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THE QUEENSHIP

of the

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Thursday we celebrate the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, after her Assumption body and soul into heaven, was crowned Queen of Heaven. And we celebrated, also, the feast day of our Sisters, the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World—Australia.

In A.D. 1954 Pope Venerable Pius XII spoke about the Queenship of Mary in his encyclical, *Ad Caeli Reginum*, and taught that as her Son is proclaimed Prince of Peace, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords so she is honoured as Queen of Heaven because of the intimate connection that lies between a mother and a son.

From the annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel when Our Lady sang in the Magnificat: "From this day all generations will call me blessed," and the Visitation and the greeting of Elizabeth who said, "why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord," the Church has recognised this singular honour granted to her.

Let us glory in being subjects of the Virgin Mother of God, who, while wielding royal power, is on fire with a mother's love.

And let us pray not only for ourselves but also for our Sisters in the words of St. Ephrem: "Majestic and Heavenly Maid, Lady, Queen, protect and keep me under your wing lest Satan the sower of destruction glory over me, lest my wicked foe be victorious against me."

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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

C. Takchi, M. Wehbe, N. Khoury

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 4: A. Quinlan,
G. Pinto, M. Asiedu, M. Moses,
G. Dankwah, S. Martin, M. Magpayo,
C. Elegado, J. Puni, J. Osei-Yamoah,
A. Osei-Yamoah, L. Tordilla, J. Fili,
J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj,
S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda,
Hanna Chami, Armani Barakat

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, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy
O'Connor, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini,
Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan, Carmel Watts.



*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

John Anjoul, Norma Armstrong, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad,
Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill,
Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, Maria Rebecca Dinh, Alan Frost,
Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary
Grech, Sam Grech, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La
Rosa, Marc Van LOe, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob
Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Bettie McGrath,
Iris McIntyre, Linsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Thomas
McIntyre, Sam Munro, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel
Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Mary Suong Nguyen, Jack Pickering,
Lorna Pickering, Herbert Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Sultaneh Salhab,
Kerry Savvas, Elaine Siu Ling Miu, Alex Taktak, Maria Ho Thi Ti,
John Timbs, John Toye, Carmelo Vella, Bich Lien Vo, Phero Vu
Van Vuong, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe,
Noeleen Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

New Ark Films

New Ark Films approached the parish and asked if they could film our Assumption candlelight procession as part of their work photographing the beauty of Catholicism in Australia. We are privileged to have been asked as we are the first parish in the Diocese of Parramatta to be included in their series. It is a testament to the work of the parish and our efforts to give glory to God in all things and to make known the beauty of our faith.

New Ark Films is a company dedicated to the Church and to our faith and we should encourage and support such businesses.

To see the beauty of their work be sure to check out their Facebook page at facebook.com/Newarkfilms and their Instagram page at [#newarkfilms](https://instagram.com/newarkfilms).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered every week on Sunday evenings following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Family Church and on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. This is a chance to pray before Our Lord truly present Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament and to receive His abundant graces and strength.

The Sacrament of penance (confession) is available three times each week at the following times: Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church and Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Make use of these opportunities to regularly make your confession and receive the grace of Our Lord.

Thank you

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Last Wednesday evening we celebrated the vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Holy Mass at Holy Family Church. Thank you to all those who assisted that evening, in particular to John Portelli and Maryanne Takchi for arranging the music, to Elvis and Patrick for serving the Mass, and to Avanti Florist (avantiflorist.com.au) for the stunning arrangements of flowers that adorned the sanctuary.

On Thursday we continued our celebrations with Holy Mass at Holy Family Church with Holy Family Primary School and then at Holy Trinity Church followed by a candlelight procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church. Thank you to all those who made these celebrations possible, in particular, to John Portelli and Chloe Zaiter for arranging the music, to Joshua, Elvis, Alvin, Jeevan, Paul, Patrick and Patrick for serving the Mass and the procession, to Joe Chidiac for driving the parish bus both before the Mass and after the procession, to Rosette Chidiac and Claudette Takchi for leading the procession, to Richard Zaiter for organising safety marshals and securing the route, to all those who volunteered as marshals and all those who helped carry the statue of Our Lady, to Claudette Takchi for the beautiful arrangement of flowers that decorated the bier that carried the statue of Our Lady, and to all who devotedly joined us in the procession to give witness to the love of Our Lady to the world.

We thank, especially, New Ark Films who, in undertaking their series on the beauty of Catholicism in Australia asked to film this procession. Be sure to see their work on Instagram at [#newarkfilms](https://instagram.com/newarkfilms).

The Catholic Foundation “Good Samaritan Appeal” for Catholic Care

The Catholic Foundation is continuing to hold its annual “Good Samaritan Appeal”. This year’s appeal is in support of Catholic Care’s “Project Elizabeth” which provides support to women facing difficulties during pregnancy and motherhood.

You can donate by making a contribution to this appeal by using the envelopes on the pews and placing these in either of the collections.

To make a donation online, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au or scan the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this appeal for your kindness and support which is greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times for many people.



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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION



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the faith alive**



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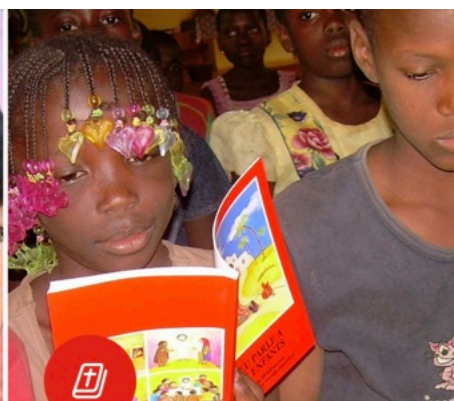
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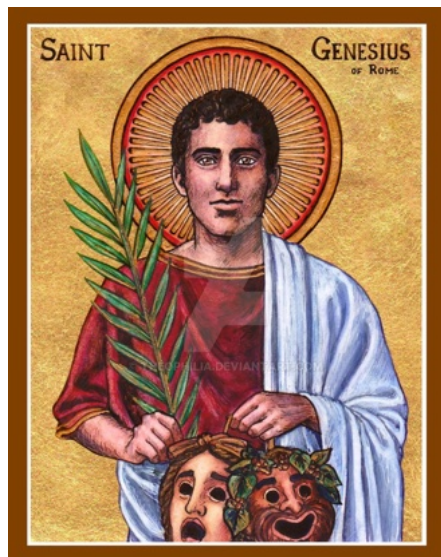
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Saints & STUFF

St. Genesis



There is a patron saint for everything and everyone, even clowns. And that's St. Genesis, a Roman martyr of the 3rd century.

In his earlier life he was a comedian and actor who performed in plays that mocked Christianity. According to legend, while performing in a play that made fun of baptism, he had an experience on stage that converted him. He proclaimed his new belief, and he steadfastly refused to renounce it, even when the emperor Diocletian ordered him to do so.

He is also the patron saint of actors, comedians, and lawyers. His feast day is 25th August.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Blessed Virgin Mary

971 "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honours "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs.

This very special devotion differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

972 In [Mary] we contemplate what the Church already is in her mystery on her own "pilgrimage of faith," and what she will be in the homeland at the end of her journey. There, "in the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity," "in the communion of all the saints," the Church is awaited by the one she venerates as Mother of her Lord and as her own mother.

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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The Readings

Introit (*Ps.* 83:10-11)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

The Book of Proverbs (9:1-6)

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 33:2-3, 10-15. *R.* v. 9)

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R.*

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. *R.*

Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? *R.*

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. *R.*

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:15-20)

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together,

and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (*Jn.* 6:56)

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

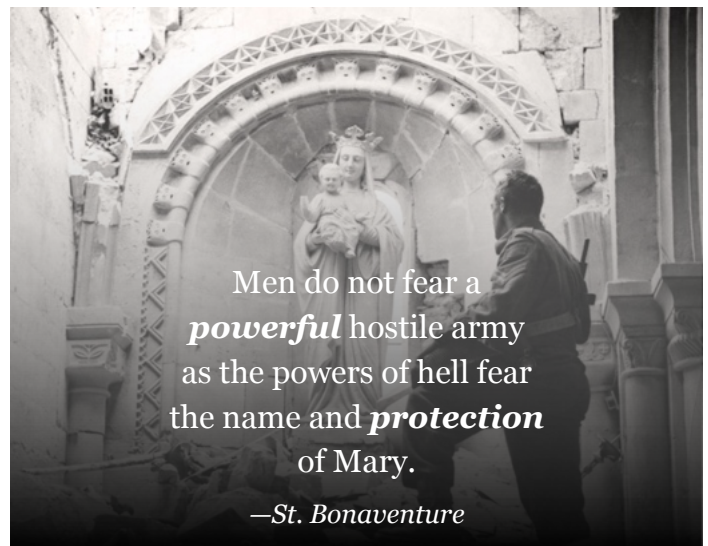
The Gospel of John (6:51-58)

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communio (*Ps.* 129:7)

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



Men do not fear a
powerful hostile army
as the powers of hell fear
the name and **protection**
of Mary.

—*St. Bonaventure*