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## OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA



The month of May, the month that is fairest in nature, is dedicated to Mary our Mother, who is fairest in grace. With the exception of Jesus Himself, no name has captured the hearts of the faithful more than that of the Mother of God.

The Blessed Mother of God is invoked under many titles, such as Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Our Lady of the Rosary, but we venture to say that one of the most beautiful titles accorded to her by the Catholic faithful that has gained in lustre by the passing of time, is that of “Mary, Help of Christians.” It is the title by which we honour her as the Patroness of Australia, and the Patronal Feast Day is celebrated on May 24, Australia’s Feast Day.

The origin of the title is indeed an inspiring one. Back in the Middle Ages when Christianity was oppressed and persecuted by the Turks, the Holy Father had recourse her under this beautiful title to stem the tide of the ruthless invaders. That appeal was not in vain. Before the news of the victory at Lepanto could be carried to Rome, the Holy Father was privileged with a vision—a vision of the Turkish fleet set to rout by the defenders of the Cross. In gratitude, the title, Mary, Help of Christians, was added to the Litany.

And now the Church in Australia and New Zealand is privileged to invoke her as Patroness under that self-same title, and daily prayers to her who has so often proved herself the helper of Christians to help us in the conflict with paganism, and bring the erring ones back to the fold.

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## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## 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

### Flower Arranging

*flower arranging groups needed*

## SOCIAL MEDIA



holycrossgranville.org.au



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@holycrossgranville

## 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, Ingrid Bifulco,  
Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Rosza Kazmer,  
Armani Barakat, Reanne Chidiac

**Children's Liturgy** Reanne Chidiac and  
Raphaella Chidiac

## 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, Gerard Watts.



*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, Marie McDonald, Nancy McIntyre, Joseph Nammour,  
Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Vincent Nguyen,  
Michael O'Brien, Zackary Orenshaw, Samuel Pickering, Robert  
Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Saliba family, Geoff  
Senior, Garry Smith, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone, Alex Taktak, John  
Toye, John Vella, Peter Vu Van Vuong, Graham Wales, Carmel  
Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Dennis  
Wilson, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

## **Important Notice Regarding Receiving Holy Communion**

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There has been an unfortunate increase in Sacred Hosts been dropped when receiving Holy Communion. Whilst these are accidents, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the Sacred Host—the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ—is guarded and protected.

When receiving Holy Communion, please do not step to the side to consume the Sacred Host, and under no circumstances, turn away from facing the altar before you consume the Sacred Host.

Please ensure that you consume the Sacred Host whilst still facing the altar and the Priest or the Extraordinary Minister.

## **Flower Arranging Groups and Donation of Flowers for Holy Family Church**

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Volunteers to form groups to arrange the flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family Church are needed. There are currently only two groups which mean that there can only be fresh flowers decorating the church once a month. This means that for the other weeks of the month there will necessarily be artificial flowers.

If there are to be fresh arrangements of flowers to decorate the sanctuary every week then it is necessary that groups of at least two people be arranged who will buy the flowers and arrange them on Saturday mornings.

The more groups there are then the less often will each group need to be rostered.

If you can form a group, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

Additionally, if you have flowers in your garden that you can cut and donate for the flower arranging groups to use, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

## **The Sanctity and Reverence Due to the Blessed Sacrament when Receiving Holy Communion**

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There has been a rise in the number of instances where people present themselves for Holy Communion but walk away without consuming the Sacred Host. To profane the Blessed Sacrament in this way is one of the most heinous crimes that can be committed. So much so that the Church declares that anyone who does so incurs an automatic excommunication (*latae sententiae*).

For those of us who are Catholic and desire to be faithful to Our Lord and to His Most Precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, which we receive in Holy Communion, please ensure that, being in a state of grace, when you receive the Sacred Host that you consume the Host whilst facing the altar. It is the altar which is the place of the sacrifice of Our Lord and so it is to the altar that we should face, recognising that it is from there that we receive such abundant graces.

Never walk away carrying the Sacred Host. Should you see someone who does this, remember that it is all of our duty before almighty God to protect the Blessed Sacrament and so please stop this person immediately and let the Priest know straight away.

We all have a duty to almighty God to show reverence to Him above all others and all other things. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Our Lord has made Himself vulnerable by allowing Himself to be placed into human and sinful hands and so we, in turn, have a responsibility to care for and to protect Him and to defend Him from all blasphemy, sacrilege and profanity. To do so shows our love and our faith and our commitment to He is who is our only hope.

## **Paschal Precept**

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The Paschal Precept, or Easter Duty, is the law of the Church obligating the faithful to confess their sins at least once every year and to receive Holy Communion during the season of Easter (CIC nn. 920, 989). There are three times each week scheduled for the Sacrament of Penance by which you can make your confession. The times are 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. and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 at Holy Family Church.

## **Online Donations in Support of the Parish**

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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. This can be used to make a single donation or, for those who are part of the planned giving programme, to make your contribution.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.







## ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.



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— recently ordained priest, Father Matthew Dimian.



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Can support a **seminarian’s** monthly medical care and wellbeing.



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**\$250**

Can contribute to teaching sacred scriptures, sacramental and faith formation programs.



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Please give generously to the Bishop’s Good Shepherd Appeal  
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**Together  
we can keep  
the faith alive**



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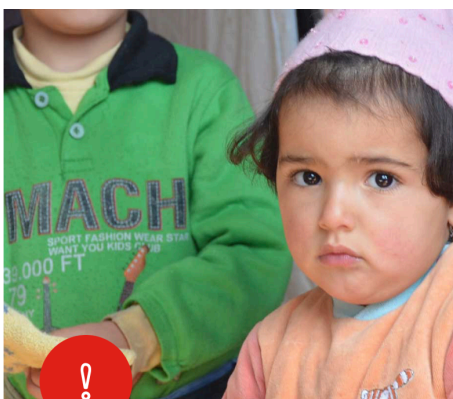
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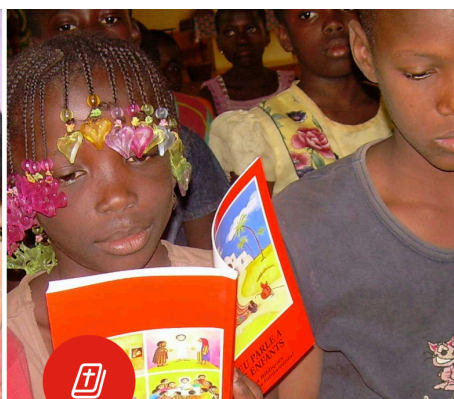
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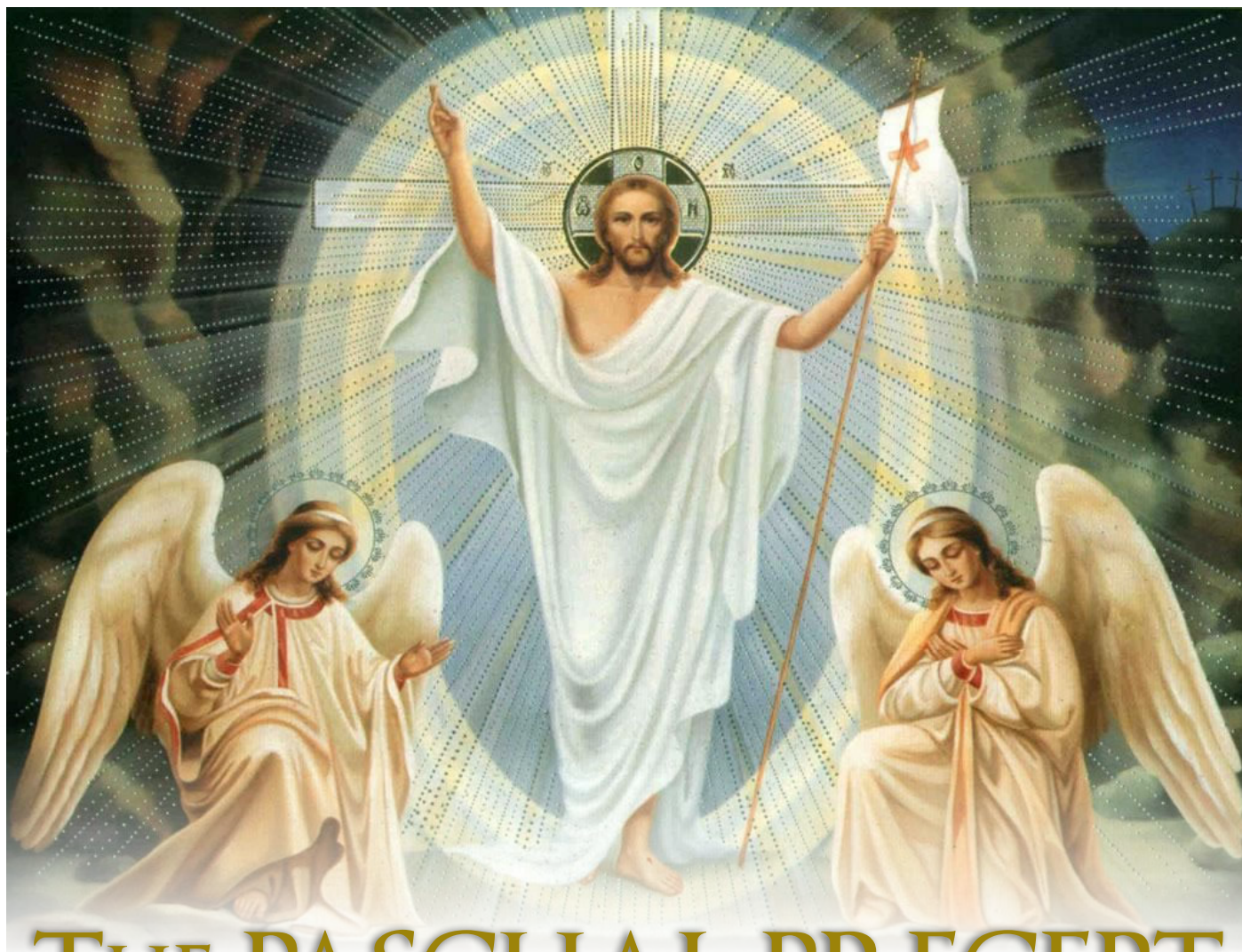
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# THE PASCHAL PRECEPT

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These laws find their beginning in the Fourth Lateran Council held in A.D. 1215. They are echoed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which goes on to teach the five precepts of the Church of which all faithful Catholics are obligated.

**You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.**

**You shall confess your sins at least once a year.**

**You shall humbly receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.**

**You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation.**

**You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.**

With these five precepts, the Church also obliges the faithful also to provide for the material needs of the Church, according to their abilities (*CCC* nn. 2041-2043).

In these ways the Church assists the faithful in recognising their duty in the service of the Church which is to the honour and glory of God, and assists the soul on its way to salvation. For the duty of every man and woman is the contemplation and worship of almighty God.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

### Saturdays

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Trinity Church

### Sundays

4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
Holy Family Church

### Wednesdays

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

The Readings

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**Introit** (cf. *Is.* 48:20)

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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**First Reading**

**The Acts of the Apostles** (15:1-2, 22-29)

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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**Responsorial Psalm** (*Ps.* 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. *R.* v. 4)

*R.* O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. *R.*

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. *R.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. *R.*

**Second Reading**

**The Book of the Apocalypse** (21:10-14, 22-23)

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn.* 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of St. John** (14:23-29)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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**Communio** (cf. *Jn.* 14:15-16)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father  
and he will send you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.