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GAUDETE

SUNDAY

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT

*Rejoice
in the Lord always;
again I say,
rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord
is near.*

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday. The dour violet of Advent gives way to the brighter colour of rose as she looks forward in joy to the birth of our Lord.

The word *gaudete* comes from the Latin word *gaudere* meaning “to rejoice” because the Mass today opens with the words “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.”

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (11 November), when it was often called “St. Martin’s Lent”—a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, and Advent preserved

most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord’s coming.

The spirit of the Mass all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are suspended on Gaudete Sunday to symbolise that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present and His

final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord—Christian joy—as well as the mission of St. John the Baptist and his connection with Advent.

There is a difference between happiness and joy. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing can take that love away. Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the “Sunday of joy,” and that instead of fretting about “all they still haven’t” done to prepare for Christmas, people should “think of all the good things life has given you.”

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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

Hoda Katrib, Hoang Nguyen,
Maria Nguyen, Rose Succar

Flower Arranging

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

SOCIAL MEDIA



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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 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,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Hannah Chami,

Reanne Chidiac, Armani Barakat

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,
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Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob
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John McIntyre, Lindsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Thomas
McIntyre, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell,
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Rolando Pestano, Guise Pham, Jack Pickering, Lorna Pickering,
Edward Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, 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 Zaiter family have generously arranged a raffle in support of the parish with four prizes to be won of a large assortment of children's toys. These would make a wonderful gift for Christmas.

Raffle tickets are available for \$2 or for three tickets for \$5. The winning tickets will be drawn after the Mass at 10:00 a.m. next Sunday.

Tickets will be on sale after the Mass at 10:00 a.m. or you can contact the parish office and request tickets.

Thank you very much to the Zaiter family for their generosity and their support of the parish. All the prizes were arranged and donated by the Zaiter family and we are very grateful to them for their tremendous kindness.



Important Notice

Holy Mass and Confessions Schedule of Christmas Week

With Christmas Eve being on a Tuesday and Christmas Day being on a Wednesday, the usual Holy Mass and confessions schedule will not be in place but will resume the following week. Please see the notice in this bulletin regarding the Holy Mass times for Christmas Eve and for Christmas Day.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

THIS TUESDAY EVENING

We will be holding our annual solemn Carols by Candlelights service at Holy Trinity Church this Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The service is based on the festival of nine readings and carols and is one of beautiful traditional and contemporary carols, with readings telling the history of our salvation and the coming of the Messiah.

Those who have attended in previous years have said it was one of the most beautiful carols services they have attended, so make sure that you come along as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

To see videos of previous year's carols, check out our Facebook page under the videos tab.

The evening will also include the blessing of the nativity scene, which itself has become a well known attraction across the diocese and even in Sydney.

Join us before the carols for a parish BBQ outside of Holy Trinity Church from 6:00 p.m. Enjoy the warm evening with sausages and drinks before the carols begin at 7:30 p.m.

Important Notice

Holy Trinity Church Tuesday Evening Mass

With Carols by Candlelight at 7:30 p.m. and the parish BBQ at 6:00 p.m., the usual Tuesday evening Mass at Holy Trinity Church will not be said that day. This Mass will resume on 31 December with the vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

**“Prepare a Way”
A Holy Cross Parish Resource
for a Spiritually Nourishing
Advent Season**



“Prepare a Way” is a book written specially for Holy Cross Parish for parishioners to pray each day the prayers of Advent and to faithfully look forward to the proper celebration of Christmas.

This book of devotions has been prepared by John Portelli to assist individuals and families to use this holy season as a way to draw closer to almighty God so that we can truly and faithfully celebrate the birth of Our Lord and look to His coming again.

The book includes devotions for every day of Advent including:

Beautiful images for each day

Introit from the Mass of the Day

Gospel of the Day

Daily Prayer

The Litany of St. Joseph

Ancient Hymns

Traditional “O Antiphons”

15 Tips to Make Advent Meaningful

Printed editions are available at the doors and a digital edition is available for download by visiting our parish webpage or our Facebook page.



The 2025 Columban Art Calendar is on sale now at the piety shop for \$10.

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information for over 100 years.

The money from the sale of these calendars supports the work of the Missionary Society of St. Columban, an order of Priests who work with the poor and the exploited around the world.

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CAROLS

BY CANDLELIGHT

*A solemn evening of Carols and the
blessing of the Christmas Crib.*

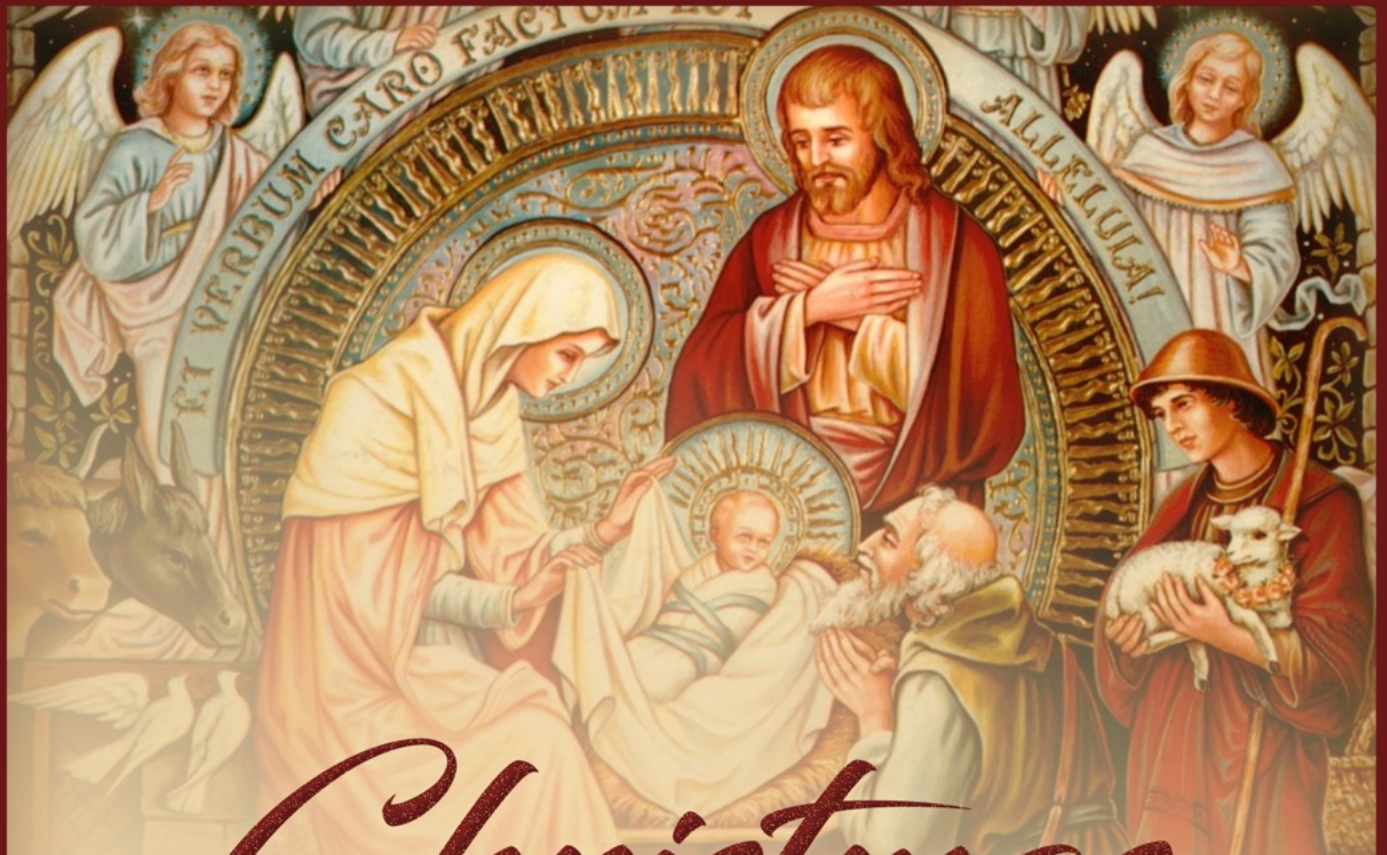
Tuesday 17th December

6 p.m. Parish BBQ

7:30 p.m. Carols Service

Holy Trinity Church, Granville





Christmas

AT HOLY CROSS GRANVILLE

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5 p.m. Holy Family Church
- 7 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

- Midnight Holy Trinity Church
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Family Church
- 10 a.m. Holy Trinity Church
- 4:30 p.m. Holy Family Church



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The Readings

Introit (*Phil. 4:4-5*)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading

The Prophet Zephaniah (3:14-18)

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps. 12:2-6. R. v. 6*)

R. Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and

that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation (*Is. 61:1; Lk. 4:18*)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Luke (3:1-6)

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Communion (*Cf. Is. 35:4*)

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

