Most cunning serpent,
you shall no more dare to deceive
the human race,
persecute the Church,
torment God's elect
and sift them as wheat...

The sacred Sign of the Cross
commands you,
as does also the power of the
mysteries of the Christian Faith...

The glorious Mother of God,
the Virgin Mary, commands you;
she who by her humility
and from the first moment
of her Immaculate Conception
crushed your proud head.”

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6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

The Readings

Introit (Cf. Is. 48:20)

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

The Acts of Apostles (10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 97:1-4. R. see v. 2)

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. R.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. John (4:7-10)

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves
is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John (15:9-17)

Jesus said to his disciples:
'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another, as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends, if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me, no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you is to love one another.'

Communio (Jn. 14:15-16)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.