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Aid to the
Church in Need

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**Together
we can keep
the faith alive**

From its inception, the Catholic Church has provided for those in need. As part of her mandate to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ, the Church is deeply committed to social assistance, education and healthcare.

What many do not know though, is that the Church herself often requires urgent help in countries affected by displacement or catastrophe. In addition, more than 200 million Christians cannot freely exercise their faith; they suffer persecution and oppression for their love of Christ.

Unlike charities which exist primarily to provide humanitarian and social relief, Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

Aid to the Church in Need has long been described as a school of love. Countless people have discovered and learned the essence of Christianity as they make spiritual and material offerings to help build a bridge enabling the suffering and persecuted Church to live and witness their own faith.

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Name: Granville Catholic Parish

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*

SOCIAL MEDIA



holycrossgranville.org.au



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Holy Cross Parish App



@holycrossgranville

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 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 Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La Rosa,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Raphaella Chidiac,
Armani Barakat, Wadzi Mushininga

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
Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, John McGrath,
Iris McIntyre, Lindsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Thomas
McIntyre, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell,
Tony Newell, Vincent Nguyen, Laura Pestano, Rogelio Pestano,
Rolando Pestano, Guise Pham, Jack Pickering, Lorna Pickering,
Edward Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Geoff Senior, Noel So, Alex
Taktak, Darren Thornton, John Timbs, John Toye, Savina Vailahi,
John Vella, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe,
Yesmine Wehbe, Phyllis Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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



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





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.



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RED
WEDNESDAY

Light Red. Wear Red. Pray Red.

THIS WEDNESDAY

*Join us on Wednesday 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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At the end of the Second World War, Europe lay in ruin; millions of German men, woman and children were displaced from their homes. It was Christmas 1947, and into this dark hour, began what would become the life work of a young Dutch priest, asked to take charge of a special relief campaign for exiled priests and Catholics in Germany. From its very mission would come its name —aid to the Church in need.

Father Werenfried van Staaten, a convincing speaker and charismatic personality, appealed to the Catholic people of Belgium and the Netherlands, calling them to move past their hatred for the Germans and see in the suffering of these innocent German families, the suffering Christ. He called for action:

“We must go East... Trucks must be staffed with priests and filled with gifts... and make a tour from village to village across the vast districts. We must celebrate Mass, preach and distribute with hands plenty of what the love of the Christian West has bought together.”

Father Werenfried's pleas unleashed a flood of generosity and he became repeatedly successful at getting unique aid projects off the ground; tonnes of bacon for starving German families; the adoption of thousands of itinerant priests by Dutch school children; priests ministering on foot given motorbikes and VW Beetles; a fleet of chapel trucks built to take the sacraments to the people.

When the Cold War began in the 1950's Father Werenfried launched an unprecedented campaign for the persecuted Church behind the Iron Curtain. His leadership saw Aid to the Church in Need build, “fortresses of God”; churches constructed along the length of the Iron Curtain. From the 1960's onwards, Aid to the Church in Need increased its scope, offering hope to suffering Catholic communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Father Werenfried remained at the helm of Aid to the Church in Need until his death in 2003. Known as the greatest beggar of the 20th century, it is estimated that during his lifetime he orchestrated the collection and distribution of some \$5 billion for the needs of the suffering Church.



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

In fact, we are the only international Catholic charity dedicated to this mission.

In 2023 we supported

5,573 Projects
in **138** countries
with **\$163** Million AUD

Ways to Give

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The Readings

Introit (*Jer. 29:11, 12, 14*)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

The Prophet Daniel (12:1-3)

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps. 15:5, 8-11. R. v. 1*)

R. Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.
And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. R.
You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. R.

Second Reading

The Letter to the Hebrews (10:11-14, 18)

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation (*Lk. 21:36*)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Mark (13:24-32)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Communio (*Ps. 72:28*)

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.



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