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# Granville

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## SYDNEY

The Vatican announced that Sydney will host the 54<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress in 2028. This event, held every four years is expected to draw tens of thousands of faithful Catholics from around the world to Sydney and will be the largest event to be held in Australia since World Youth Day in 2008.

On Sunday, the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress closed in Quito in Ecuador with the announcement that Sydney will be the next city to host this event.

This will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last time the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Sydney in 1928. Archbishop Fisher said, "The International Eucharistic Congress is a joyous occasion that will deepen our understanding of the truth of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist... It is my hope that in hosting the International Eucharistic Congress we might renew the sense of solemnity, mystery, welcome and joy in the liturgical life of our city, revitalise our Christian lives, and

increase our outreach to those most in need."

The one week event will include large opening and closing Masses and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Sydney.

Let us pray that Our Lord will bless this moment in history so that it may draw many people to the one, true faith and enliven our love of the Eucharist.

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## THE PARISH OFFICE

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Rosette Chidiac

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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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holycrossgranville.org.au



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Holy Cross Parish App



@holycrossgranville

## 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 3: Hanh Hanh  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Rebecca Hanson,  
Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac

**10:00 a.m.** Hannah Chami,  
Raphaella Chidiac, Armani Barakat

**Children's Liturgy** school holidays

## 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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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, George Hatem, John Hatem, Mariam  
Hatem, Melissa Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Nouhad  
Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine  
Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun,  
Bettie McGrath, Iris McIntyre, Lindsay 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, John 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.*

**“Youth In Mission 2025”  
in the Philippines**

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills and the Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta are inviting young and passionate individuals aged between 18 and 30 years old to join a mission to Cebu and Manila in the Philippines in January of next year to help those in need.

This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in a new culture while contributing to meaningful projects that make a real impact where your efforts will directly benefit communities in need. You can make a tangible difference by working on projects that address critical needs and support local development, grow and develop personally in gaining invaluable life skills and even build lasting friendships.

This experience isn't just about giving; it's also about growing and learning. You'll return home with a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper understanding of global issues.

For more details, contact Fr. John Paul on 0420 310 771 or you can send an email to johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org

**Holy Mass  
for H.S.C. Students  
Friday, 11 October**

Holy Mass will be said for those students undertaking their H.S.C. exams on Friday, 11 October at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Please pray for those who are preparing for their exams and who will soon be taking these that they will seek the grace of Almighty God and dedicate their studies to His service.

Please join us for this Mass so that you can show your support and offer your prayers for those of our parish who will be taking these exams.



*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.

**St. Patrick's Parish  
Seniors' Group  
Bus Trip to Wyong  
Monday, 30 September**

St. Patrick's Parish (Guildford) Seniors' Group will be holding a bus trip to Wyong and the surrounding areas on Monday, 30 September with a stop for lunch at Club Wyong.

The bus will depart from Guildford Community Centre at 90 O'Neil Street, Guildford at 8:00 a.m.

There are still a few places left on the bus so if you would like more information or if you would like to reserve a seat, please call Jim Newell on 9632-5049.

**New Statue of  
St. Mary of the Cross**

A new statue of St. Mary of the Cross was installed and blessed at Holy Trinity Church last Sunday. This statue was generously donated by the Zaiter family in memory of Laila Iskandar Zaiter, wife of the late Dib Richard Zaiter, and mother of Richard, Sounya, Mouna, Violette, Mary Rose, George and Jacqueline. This statue will now adorn the side altar of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Mary of the Cross is an important Saint in the history of the parish as she is known to have visited Granville and where convents and schools were founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Laila Zaiter and for the consolation of her family in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.



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

*May she rest in peace.  
May her soul and the souls  
of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

*St. Mary of the Cross, pray for us.*





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Let us care for those who have cared  
for us through their lifetime of service



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day  
Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy

[parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)



**\$25**

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



**\$50**

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.**



**\$500**

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.**



ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

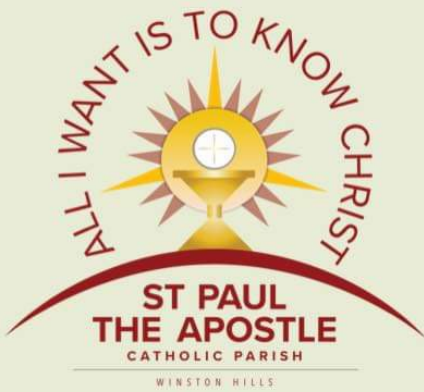
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FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.



**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH,  
WINSTON HILLS AND FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY  
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to the

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2025**

in

**Cebu & Manila  
Philippines**

**20 JANUARY - 04 FEBRUARY**

**BOOK NOW!!!**

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# Saints & STUFF

## St. JUDE

St. Jude, known as Thaddeus, was the brother of St. James the Less, and one of the twelve Apostles. He is often depicted with the attributes of a flame above his head, meaning that he was present at Pentecost, and holding an image of Christ. Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. He preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya, and returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem. Most scholars agree St. Jude was martyred either in Armenia or Beirut. His bones are interred now in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is devoutly honoured by Catholics as the patron of difficult cases, because of his encouragement to perseverance in his epistle (the Letter of St. Jude). Moreover, both St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as "the Patron Saint of the Impossible." So let us honour St. Jude and his generous intercession before the throne of almighty God, that he may pray for us and help us in our needs, and that, by the grace of God, we will persevere in faith in all difficulties.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Ways of Coming to Know God*

**33** The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. the soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material", can have its origin only in God.

**34** The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".

**35** Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man, and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith.(so) the proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## Protestant Preacher Admits Catholics Have Most Miracles

A video is being shared around on social media (<https://youtu.be/VvYeXh3JHco>) of Pentecostal preacher Benny Hinn telling a Pentecostal audience that Catholics experience more miracles than Pentecostals.

Amazingly, he credits this to the Catholic belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which Hinn says he also affirms (at least a version of it). He also credits the fact that Catholics don't "church hop" (or jump from church to church) as much as Pentecostals.

Hinn tells his audience, "They just released a study that more people are healed in a Catholic church than in Pentecostal churches... Because Catholic people revere the Eucharist."

And he adds, "There's healing in the Catholic churches because these people are devoted and show up every Sunday. They don't church hop. We hop, they don't. That's why we're sick, and many of them are healed."

Maybe we should appreciate a little more the fullness of truth given to us by the Catholic Church...

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The Readings

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**Introit**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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**First Reading**

**The Book of Wisdom (2:12, 17-20)**

The godless say to themselves, ‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after—we have his word for it.’

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**Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6)**

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. R.

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. R.

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. R.

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**Second Reading**

**The Letter of St. James (3:16-4:3)**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by

force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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**Gospel Acclamation (see II Thess. 2:14)**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of Mark (9:30-37)**

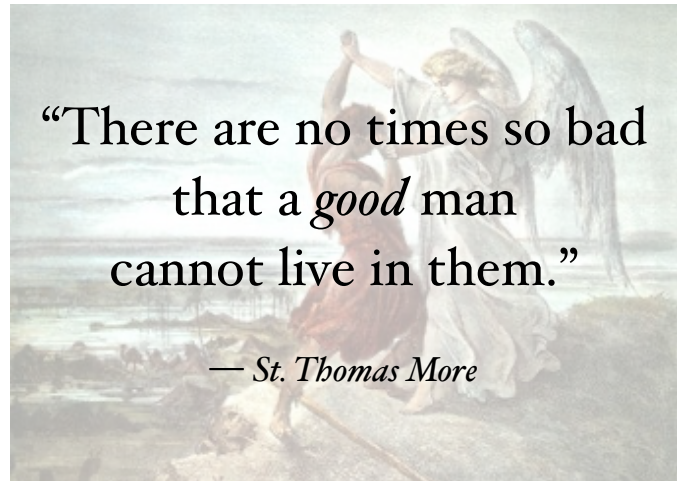
After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

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**Communio (Cf. Ps. 118:4-5)**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



“There are no times so bad  
that a *good* man  
cannot live in them.”

— *St. Thomas More*