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## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION WITH FEAR *and* REVERENCE

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There have been an increasing number of incidents where the Sacred Host given in Holy Communion has not been treated with the fear and reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist which we receive in Holy Communion is the real presence—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity—of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not a symbol of Christ. It is Jesus Christ Himself. The bread and the wine are transubstantiated; that is, the substance is changed from being bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. This is a truth of the Catholic faith and it is a truth that must be held by every person who professes to be a Catholic. Those who do not believe this, or believe that the Sacred Host is only a symbol must not receive Holy Communion as St. Paul warned in his first letter to the Corinthians (see 11:27-30).

For those who choose to receive Holy Communion on the hand—as the Church allows—particular care must be taken. It is understandable that accidents may happen and that the Sacred Host may fall to the ground, but we must do all that we can to ensure that the Sacred Host is honoured and received with great care and caution.

It is best to not step to the side or to even begin walking away without having consumed the Host. The Sacred Host should be consumed—that means placed in your mouth—whilst standing in front of and facing the Priest or the extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. In this way, the chance of the Host being dropped is greatly reduced because you are not walking whilst still carrying the Host. You should also ensure that there are no particles of the Host remaining in your hand that could be dropped, for every particle of the Host is Jesus Christ Himself.

If, by accident, the Sacred Host does fall on the ground please do not pick it up but wait for the Priest to take the Host from the ground so that proper care can be given to the Host.

For others who are then to receive Holy Communion, please do not step forward but allow the Priest to cover the ground where the Sacred Host fell so that the place can be purified and all particles of the Sacred Host recovered.

When all of this is done, and the Sacred Host is taken and the place it fell is covered with a cloth by the Priest you will then be able to receive Holy Communion.

We all have a duty to Almighty God to fear, to revere and to protect and defend the Most Blessed Sacrament given to us in Holy Communion. It is the greatest treasure on earth for it is God Himself—the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ—that is given to us to receive.

## THE PARISH OFFICE

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Rev. Fr. Andrew Bass PP

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John Portelli

### Catechist Co-ordinator

Lana Leatherby

### Sacraments and Youth Co-ordinator

Rosette Chidiac

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Rosette Chidiac and John Portelli

### Piety Shop

Claudette Takchi and Annette Wirz

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## DONATIONS

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BSB: 067-950

Account: 00007247

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 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** Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,  
Racquel La Rosa

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

## 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, Laura Pestano, Rogelio Pestano,  
Rolando Pestano, Guise Pham, Jack Pickering, Lorna Pickering,  
Herbert Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, 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.*

## **Blessing of the Graves of Priests at Rookwood**

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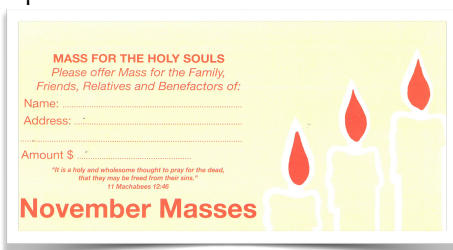
On Saturday, 9 November at 12:00 p.m. at Rookwood Cemetery, we will visit the graves of the past Parish Priests of Granville to bless the graves and to pray the Divine Office for the Dead. For those who would like to attend but are unable to drive themselves or to arrange transport, the parish bus will be available to drive people to and from the cemetery. For those who would like the bus, please see Fr. Andrew for further details. Please be aware that there are limited places available on the bus and we may not be able to accommodate all requests for transport.

## **November Mass Intentions for the Faithful Departed**

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As is the tradition of the Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying for the faithful departed. Throughout November Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls, beseeching the mercy of God that they may be forgiven their sins and receive eternal life in heaven with all the Angels and Saints.

If you would like to have your family and friends remembered in these Masses and their names written in the Book of Remembrance please fill in one of the envelopes by the doors of the church and leave this in the box provided.



**MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS**  
Please offer Mass for the Family,  
Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,  
that they may be freed from their sins."  
1st Maccabees 12:46

**November Masses**

Those whose names are given will be remembered in the Masses said throughout November and will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

## **Mandatory Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers**

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There will be a chance for volunteers to complete the second cycle of mandatory safeguarding training this Saturday (26 October) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at MacKillop Hall. This is a chance for those who would prefer to complete the training face-to-face rather than online. To register to attend, please speak with Fr. Andrew or visit the Diocese of Parramatta's safeguarding training website at [parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training](http://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training).

If you are a parish volunteer and have completed your first cycle of safeguarding training more than two years ago, it is now time to complete the second cycle of training. This can be done either online by visiting [parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training](http://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training) or face-to-face next Saturday.

If you have any questions regarding whether you are due for your renewal or if you have any questions about the safeguarding training in general, please speak with Fr. Andrew.



## **DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA**

A reminder that this safeguarding training is mandated by the Diocese of Parramatta for all volunteers in all parishes, as is the case in all dioceses, including the Maronite diocese. In spite of what some people have claimed, this is not something that has been introduced by Fr. Andrew or the parish. It is a commitment introduced by the Australian government following the Royal Commission for all volunteers. As such, it is a requirement of the Diocese of Parramatta and all dioceses in Australia for all parish volunteers.

## **"Youth In Mission 2025" in the Philippines**

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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 is about growing and learning and 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](mailto:johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org)

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

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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.



ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

# THE HOLY ROSARY

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## *The Glorious Mysteries*

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Pope Francis's confidence in Our Lady developed when, in 1985, he attended a rosary that was being led by Pope John Paul II. The sight of the Pope on his knees moved him. He asked himself how much he trusted Our Lady: "I became aware of the density of the words of the Mother of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego: "Don't be afraid, am I not perhaps your mother?" From that day, he said fifteen decades of the Rosary daily.

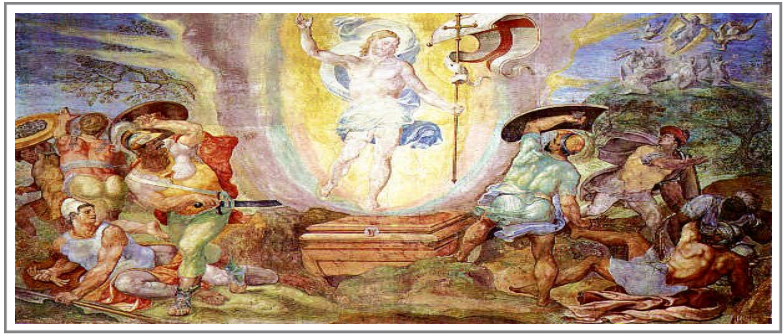
The mystery of the Resurrection fills us with great hopeful expectation. Death does not have the final word. Our life does not end at the grave, and we can say with St. Paul, "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" (I Corinthians 15:55).

The mystery of the Ascension of our Lord reminds us to rely on the peace which Christ offers us. Shortly before His ascension He tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). Here He warns us that the peace the world offers does not satisfy. We need to remain detached from earthly possessions which do not ultimately satisfy—we were made for Heaven.

This mystery of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost encourages us to place our faith in Him as we evangelise those in our lives who are far off from him.

Meditating upon the mystery of the Assumption of Mary into heaven gives us a glimpse at "what God has prepared for those who love him" (I Corinthians 2:9) and consequently fills us with hopeful expectation. Mary, after all, is the prototypical Christian. What God has done for her He will one day do for us. If we accept salvation and persevere, we will be cleansed of sin and given glorified bodies.

With the mystery of the coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of Earth, Mary intercedes on behalf of her spiritual children, the Church. This mystery encourages us to entrust themselves and their good works to the only perfect creature, the Mother of God.



*The Resurrection*



*The Ascension*



*The Descent of the Holy Spirit*



*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



*The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



# MASSES FOR THE DEAD

## NOVEMBER MASSES

*To have the names of the faithful departed of your family and your friends remembered at the altar during Holy Masses said during the month of November, complete one of the special November Masses envelopes and leave this in the box by the doors of the church.*

*The names of those given will be written in the Book of Remembrance and placed at the altar of St. Joseph at Holy Family Church and in the chapel of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World at Holy Trinity Church.*

During the month of November the Church asks the faithful to pray for the faithful departed—that the Holy Souls in Purgatory may be forgiven their sins and so borne to live forever with Our Lord and all the Angels and Saints.

Of this Pope Francis has said that “Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: It is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.”

Pope Benedict XVI said that “praying for the dead is a noble practice that implies belief in the resurrection of the dead... We intend our prayers of suffrage... to be united with this prayer of the Lord which is priestly *par excellence*. Christ substantiated his entreaty to the Father with the gift of himself on the Cross; let us offer our prayers in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is the real and actual representation of that unique and saving self-emptying.”

The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer of the Church, because it is the prayer of Christ Himself—the Son of God to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. There can be no greater prayer than this to be said for those who are suffering in purgatory, and no greater hope of salvation than offering this prayer.

We pray for those who have died because they can no longer pray for themselves. While in this life we can pray for ourselves and perform penances as acts of contrition for our sins. But at our death, we are no longer able to do this and so we rely solely on the love and the mercy of those who remain in this world and of the Saints in heaven to pray for us and our eternal souls.

In each Mass the Priest prays for the dead, asking the Lord to remember His servants “who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace” and asking that they may be granted “a place of refreshment, light, and peace.” This November, remember those who have died and pray for them, so that, they, when we depart from this world, will remember and pray for us.



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES OF  
*Priests at Rookwood*

Visitation of the graves of past Priests of Granville  
at Rookwood Cemetery to bless the graves  
and to pray the Divine Office for the Dead

12:00 p.m. | Saturday, 9 November



*Enter Rookwood Cemetery on the corner  
of East St. and Victoria St. East, Lidcombe  
then continue down Necropolis Drive  
until you get to the roundabout,  
then turn left into the roundabout,  
then the first left to St. Michael the Archangel Chapel*



The Readings

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**Introit** (cf. *Ps.* 16:6, 8)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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**First Reading**

**The Prophet Isaiah** (53:10-11)

The Lord has been pleased  
to crush his servant with suffering.  
If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.  
His soul's anguish over  
he shall see the light and be content.  
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.

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**Responsorial Psalm** (*Pss.* 32:4-5, 8-20, 22. *R.* v. 22)

*R.* Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. *R.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love.  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. *R.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. *R.*

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**Second Reading**

**The Letter to the Hebrews** (4:14-16)

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (*Mk.* 10:45)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**The Gospel of Mark** (10:35-45)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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**Communio** (cf. *Ps.* 32:18-19)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

“ The true Christian hero  
will appear in the cause of Christ,  
not only when it is prevailing,  
but when it seems to be declining;  
he will be on the right side,  
though it be not the rising side. ”

—Matthew Henry (d. A.D. 1714)