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# Granville

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SAINT  
MATTHEW  
*The Apostle*

On Saturday the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. There is little known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alphaeus, and was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a despised profession during the time of Our Lord. According to the Gospel, St. Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Our Lord came to him and said, "Follow me" (Mt. 9:9). With this simple call, St. Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

Many years following the death and resurrection of Our Lord, around A.D. 41 and A.D. 50, St. Matthew wrote his gospel account—the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. He wrote in Aramaic, the language of the people at that time, in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah.

It is thought he left Judea to escape persecution sometime after A.D. 42. According to various accounts he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of St. Matthew's death, and so it is not known how he died but tradition accords him death as a martyr.

St. Matthew is often depicted as the man of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which says, "The first living creature was like a lion (St. Mark), the second like a bull (St. Luke), the third living creature had a human face (St. Matthew), and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle (St. John)."

As St. Matthew was a tax collector he is held by the Church to be the the patron saint of bankers, as well as accountants, civil servants, and perfumers.



*O God, who with untold mercy  
were pleased to choose as an Apostle  
Saint Matthew, the tax collector,  
grant that, sustained by his example  
and intercession, we may merit  
to hold firm in following you.  
Through Christ our Lord.*

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### 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.

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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, Gerry Pinto,  
Rebecca Hanson

**10:00 a.m.** Sisters, Mary Georges,  
Reanne Chidiac

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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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.



*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

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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, Melissa Irons, Paul Karam, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas  
Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob  
Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Bettie McGrath,  
Iris McIntyre, Linsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Thomas  
McIntyre, Elaine Siu Ling Miu, Sam Munro, Joseph Nammour,  
Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Vincent Nguyen,  
Guise Pham, Jack Pickering, Lorna Pickering, Herbert Pidgeon,  
Flory Pinto, Sultaneh Salhab, Kerry Savvas, Noel So, Alex  
Taktak, Darren Thornton, John Timbs, John Toye, Carmelo Vella,  
Bich Lien Vo, Phero Vu Van Vuong, Carmel Watts, 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.*

**Annual  
Father’s Day Appeal  
for Sick and Retired Priests**



The annual diocesan appeal for sick and retired Priests continues this week if you are able to assist with a donation.

Last year, across the diocese, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling over \$200,000 and the Clergy Support Foundation thanks you for this contribution.

Your support provides services for retired Priests, including care for our priests through the Clergy Health and Wellbeing office which provides care for daily living needs, medical care and mental health support, transportation assistance so they can attend appointments and social events, and stay connected with the community, and social activities: to help retired Priests combat loneliness by staying active and engaged.

Thank you to all those who generously contributed to this appeal last weekend. For those who would like to do so, envelopes are available on the pews and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. To claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope.

If you prefer to donate online or if you would like more information, you can visit [parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation](http://parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation).

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this appeal and please continue to pray for these men who have given their lives as Priests in service of Our Lord and His Church for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls.



*Make frequent visits to Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament  
and the devil will be  
powerless against you.*

—St. John Bosco

**SUNDAYS**

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



**FIRST FRIDAYS**

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

**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.

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.

**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](http://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.



ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

**Together  
we can keep  
the faith alive**



## **Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians**

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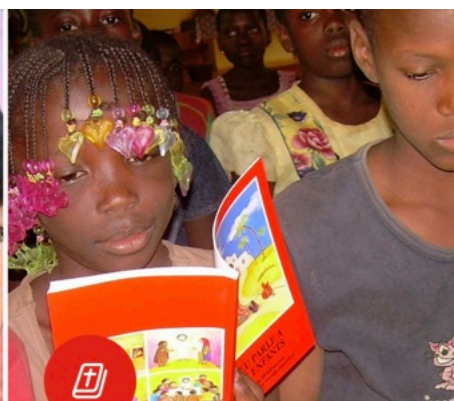
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Can supply **fresh food and provide nourishing meals** for a retired priest.



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Can help **fill a retired priest's petrol tank, supporting active independence.**



**\$100**

Supports **transport costs to take unwell priests to medical appointments.**



**\$250**

Can support a retired priest's **medical care, mental health, and wellbeing.**



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Can help fund **specialist medical consultations.**



**\$1,000**

Can help support our retired priests' **day-to-day living needs and home comforts.**



**\$2,500**

Provides our priests with **fifty hours of professional care** from our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team.



**\$5,000**

Can help fund **aged care and nursing home accommodation.**

# Saints & STUFF

## ST. HELENA

St. Helena (c. A.D. 250-330) was an Empress of the Roman Empire, and mother of Emperor Constantine the Great. In her final years, she made a religious tour of Jerusalem, during which she allegedly discovered the True Cross. Pious beliefs also associate her to the foundation of the Vatican Gardens with earth brought from Golgotha by Helena to symbolically unite the blood of Christ with that shed by thousands of early Christians, who died in the persecutions of the emperor Nero.

On the site of the discovery of the Cross now stands the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which also honours the burial place of Our Lord.



## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Desire for Happiness*

**1718** The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it: We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated. How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you. God alone satisfies.

**1719** The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.

**1720** The New Testament uses several expressions to characterise the beatitude to which God calls man: the coming of the Kingdom of God; the vision of God: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"; entering into the joy of the Lord.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## *Bleeding Host in Poland Confirmed to be the True Body and Blood of Christ*

In Poland a consecrated host fell on the floor and picked up and placed in a container with water, according to the report by the Bishop of Legnica. The falling of the host and its preservation occurred on Christmas day of 2013. After the host was conserved in a container with water by the Parish Priest, it gradually began to turn to change colour, possessing red-bloody stains.



The final medical statement by the Department of Forensic Medicine found that "in the histopathological image, the fragments (of the Host) were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle. Tests also determined the tissue to be of human origin, and found that it bore signs of distress."

The Vatican in April approved the findings and reports of the case.

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The Readings

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**Introit** (Cf. *Ecclus.* 36:18)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

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**First Reading**

**The Prophet Isaiah** (50:5-9)

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.  
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

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**Responsorial Psalm** (*Ps.* 114:1-6, 8-9. *R.* v. 9)

*R.* I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. *R.*

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! *R.*

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. *R.*

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. *R.*

**Second Reading**

**The Letter of St. James** (2:14-18)

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds—now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

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**Gospel Acclamation** (*Gal.* 6:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of Mark** (8:27-35)

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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**Communio** (Cf. *Ps.* 35:8)

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.