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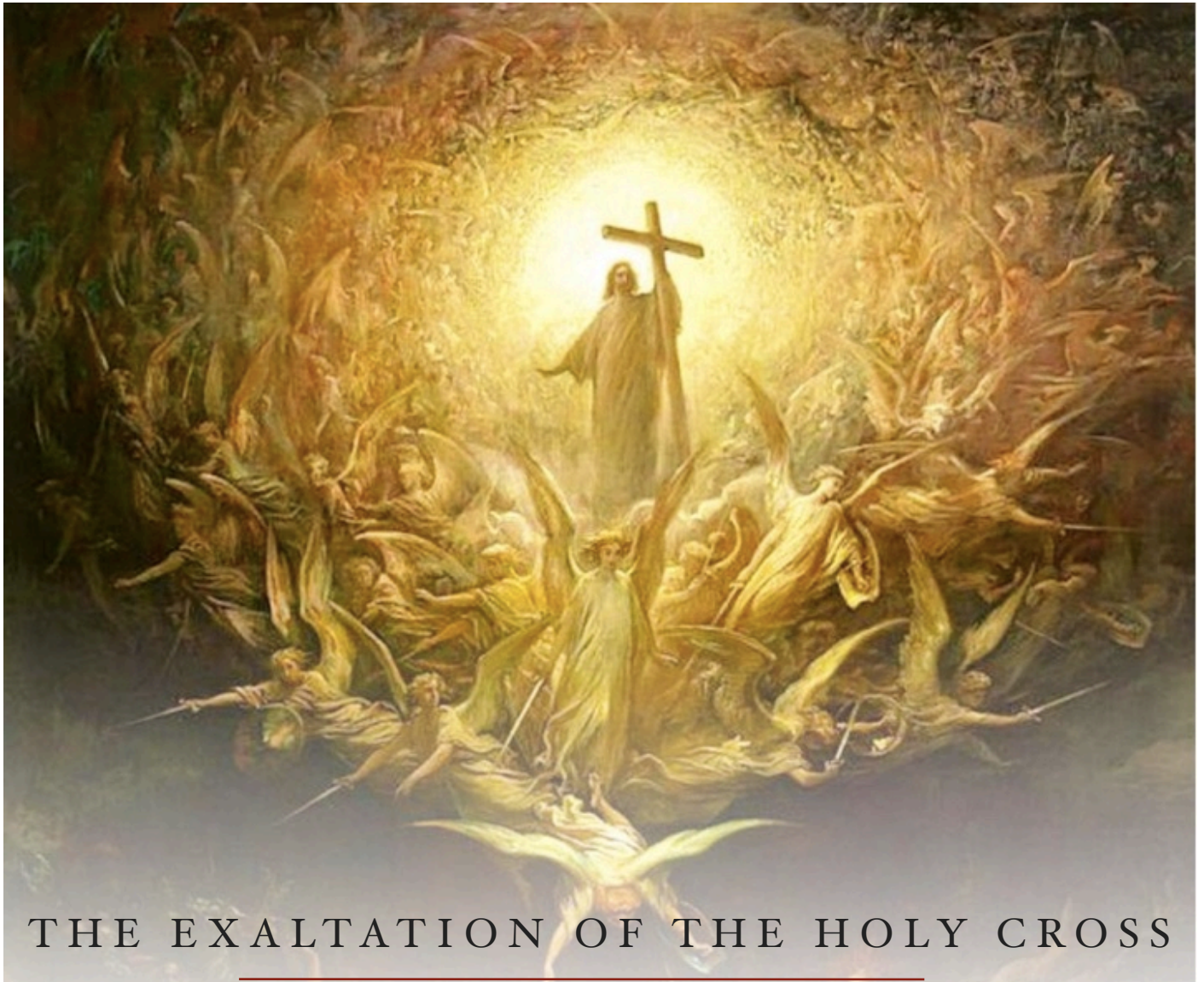
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The Official Bulletin of Holy Cross Parish

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## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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On Saturday the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast recalls three events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of the churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in A.D. 629 by the emperor Heraclius after it had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians in A.D. 614.

Under Constantine, around A.D. 327, Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem, caused excavations to be made in order to determine the location of Calvary as well as that of the Holy Sepulchre. It was in the course of these excavations that the wood of the Cross was recovered. It was recognised as authentic, and for it was built a chapel or oratory. Soon after the discovery of the Cross its wood was cut up into small relics and quickly scattered throughout the world.

It is the Holy Cross, the ancient symbol of humiliation and failure, which is for us the sign of triumph and salvation.

For us the Holy Cross is the sign of the victory of good over evil, of life over death, and we honour this symbol whenever we make the sign of the Cross on ourselves. For by this we mark ourselves out as faithful Christians and we unite ourselves with the agony of the Cross so that we may be brought to share in its exaltation.

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Lana Leatherby

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## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

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**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## 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** Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,  
Ingrid Bifulco

**10:00 a.m.** Reanne Chidiac, Sisters,  
Wadzi Mushininga

**Children's Liturgy** Wanda and Chloe

## 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, 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, 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.



T H E † M E M O R I A L † O F

## *Our Lady of Sorrows*

The month of September is traditionally given in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast is celebrated on September 15.

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her solidarity with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance.

Yet we remember that, as Pope Benedict XVI said, "Today Mary dwells in the joy and the glory of the Resurrection. The tears shed at the foot of the Cross have been transformed into a smile which nothing can wipe away, even as her

maternal compassion towards us remains unchanged. The intervention of the Virgin Mary in offering succour throughout history testifies to this, and does not cease to call forth, in the people of God, an unshakable confidence in her... Mary loves each of her children, giving particular attention to those who, like her Son at the hour of his Passion, are prey to suffering; she loves them quite simply because they are her children, according to the will of Christ on the Cross."

As the Blessed Virgin Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Our Lord was nailed for our salvation, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her

soul. We honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was given to us as our mother from the Holy Cross, when remember and contemplate the seven sorrows she endured:

† *The prophecy of Simeon*

† *The flight into Egypt*

† *The loss of the Child Jesus  
for three days*

† *Mary meets Jesus  
on his way to Calvary*

† *Crucifixion and Death of Jesus*

† *The body of Jesus  
being taken from the Cross*

† *The burial of Jesus*



# 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.**

# Saints & STUFF



## The Most Holy Name of Mary

The Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary is celebrated each year on 12 September. Pope Innocent XI introduced it to commemorate the victory at the Battle of Vienna in 1683. It was removed following Vatican II but restored by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002 along with the Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus. The memorial commemorates all the privileges bestowed upon Mary by God and all the graces received through her intercession and mediation. The day is often celebrated by croissants which commemorated the defeat of the Ottoman army at Vienna on this feast day.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Sacrifice on the Cross*

**617** The Council of Trent emphasises the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" and teaches that "his most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us." And the Church venerates his cross as she sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope."

**618** The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men". But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]", for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps." In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering. "Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven" (St. Rose of Lima).

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## *Croissants*

Here is some interesting trivia for all our croissant lovers.

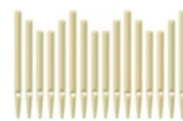


Last Wednesday, 12 September, was the glorious feast of the Holy Name of Mary. On that day 335 years ago, in A.D. 1683, the Catholic armies of Europe fought the Ottoman army at Vienna. It was after this battle that the "crescent pastry" came into being. The Christian victory was marked by eating the symbol of the Moors.



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The Readings

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**Introit** (cf. *Ps.* 118:137, 124)

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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**First Reading**

**The Prophet Isaiah** (35:4-7)

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

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**Responsorial Psalm** (*Ps.* 145:7-10 *R.* v. 1)

*R.* Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R.*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bound down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *R.*

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. *R.*

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**Second Reading**

**The Letter of St. James** (2:1-5)

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (Cf. *Mt.* 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of Mark** (7:31-37)

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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**Communio** (Cf. *Ps.* 41:23)

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

