

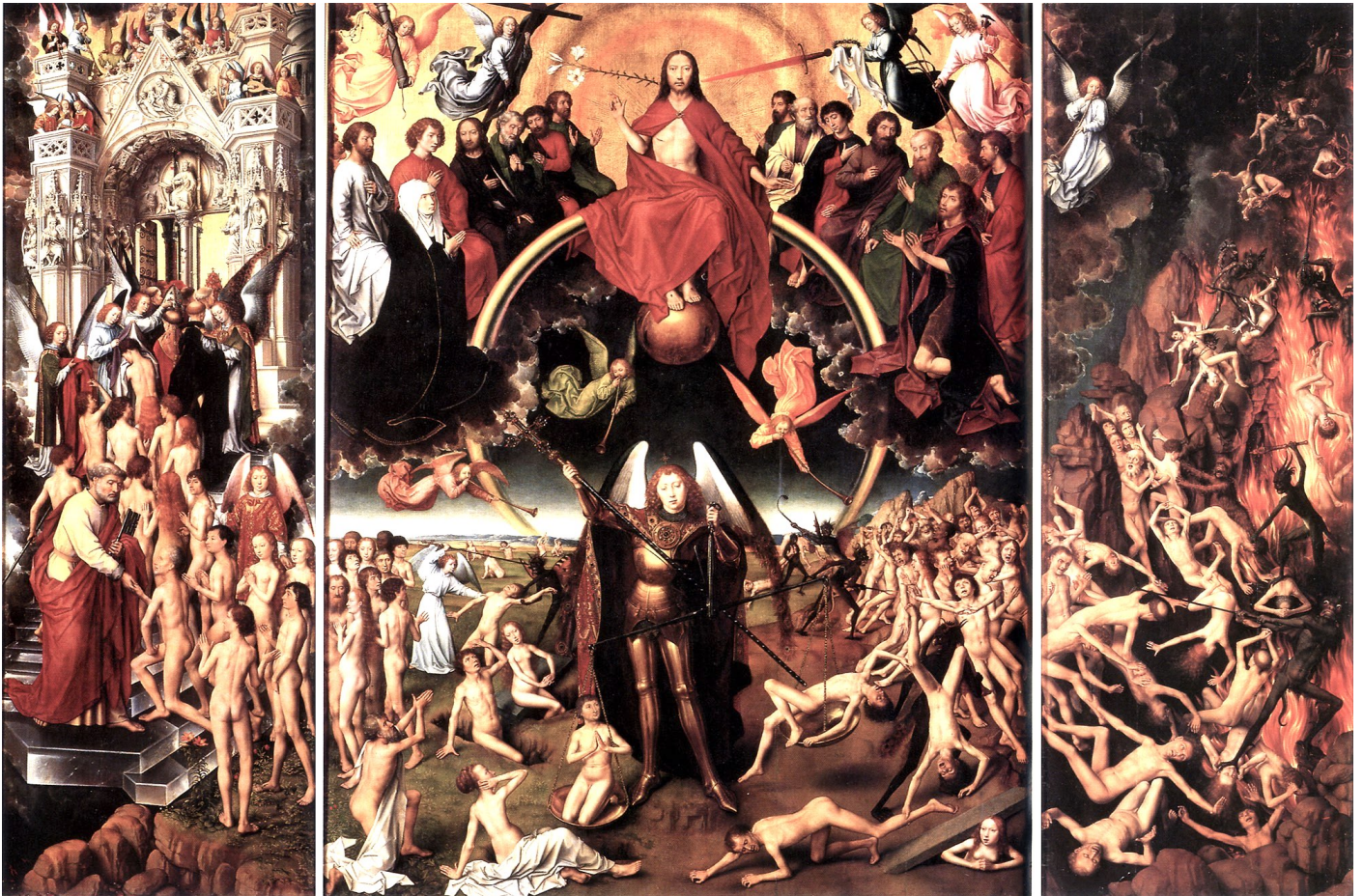
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THE FOUR LAST THINGS

Heaven and Hell

At our death we will be brought before the throne of God to be judged on the course of our life and we will be condemned to hell or, after our time in purgatory if warranted, be borne to heaven.

When the form of this world has passed away, those who have welcomed God into their lives and have sincerely opened themselves to His love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human life. As the Church

teaches, this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity, this communion of life and love with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed, is called "heaven". Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

For those who reject God in this life by their apathy or their hatred will bear the consequence of their abandonment of the Church and suffer the torments of hell. God is the infinitely good and merciful Father.

But man, called to respond to Him freely, can choose to reject His love and forgiveness once and for all, separating himself for ever from communion with Him. It is not a punishment imposed externally by God but a development of premises already set by people in this life.

God desires our salvation and grants us every chance for eternal life. But it is we, by our lives, who make the choice for Him or against Him. There is nothing else (*Matthew 12:30*).

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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

Flower Arranging

*requesting volunteers to form groups of
at least 2 people to arrange flowers for
the sanctuary*

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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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa,
Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges,
Wadzi Mushininga, Sisters

Children's Liturgy Reanne Chidiac and
Raphaella Chidiac

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, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,
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

Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown,
Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, Maria
Dinh, Akosita Fetuuaho, 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
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Yesmine Wehbe, Phyllis Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

Catholic Church Teaching on Attending Sunday Mass Every Week

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “The Sunday Eucharist (i.e. Holy Mass) is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist (i.e. Mass) on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin” (n. 2181).

As Catholics, we have an obligation to almighty God to honour that which He has decreed and by attending Mass each and every Sunday we give to God what He deserves, which is our worship.

Those who have a serious reason for not attending Mass such as due to illness, or infirmity or looking after their young children are dispensed from this obligation as long as the serious reason remains. However, for the sake of the duty of the worship of God, the Church encourages those who legitimately cannot attend to still offer some prayers such as reading the Holy Bible or praying the Holy Rosary.

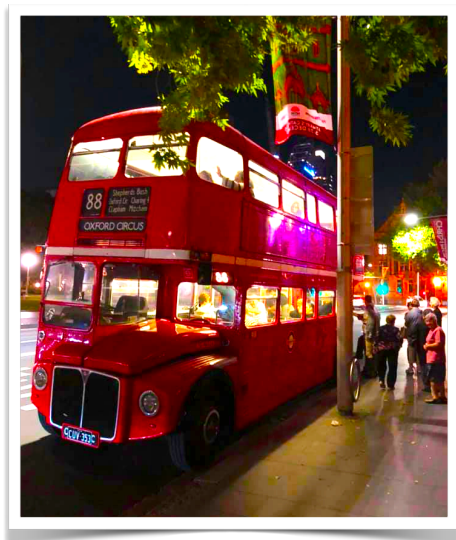
For all others, to not attend Mass on Sunday and on holy days of obligation (such as the Assumption or Christmas Day) commit a grave sin (i.e. mortal sin) which must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion.

Attending a Baptism or a wedding on a Sunday which does not take place during Mass does not fulfill the Sunday obligation and so those who do attend these must still go to Mass.

To duly attend Mass each Sunday is as nothing in comparison to the sacrifice of Our Lord on the Holy Cross who gave everything of Himself to us.

Red London Bus to the “Lights of Christmas” at St. Mary’s Cathedral Saturday, 14 December

The Red London Bus is back! Join us on Saturday, 14 December as we take the Red London Bus to St. Mary’s Cathedral for the “Lights of Christmas”. The bus will be leaving Holy Trinity Church at 7:15 p.m. and Holy Family Church at 7:30 p.m., and then returning later that evening. If you are interested in coming along leave your details on the forms by the doors of the church. To help pay for the cost of the bus we ask adults to pay \$15 per person, and for children \$10 per person. Spaces are strictly limited and so make sure to put your name down today.



November Mass Intentions for the Faithful Departed

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. 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.

Red Wednesday 20 November

On Wednesday, 20 November, we honour Red Wednesday in support of Aid to the Church in Need as we pray for persecuted Christians in this country and around the world.

It is little known nor is it ever publicised by the media that Christians are the most persecuted people in the world today. That persecution does not just exist in other countries but in Australia as well. The persecution of the Faith, of the Church, of individuals who seek to lead good and holy lives is a tragedy that must be confronted. Unless the faithful stand up and make a defence of the Christ, of the Church and of the Faith then we face a future, already known in other countries, where churches will be closed, Mass and the Sacraments will be banned, and Christians face legal discrimination.

So join us on Red Wednesday and wear red in solidarity with Christians around the world and join us for Holy Mass as we pray for the protection of the one, true faith.

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.



THE LIGHTS OF *Christmas*

Join us on Saturday, 14 December
as we take the Red London Bus
to St. Mary's Cathedral
for the "Lights of Christmas".

Leaving Holy Trinity Church at 7:15 p.m.
and Holy Family Church at 7:30 p.m.

To come along, add your name
to the sign-up sheets
at the doors of the church this weekend.

To help with the cost of the bus
we ask if adults can pay \$15 and children \$10.

SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER





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RED
WEDNESDAY

Light Red. Wear Red. Pray Red.

*Join us on Wednesday, 20 November as we stand in solidarity
with persecuted Christians
who suffer unjustly for their peacefully-held beliefs.*

*To honour Red Wednesday Holy Cross Parish
will turn our Facebook page RED
as we do something peaceful and positive to highlight the suffering
– injustices, discrimination, violence, oppression, torture and death –
of so many Christians and others today which goes unnoticed by the world.*

*And we invite you to wear RED that day
to honour those who are persecuted and ignored
and to use your social media to make #RedWednesday
a day that cannot be ignored.*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.

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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.”

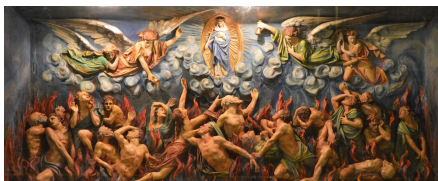
The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer of the Church, because it is the prayer of Christ Himself—the Son of God to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. There can be no greater prayer than this to be said for those who are suffering in purgatory, and no greater hope of salvation than offering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

Saints & STUFF

HOLY SOULS



The Church calls the faithful departed in purgatory undergoing their final purification the Holy Souls. These are the souls who have died with no mortal sin remaining on their souls but have unrepented venial sins or did not perfectly atone for their sins with acts of penance.

The Church commemorates the Holy Souls in a particular way on 2 November with the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed and throughout the month of November.

But apart from this the faithful departed are remembered in every Mass and are mentioned in each of the Eucharistic prayers as well as in the universal prayer (prayer of the faithful or general intercessions).

Those who have died are no longer able to pray for themselves or to perform acts of penance for their sins so rely on those who remain on earth to offer Masses for them, to pray for them, to perform good works for them. By these they are entrusted to God's mercy.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Purgatory

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

CATHOLIC Trivia

All Souls Day

Tradition identifies the general custom of praying for the dead dating as far back as the book of 2 Maccabees 12:42-46 and a special day for intercession for the faithful departed on November 2nd was set by St. Odilo of Cluny (d. 1048) in the year 998. The celebration was soon adopted in several dioceses in France, and spread throughout the Western Church. Soon the entire month of November became associated with prayer for the departed with lists of names of those to be remembered being placed near the altar on which the sacrifice of the Mass is offered.

There is a legend connected with its foundation: a pilgrim returning from the Holy Land was shipwrecked on a desolate island. A hermit living there told him that amid the rocks was a chasm communicating with purgatory, from which perpetually rose the groans of tortured souls. The hermit also claimed he had heard the demons complaining of the efficacy of the prayers of the faithful, and especially the monks of Cluny, in rescuing their victims. Upon returning home, the pilgrim quickly told the abbot of Cluny, who then set 2 November as a day of intercession on the part of his community for all the souls in Purgatory.

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The Readings

Introit (cf. *Ps.* 87:3)

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

The First Book of the Kings (17:10-16)

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 145:7-10. *R.* v. 2)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
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 bowed down.
It is 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.*

Second Reading

The Letter to the Hebrews (9:24-28)

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is

not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation (*Mt.* 5:3)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Mark (12:38-44)

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communio (cf. *Ps.* 22:1-2)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

“ If, during life,
we have been kind
to the suffering souls in Purgatory,
God will ensure that help
be not denied us,
after death. ”

—*St. Paul of the Cross*