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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

It may seem odd that in Lent the Church proclaims the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Lent is usually associated with Jesus in the wilderness and our penance and preparation for the glory that comes with Easter, not with glory that comes in Lent. However, the glory of Christ is not something separate from His suffering forty days and nights in the desert nor His passion and crucifixion. The glory of Christ is the consequence of His suffering, for there would be no glory without the resurrection and there would be no resurrection without the crucifixion.

On that mountain-top of Tabor 2,000 years ago, with His close friends, Peter, James and John, our Lord was transfigured and “the aspect of His face changed and His clothes became brilliant as lightning.” All the dirt of the trek up the mountain, all the tiredness, all the hunger pangs and thirst were transfigured and our

Lord stood before them with all the brightness and beauty of the glory that would not be seen again until His rising from the dead.

The three apostles that were with Christ—Sts. Peter, James, and John—are the same three that will be with Him in the garden of Gethsemane and there too they will be tired. Here on the mountain they were tired but managed to keep awake. In the garden they, again, will be tired, but will fall asleep. St. Luke says, “they were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw His glory.” In other words, if they had fallen asleep they would have missed it all—the transfiguration would have passed them by. Because they stayed awake, a phrase so often used by Christ, they saw His glory. In the garden of Gethsemane as Christ suffered and sweated blood in agony, they slept and so did not see His suffering.

So often our own suffering and our own joys are separate from one another and it is difficult to see how suffering can be thought of with joy. Sts. Peter, James and John could not see it, but Moses and Elijah did. The Transfiguration was shown to them, and is told to us, because we need to believe that our life has meaning, and that there is purpose in suffering, and that it is not an end in itself but a means to an end. The Cross is not the final outcome, but it is the Cross that gives birth to the resurrection.

We all want to feel that our experiences matter and make sense, even in the midst of what seems senseless. St. Thomas Aquinas said: “For a person to go straight along the road, he must have some knowledge of the end... he must have some knowledge of the end. Above all this is necessary when hard and rough is the road, heavy the going, but delightful the end.”

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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.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent, 5:00 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

R. El Katrib, H. Katrib, H. Nguyen,
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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.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

Each Thursday of Lent, 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: G. Pinto,
M. Moses, S. Martin, M. Magpayo,
C. Elegado, N. Begley, J. Osei-Yamoah,
L. Tordilla, J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi,
J. Raj, S. Pattalath Joseph

Readers

Vigil Gerry Pinto, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda,
Wadzi Mushininga, Armani Barakat

Children's Liturgy Sr. Susanne and
Claudette Takchi

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, Phyllis May Denmeade, Maria Dinh,
Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe
Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons, Joe Joseph, May
Joseph, Salim Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La
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Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Jack McGrath, Aileen McIntyre, Roy
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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.*

Holy Mass in Latin on Thursdays During Lent

Through the season of Lent, Holy Mass in Latin will be said on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Join the parish as we offer the holy Sacrifice of the Mass through Lent in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent

Through the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed twice each Friday, giving all parishioners the chance to participate in this important devotion and spiritual exercise.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church and then again at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Join the parish as we pray the *Via Crucis*, the Way of the Cross, remembering the passion of Our Lord, and so prepare yourself to participate in Holy Week and in the celebration of Easter.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

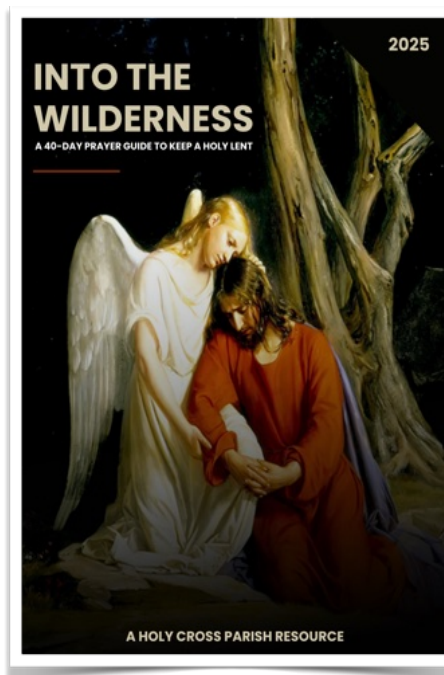
Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below. Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions.



“Into the Wilderness” A Holy Cross Parish 40 Day Prayer Guide to Keep a Holy Lent

Following the success of previous Lent and Advent prayer guides and in response to appeals by parishioners of this parish and of other parishes for another guide for Lent, we are pleased to announce the launch of this year’s 40 day prayer guide for Lent entitled “Into the Wilderness: A 40-Day Prayer Guide to Keep a Holy Lent”.

This book, devotedly written by John Portelli, is a day by day guide for each day of Lent offering the Gospel of the day as well as prayers, meditations and a daily action.



This book of prayers and devotions is a way for each of us to spend a few minutes each day of Lent to focus on the messages given to us through scripture and a way for self-assessment of our own actions, failings, and desire for reparation for our sins through meditation, prayer, and daily actions.

This prayer book is available in the piety shops and online by visiting our website at holycrossgranville.org.au.

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 Sunday, 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.

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 Sunday, 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.

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.

HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

Lenten

DEVOTIONS



Mass in
LATIN

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
6PM Thursdays



Stations
OF THE
Cross

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
5PM Fridays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
6PM Fridays



ADORATION
of the
**Blessed
Sacrament**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
5:45PM Sundays

*Following the 5PM Sunday Mass
Includes Evening Prayer & Benediction*



**Daily
MASS**

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
6:30PM Tuesdays
8:15AM Wed - Sat

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
6PM Wednesdays
9:15AM Tue & Thur - Sat



SACRAMENT
of
Penance

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
6:30PM - 7PM Wednesdays
4:15PM - 4:45PM Sundays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
10AM - 10:30AM Saturdays



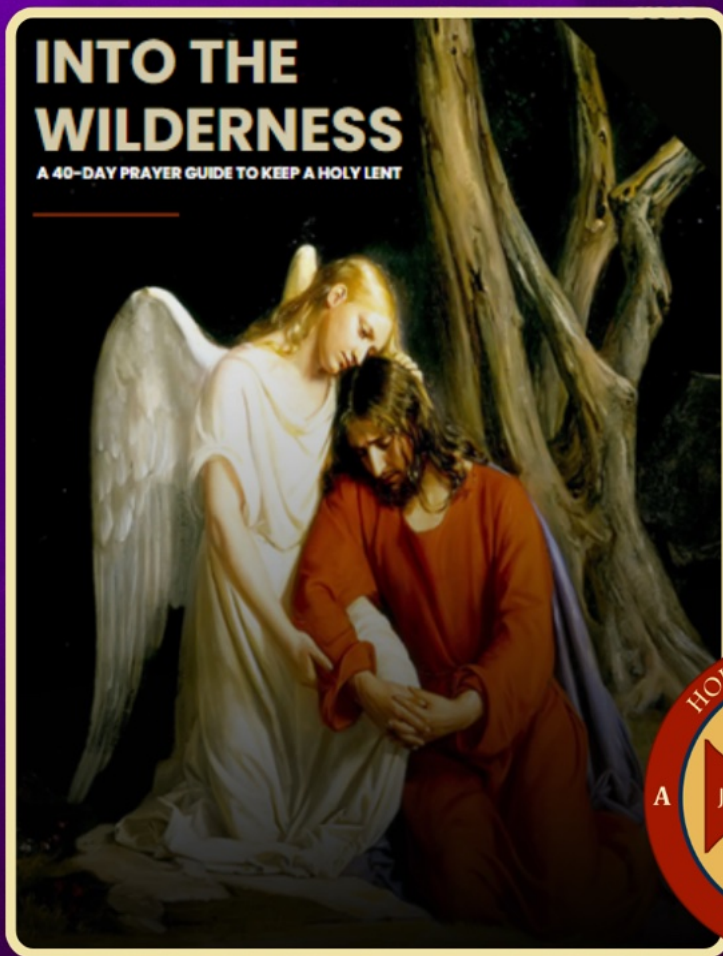
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GRANVILLE
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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, EAST GRANVILLE
200 The Trongate, South Granville

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Into the Wilderness 2025 Edition

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THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 51: 1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

REFLECTION

David's plea for forgiveness reminds us that God is gracious and compassionate. Confession is not about

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS UP ON THE CROSS

THE THIRD WORD

"BEHOLD YOUR SON; BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER."

V. We adore you, O Christ and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

O beloved Jesus, who for the love of me agonized on the cross, and, forgetting your sufferings, left as a pledge of your love your own most holy Mother, that through her we might confidently have recourse to you in our greatest need. Have mercy on all the faithful in their agony, and on me also when I shall be in that extremity, and, through the intercession of this, your dear Mother, awaken in our hearts a firm hope in the infinite merits of your most Precious Blood, that we may avoid the eternal damnation which our sins have deserved.

(Pray the Glory Be 3 times)
V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
R. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Gloria Be 3 times.
V. I hope in you, I love you, and I repent of having offended you by my sins.
R. Have mercy on me, O Lord.
Gloria Be 3 times.
V. Have you forsaken me?
R. No, O Lord, I have not.



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KEEPING A HOLY LENT

ATTEND ONE MORE MASS A WEEK

Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays at 8:15 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in Latin

Fridays at 8:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturdays at 8:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

MAKE YOUR CONFESSION

Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church

Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Holy Family Church

Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church

PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church and at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church

FAST AND ABSTAIN

On Fridays eat only one large meal and two smaller meals and abstain from eating meat

GIVE ALMS

Give in support of the works of the Church by giving alms to support Catholic works such as the parish, Aid to the Church in Need and Caritas Australia

FIRE UP MINISTRIES

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

WITH SIMON CARRINGTON

Wednesday, 19 March
THE PASSION OF CHRIST
His Radical Love for You

Thursday, 20 March
THE FOUR PILLARS OF LENT
Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness

Friday, 21 March
YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN
The Healing Power of Confession



Wednesday, 19 March to Friday, 21 March
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
MacKillop Hall
Randle Street, Granville
Recommended for those over 16 years old

The Readings

Introit (Cf. *Ps.* 26:8-9)

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading

The Book of Genesis (15:5-12, 17-18)

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. *R.* v. 1)

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? *R.*

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' *R.*

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. *R.*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! *R.*

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (3:17-4:1)

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation (*Mt.* 17:5)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Luke (9:28-36)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'—He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Communion (*Mt.* 17:5)

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.