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*The Month of*

# THE HOLY FAMILY

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The Church dedicates the month of February to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Holy Family is given to us as the perfect example of the family. But more than that it is also a reminder to us of the incarnation of God—that God was made man and was born into a family.

The family has been the will of God since the beginning of the world. With Adam and Eve we have

the first family—our first parents and from whom all families flow, even the Holy Family. The Gospel of Luke gives the family line of Jesus and traces His ancestry to Adam.

So important is the family in the will of God that although our Lord was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary He desired that His Son be given a father on earth and so gave to Him St. Joseph.

And from this the Church holds the family to be a domestic Church, living in service of one another.

So in this the month of the Holy Family, when the very idea of family is threatened in our world, let us pray that Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph will intercede for our families and guard them and protect them from the assaults of the Devil and bind us to one another.

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## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

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## 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

### 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

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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 3: Hanh Hanh  
and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,  
Ingrid Bifulco

**10:00 a.m.** Mary Georges,

Sony Joseph Raj, Raphaella Chidiac

**Children's Liturgy** Wanda Krasinski and  
Chloe Zaiter

## 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, 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

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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,  
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McIntyre, Lindsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Thomas McIntyre,  
Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell,  
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Robertson, Saliba family, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Noel So,  
Emanuel Tabone, Alex Taktak, Darren Thornton, John Timbs, John  
Vella, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mersedeh 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.*

**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.

**2025 Columban  
Art Calendars for Sale  
in our Piety Shops**

The 2025 Columban Art Calendar is on sale for \$10 from our piety shops which supports the work of the Columban Missionaries and the parish.



*Make frequent visits to Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament  
and the devil will be  
powerless against you.*

—St. John Bosco

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

**Marist Laity Australia at  
St. Patrick's Church Hill  
Sunday, 23 February**

Marist Laity Australia will be hosting a discussion on Sunday, 23 February from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church Hill on how the Marist charism can continue following the departure of the Marist Fathers. The Fathers will be leaving after 157 years of ministry in December of this year and this event will be an opportunity to develop ways of ensuring that the legacy of their work can continue at St. Patricks Church Hill.

For more information, visit the Marist Laity Australia website at [www.maristlaityaustralia.com](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com)

**Men at the Shrine  
at Mount Schoenstatt,  
Mulgoa**

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Mount Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of each month.

The holy hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a light supper.

All men are welcome and no R.S.V.P. is necessary. For further information, please call Bernard on 0416 106 871.

The shrine is one of the three places of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Parramatta for the Jubilee Year and so a visit to the shrine allows the chance to receive a plenary indulgence.

**Online Donations  
in Support of the Parish**

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://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 to the parish.





## PARRAMATTA MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE

*Every first Saturday of the month, we gather in unity and prayer,  
embracing the call to serve spiritually and embody the teachings of Christ in our daily lives.  
Our meetings are a sanctuary of fellowship, where we support each other in our spiritual journeys  
and commit to living out our faith with courage and integrity.*

*Be a part of this spiritual journey as we strive to honour our Blessed Mother  
and fulfill our role as Catholic men in the Diocese of Parramatta.  
Let's make every first Saturday a powerful testament to our faith and our commitment  
to serving our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.*

**EVERY FIRST SATURDAY** *of the MONTH at 10:30 A.M.*  
*in PRINCE ALFRED SQUARE in PARRAMATTA,*  
*across the road from ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL*

JANUARY 4 ✕ FEBRUARY 1 ✕ MARCH 1 ✕ APRIL 5  
MAY 3 ✕ JUNE 7 ✕ JULY 5 ✕ AUGUST 2  
SEPTEMBER 6 ✕ OCTOBER 4 ✕ NOVEMBER 1 ✕ DECEMBER 6

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ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

**Together  
we can keep  
the faith alive**



## **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.



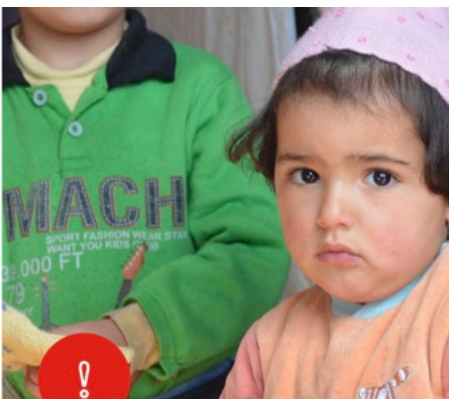
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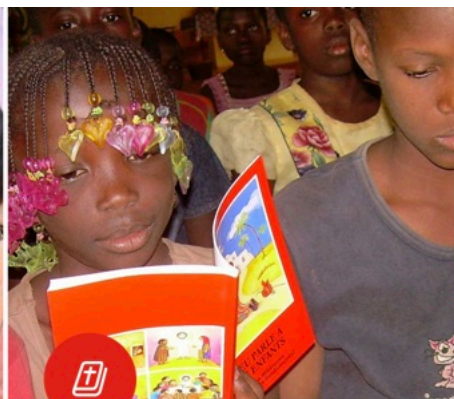
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# Saints & STUFF

## St. JUDE

St. Jude, known as Thaddeus, was the brother of St. James the Less, and one of the twelve Apostles. He is often depicted with the attributes of a flame above his head, meaning that he was present at Pentecost, and holding an image of Christ. Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. He preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya, and returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem. Most scholars agree St. Jude was martyred either in Armenia or Beirut. His bones are interred now in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is devoutly honoured by Catholics as the patron of difficult cases, because of his encouragement to perseverance in his epistle (the Letter of St. Jude). Moreover, both St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as "the Patron Saint of the Impossible." So let us honour St. Jude and his generous intercession before the throne of almighty God, that he may pray for us and help us in our needs, and that, by the grace of God, we will persevere in faith in all difficulties.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Ways of Coming to Know God*

**33** The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. the soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material", can have its origin only in God.

**34** The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".

**35** Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man, and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith.(so) the proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## Protestant Preacher Admits Catholics Have Most Miracles

A video is being shared around on social media (<https://youtu.be/VvYeXh3JHco>) of Pentecostal preacher Benny Hinn telling a Pentecostal audience that Catholics experience more miracles than Pentecostals.

Amazingly, he credits this to the Catholic belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which Hinn says he also affirms (at least a version of it). He also credits the fact that Catholics don't "church hop" (or jump from church to church) as much as Pentecostals.

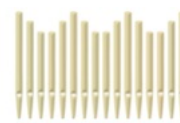
Hinn tells his audience, "They just released a study that more people are healed in a Catholic church than in Pentecostal churches... Because Catholic people revere the Eucharist."

And he adds, "There's healing in the Catholic churches because these people are devoted and show up every Sunday. They don't church hop. We hop, they don't. That's why we're sick, and many of them are healed."

Maybe we should appreciate a little more the fullness of truth given to us by the Catholic Church...

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The Readings

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**Introit** (*Ps. 94:6-7*)

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

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**First Reading**  
**The Prophet Isaiah** (6:1-8)

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

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**Responsorial Psalm** (*Ps. 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v. 1*)

**R.** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

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**Second Reading**  
**The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians** (15:1-11)

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in

accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (*Mt. 4:19*)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**  
**The Gospel of Luke** (5:1-12)

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats—it was Simon's—and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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**Communion** (*Ps. 106:8-9*)

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.