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The Month of

ST. JOSEPH



The Month of March

The Church dedicates the month of March to St. Joseph, the earthly father of Our Lord and the husband of the most Blessed Virgin Mary. March 19 marks his feast day.

Sources of His Life

The chief sources of St. Joseph's life are found in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke. It is interesting to note that nowhere is St. Joseph heard to speak and nothing he said is ever recorded. It is a powerful symbol of the strength of St. Joseph and his role as guardian and protector of Our Lord and Our Holy Mother.

Residence

Bethlehem, the city of David and his descendants, appears to have been the birth-place of St. Joseph. When, however, the Gospel history opens, namely, a few months before the Annunciation, St. Joseph was settled at Nazareth. Why and when he gave up his home to move to Galilee is not known; some suppose that the moderate circumstances of the family and the necessity of

earning a living may have brought about the change. St. Joseph, as we learn from St. Matthew 13:55, and St. Mark 6:3 was a "tekton". The Greek word means in English both mechanic in general and carpenter in particular.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

It is probably at Nazareth that St. Joseph betrothed the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, it is not known for sure whether the marriage took place before or after the Incarnation. This marriage, true and complete, was, in the intention of the spouses, to be a virgin marriage. But soon the faith of St. Joseph in Mary was tested: she was with child. However painful the discovery must have been for him, unaware as he was of the mystery of the Incarnation, he would not defame her, and he resolved "to send her away quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit'... When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as

the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife" (Mt. 1:19, 20, 24).

Death

Tradition supposes that St. Joseph died before the beginning of Jesus' public life, and according to the "Story of Joseph the Carpenter", he died around the year A.D. 18 or 19. According to the Venerable Bede, he was buried in the Valley of Josaphat, but it is also probable that he died and was buried at Nazareth.

Devotion

St. Joseph was granted the singular honour of being the earthly father of Our Lord and the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As protector of the Holy Family he is honoured as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the "domestic Church" which is each and every Catholic family.

In 1962 Pope John XXIII decreed that the name of St. Joseph be included in the Roman Canon of the Mass and in 2013, following on from the work of Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis ordered that his name be added to the Eucharistic Prayers.

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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

N. Khoury, C. Takchi, M. Wehbe

Flower Arranging

volunteers needed

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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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La Rosa,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Reanne Chidiac, Mary
Georges, Wadzi Mushininga

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, Phyllis May Denmeade, Maria Dinh,
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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

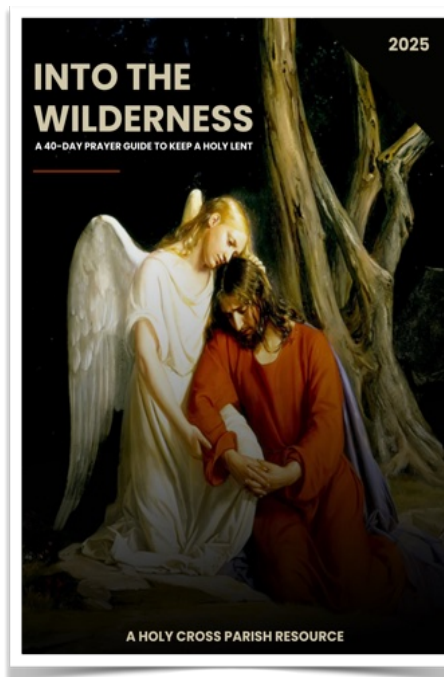
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“Into the Wilderness” A Holy Cross Parish 40 Day Prayer Guide to Keep a Holy Lent

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



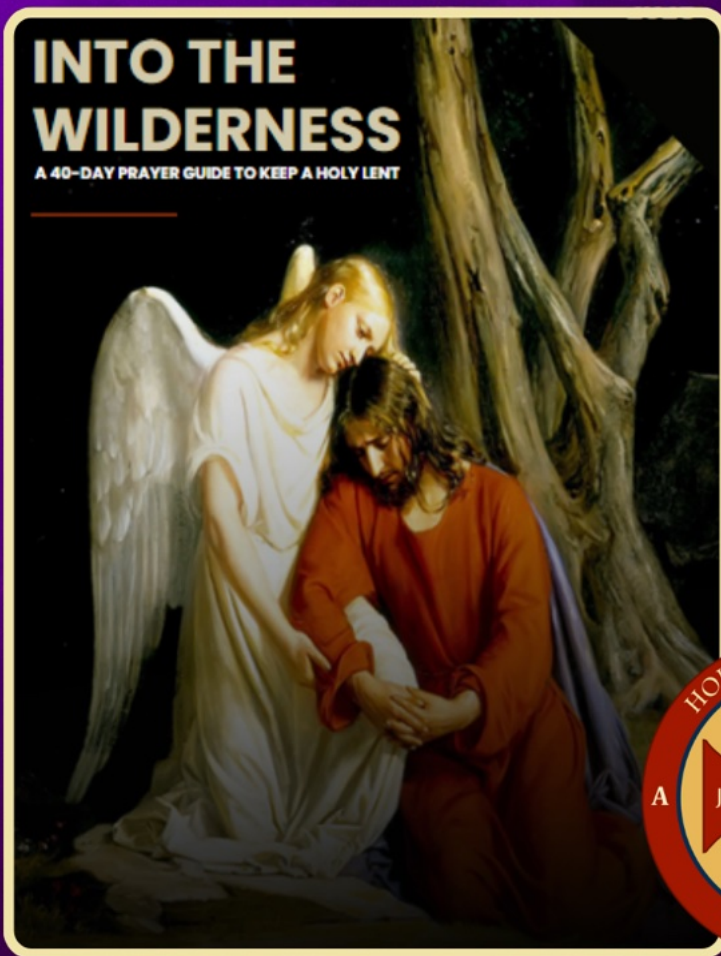
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Into the Wilderness 2025 Edition

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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.
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... you, I hope in you, I love you, and I repent of having offended you by my sins.

"HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

... you.



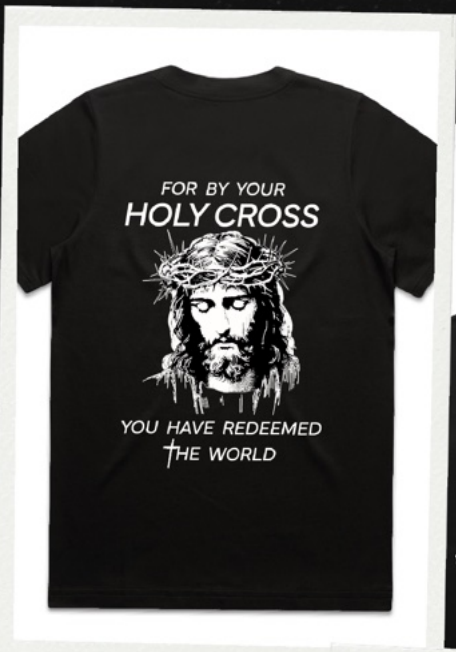
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KEEPING A HOLY LENT

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

The Readings

Introit (Cf. *Ps.* 24:15-16)

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading

The Book of Exodus (3:1-8, 13-15)

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. *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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. *R.*

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation (*Mt.* 4:17)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

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

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Communio (*Jn.* 4:13-14)

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.