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Confession Once a Month ✠ Mass Once a Week ✠ Rosary Once a Day

Make your confession once a month. Whether you have mortal sins to confess or venial sins the Sacrament of Penance is the means by which Our Lord grants to us the grace of forgiveness and mercy, so that we are not only reconciled to Him but so that we are strengthened by cooperating with His grace to forge ahead against our inclination to sin.

The fact is that we all sin. We may be Baptised but concupiscence, the inclination to sin, remains.

Sin is real and we can never take it lightly or presume on God's mercy. We each take responsibility for our lives and our actions have eternal consequences. The choice for heaven or hell is ours and we make that choice by the way we live our lives.

Our Lord recognises the difficulties we face and so He gives to us this Sacrament to strengthen us and to help us persevere to eternity.

Hear Holy Mass at least once a week. The Mass is the source and summit of our faith. It is the unbloody memorial of the sacrifice of Our Lord on Calvary.

Because Our Lord thought us worth it He feeds us with His Body and Blood so that it may grant to us forgiveness and salvation. It purifies us from evil ways and evil passions. It brings us charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good. It is a strong defence against all enemies, visible and invisible, and it calms our evil impulses.

It is the foundation of our lives, the anchor by which we steady ourselves against the ravages of this world and the devil.

It is the most intimate experience we can have with Our Lord in this life, for only if we are blessed to reach our eternal homeland will we be perfectly united.

Pray the holy Rosary once a day. It is the spiritual weapon of Our Lady granted to St. Dominic as an instrument of devotion and a means of drawing us closer to our salvation.

The Rosary grants to us abundant graces. It is a powerful armour against hell, destroys vice, decreases sin, and defeats heresies. It causes virtue and good works to flourish, it withdraws us from the love of things of this world and points us to love of things eternal.

If we are faithful to the praying of the Rosary during our life we shall, at the moment of our death, participate in the merits of the Saints in heaven and we shall be delivered from the pains of purgatory to the glory of heaven.

The Rosary is a gift we offer to our Good Mother, Mary. It is a garland of roses and each "Hail, Mary" prayed devoutly is like a pure rose placed in the crown of our Mother.

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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

N. Khoury, C. Takchi, M. Wehbe

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 1: D. Portelli,
L. Toman, W. Krasinski, J. Galea,
A. Quinlan, N. Begley

Readers

Vigil Sisters, Racquel La Rosa,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Raphaella Chidiac,
Rosza Kazmer, Sony Joseph Raj

Children's Liturgy Elmo Xavier and
Shanthi Xavier

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, Bonello family, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown,
Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les
Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, John Lawrence Denmeade, Maria
Dinh, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham,
Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons, Salim Karaki,
Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe,
Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia
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Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe,
Dennis Wilson, Phyllis Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

N O T I C E S

Palms to Be Burned For Ash Wednesday

On Shrove Tuesday, 4 March, we will hold the traditional Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia at Holy Family Church in preparation for Ash Wednesday. The ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday. If you have palms to be burned, please bring these to the church in the coming week and leave these by the doors. These will be collected and burned to prepare the ashes.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions, either by envelope or by direct debit or by cash. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance.

If you would like to arrange a regular contribution in support of the parish, either by envelope or by direct deposit, please speak with Fr. Andrew. Your support of the parish will be much appreciated and will allow us to continue to build on our works.



Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia and Pancake Supper 4 March

On Shrove Tuesday, which is celebrated this year on 4 March, we will hold the traditional Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia in preparation for Ash Wednesday the following day.

The ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday. If you have blessed palms to be burned, please bring these to the church before Shrove Tuesday. These will be collected and burned to prepare the ashes.

On Shrove Tuesday, the Burning of the Palms and the Burial of the Alleluia will be held at Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m. followed by a pancake supper at 7:00 p.m. If you can prepare some pancakes to bring along for this supper, it would be appreciated.

Note that as this will take place at Holy Family Church, there will be no evening Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church that day.

Ash Wednesday Holy Mass Times

Ash Wednesday will be commemorated this year on 5 March.

There will be four Masses said that day to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass and to be imposed with ashes.

The Holy Mass times for that day will be:

8:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church
9:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church
5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church
6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church

Please take note of the changes to the usual Mass times for a Wednesday and that the regular confessions on Wednesday will not be available due to the Masses.

First Confession (Sacrament of Penance) and First Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist)

Enrolment forms are now available for first confession (Sacrament of Penance) and first Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist). To be eligible, your child must have been baptised in the Catholic church, be in year 3 or above and attend Mass every Sunday.

Enrolment forms can be collected from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be returned to Fr. Andrew at a Mass by 6 April.

Masses will be said on Saturday, 7 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church and on Saturday, 14 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Please be aware that those enrolling their children for these Sacraments will be obliged to attend Mass every Sunday in the parish as well as attending all lessons and the preparation. The Sacraments must be taken seriously and are not social events. These are the moments of grace granted to us by Almighty God and demand due respect and reverence and a commitment to God and to the Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolment forms are now available for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be eligible, your child must have been baptised in the Roman Catholic church, be in year 5 or above and attend Mass every Sunday.

Enrolment forms can be collected from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be returned to Fr. Andrew at a Mass by 6 April.

The Mass will be said on Thursday, 12 June at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Attendance at all lessons and the preparation is mandatory.



Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

AT HOLY CROSS GRANVILLE



Shrove Tuesday

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

6:30PM - Burning of the Palms & Burial of the 'Alleluia'

7PM - Pancake Supper

March

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Ash Wednesday Mass

8AM - Holy Trinity Church

9:30AM - Holy Family Church

5PM - Holy Family Church

6:30PM - Holy Trinity Church

March

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FIRE UP MINISTRIES

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

WITH SIMON CARRINGTON

Wednesday, 19 March

THE FOUR PILLARS OF LENT

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness

Thursday, 20 March

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

The Healing Power of Confession

Friday, 21 March

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

His Radical Love for You



Wednesday, 19 March to Friday, 21 March

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

MacKillop Hall

Randle Street, Granville



ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

Saints & STUFF

ST. BENEDICT MEDAL



The St. Benedict medal is one of the oldest and most honoured medals used by Christians and due to the belief in its power against evil is also known as the “devil-chasing medal”.

The front of the medal is marked by Saint Benedict’s cross. The reverse side of the medal bears the words *Vade retro satana* (“Step back, Satan”), a phrase which has been used by Christians to ward off evil since the 15th century.

Tradition holds that as a young Benedictine, the future Pope Leo IX attributed his recovery from a snake bite to that cross. After becoming pope in 1049, Leo IX enriched the St. Benedict cross to the form of a medal, and gave it blessings and indulgences.

It became increasingly popular in the 18th century, after its formal approval by Pope Benedict XIV, to ward off spiritual and physical dangers, especially those related to evil, poison, and temptation.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Desire for Happiness

1718 The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it: We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated. How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you. God alone satisfies.

1719 The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.

1720 The New Testament uses several expressions to characterise the beatitude to which God calls man: the coming of the Kingdom of God; the vision of God: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”; entering into the joy of the Lord.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Bleeding Host in Poland Confirmed to be the True Body and Blood of Christ

In Poland a consecrated host fell on the floor and picked up and placed in a container with water, according to the report by the Bishop of Legnica. The falling of the host and it’s preservation occurred on Christmas day of 2013. After the host was conserved in a container with water by the Parish Priest, it gradually began to turn to change colour, possessing red-bloody stains.



The final medical statement by the Department of Forensic Medicine found that “in the histopathological image, the fragments (of the Host) were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle. Tests also determined the tissue to be of human origin, and found that it bore signs of distress.”

In 2017 the Vatican approved the findings and reports of the case.

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The Readings

Introit (*Ps.* 12:6)

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading

The First Book of Samuel (26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23)

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. *R.* v. 8)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. *R.*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R.*

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. *R.*

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:45-49)

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation (*Jn.* 13:34)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Luke (6:27-38)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Communio (*Ps.* 9:2-3)

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.