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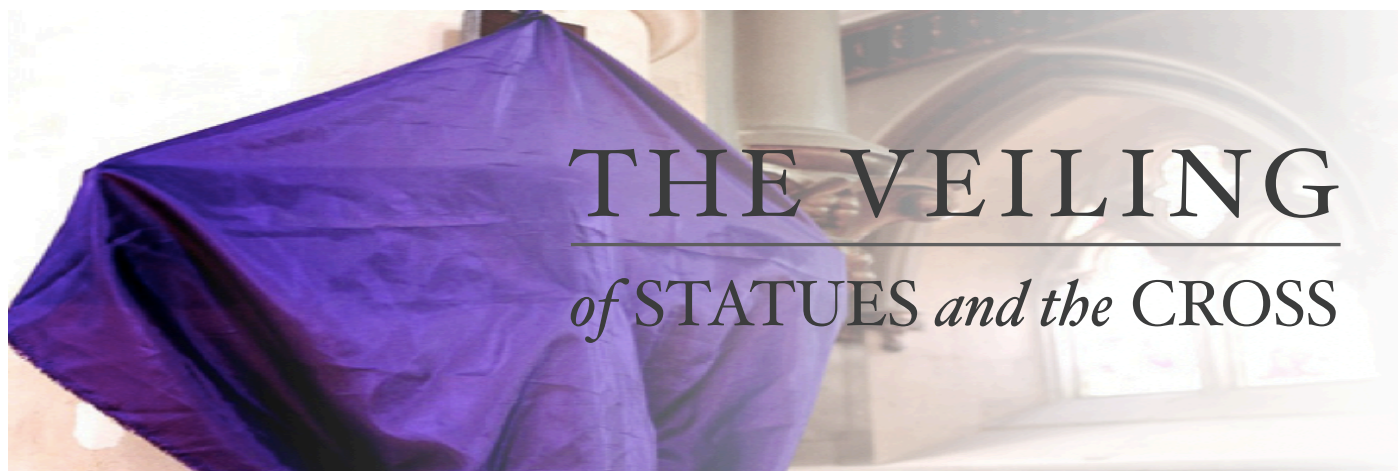
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5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

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On this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Passiontide, the statues in the church are veiled in violet cloths and the other images of the Saints are removed. This is an ancient tradition of the Church stretching back 1,400 years to the seventh century. Originally statues were veiled and the images removed from the church at the very beginning of Lent but over time this custom was changed so that it is now done on this Sunday. For the next two weeks the Church fervently prepares herself to celebrate the Passion, death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

In Passiontide the Church falls into mourning as we anticipate the death of Christ. So the Church, too, from which much of our society draws its customs, veils the images of the glory of God to hide them away from our sight as we prepare for the true glory that is God to be taken from us on Good Friday.

Crucifixes, too, are veiled now. This began in the twelfth century when crucifixes more commonly showed the Triumph of the Cross rather than the agony of the death of Christ, and so this triumph was concealed until it would be unveiled again on Good Friday.

In Europe great veils were stretched across the entire length of the sanctuary so that the altar was completely hidden from view. It was a reminder that we by our sins are cut off from God and that it is only by the sacrifice of Christ that we are reconciled to Him.

The veils also have a beginning in the Gospel. On this the 5th Sunday of Lent the Gospel read for over one thousand years on this day was that of Gospel of Saint John in which our Lord says: "If I were to seek my own glory that would be no glory at all; my glory is conferred by the Father... Your father Abraham rejoiced to think that he would see my Day, he saw it and was glad... I tell you most solemnly, before Abraham ever was, I Am."

At this, the Jews outraged to hear Christ speaking the same words as God to Moses at the burning bush, "I am who I am," and so claiming to be God Himself, pick up rocks to stone him to death. But at this Saint John writes: "Jesus hid himself and left the Temple." So just as our Lord hid Himself and left the Temple so the Church echoes that moment by hiding our Lord and the Saints removing them from this temple.

But the veils also remind us that when God became Man in Jesus Christ He did not cling to His heavenly glory but made Himself truly humble so that the glory of God in Jesus was concealed from the world.

Maybe the best way to understand why the Church veils statues of the Saints is to think of the sun and the moon. The light that shines from the moon is nothing more than a reflection of the light of the sun. If the sun were to stop shining the moon itself would give no light because it has no light of its own to give. In the same way the Saints only reflect the glory of God for they have no glory in themselves to shine. So as we anticipate now the death of Christ and the day when His glory will be hidden from us so we veil the statues of the Saints to remind us that their glory comes only from Christ Himself.

So at the great Easter Vigil these statues will be unveiled and the images of the Saints brought back into the church for then as the single light burning from the Paschal Candle enters the darkened Church so we will behold the return of the Glory of God Himself.

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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

Flower Arranging

volunteers needed

SOCIAL MEDIA



holycrossgranville.org.au



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Holy Cross Parish App



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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 2: P. Zaiter,
N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

Readers

Vigil *Palm Sunday*

10:00 a.m. *Palm Sunday*

Children's Liturgy *school holidays*

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, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie
Camilleri, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Phyllis May Denmeade, Maria
Dinh, Estrella Francisco, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria
Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech,
Melissa Irons, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Salim Karaki, Chini Maya
Kc, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe,
Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia
Malkoun, Jack McGrath, Aileen McIntyre, Roy McIntyre, Joseph
Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell,
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Pickering, Robert Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Saliba
family, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone,
Alex Taktak, John Timbs, John Vella, Peter Vu Van Vuong, Graham
Wales, 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.*

Good Friday “Cross Walk”

On Good Friday, we will again hold our Stations of the Cross “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

This is an annual event of the parish which we began back in 2016.

As in previous years, we are asking for people to offer their houses as one of the stations along the way, where we will stop and pray outside for a few minutes before going on to the next station.

If you live on Grimwood Street, William Street or The Trongate and would like to offer your home as one of the possible stations, please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office during the week. We can then look at how we may include your home in the route planned for the Good Friday walk.

Good Friday “Cross Walk” Safety Marshalls

On Good Friday, we will again hold our Stations of the Cross “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

This is an annual event of the parish which we began back in 2016.

We are asking for people to volunteer as marshalls to help along the way. The role of the marshall is to help us safely cross roads and to guide people along the route. In this way, we can safely carry out this noble work in honour of Our Lord as we commemorate His saving Passion.

Palm Sunday Palm Branches

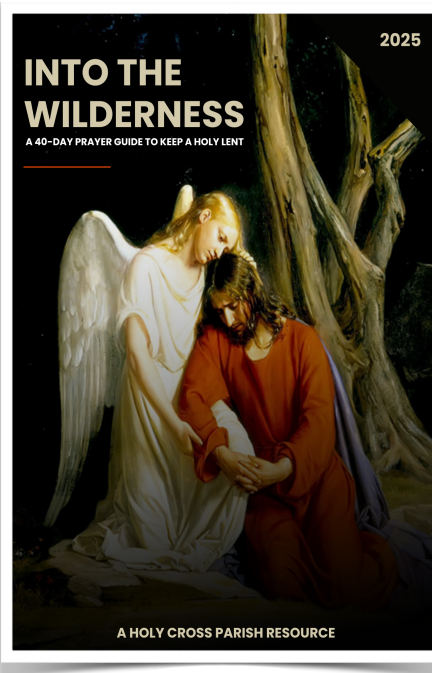
With a shortage of palms this year, we encourage parishioners to bring their own palm leaves to be blessed on Palm Sunday.

If you have additional palms that you can offer, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

“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.

Grace and Truth Event St. Mary’s Cathedral Wednesday, 30 April

The Dominican Friars and Sisters have extended an invitation to attend an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship on Wednesday, 30 April in the crypt of St. Mary’s Cathedral from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, vespers and benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sr. Elena Marie OP and Fr. James Baxter OP. The entrance fee is \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.

Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation Enrolments Close Today

Enrolments for the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation close today. If you have not enrolled your child for these Sacraments and you still wish to do so, please speak with Fr. Andrew after Mass today.

Holy Cross Apparel

Thank you to all those who supported the parish with purchasing items from the Holy Cross Apparel range. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated. For those who did, we encourage you to wear these on the Good Friday “Crosswalk” as a show of solidarity and evangelisation.

For those who placed their orders in the first and second weeks, your orders are ready to be collected after Mass. For those who placed their orders last week, your orders will be ready to be collected next weekend.

Thank you, especially, to Andrew and Maryanne Takchi for their incredible work in arranging this for the parish.

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

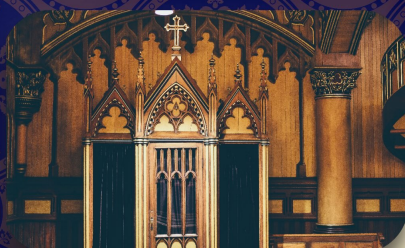
*Following the 5PM Sunday Mass
Includes Evening Prayer & Benediction*

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
Cnr. Randle St & Bennalong St, Granville

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

Schedule subject to change. Please see the Granville Catholic Church Record for any changes

HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

*Palm
Sunday*

13 APRIL



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

4:30PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 12th April*
8:30AM - HOLY MASS *Sun 13th April*
5PM - HOLY MASS *Sun 13th April*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

6PM - VIGIL MASS *Sat 12th April*
10AM - HOLY MASS *Sun 13th April*

Holy Week



*Holy
Tuesday*

15 APRIL

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

7PM - TENEBRAE

*A solemn service of
psalms, prayers & candles*

*Holy
Thursday*

17 APRIL



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

5:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

7:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Followed by the Altar of Repose



*Good
Friday*

18 APRIL

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

9:15AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

10:30AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY FAMILY & HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

3PM - COMMEMORATION OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
5:30PM - CROSS WALK

*Easter
Sunday*

Easter Vigil
19 APRIL



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
5:30PM - VIGIL MASS
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
8PM - VIGIL MASS

Easter Sunday
20 APRIL

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
8:30AM - HOLY MASS
5PM - HOLY MASS
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
10AM - HOLY MASS

HOLY TRINITY, GRANVILLE
CNR. RANDLE ST & BENNALONG ST

HOLY FAMILY, EAST GRANVILLE
200 THE TRONGATE



Tenebrae

A service of Psalms, Prayers & Candles

Holy Tuesday

Tuesday 15th April - 7 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church, Granville



CROSS WALK

Friday 18th April
5:30 p.m.

Join us for a solemn procession of
the Stations of the Cross
through the streets of Granville
in honour of Good Friday

Starting

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Cnr. Bennalong & Randle St

Ending

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
200 The Trongate



5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

The Readings

Introit (Cf. *Ps.* 42:1-2)

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (43:16-21)

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 125. *R.* v. 3)

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *R.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *R.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *R.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. *R.*

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (3:8-14)

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ

and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation (*Joel* 2:12-13)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. John (8:1-11)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Communio (*Jn.* 8:10-11)

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.