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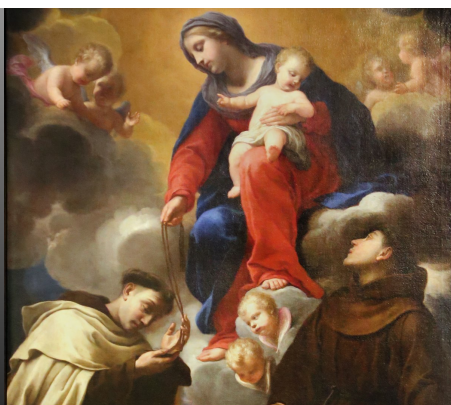
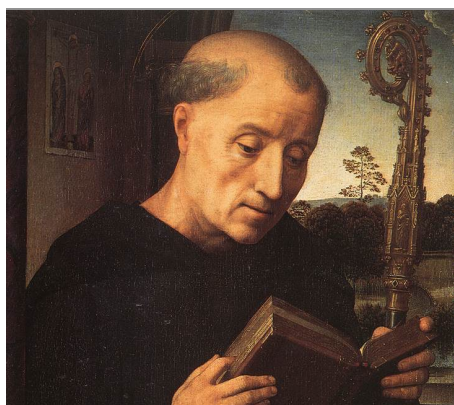
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THE SAINTS AS GUIDES

Finding Inspiration in July's Holy Lives

As these cold winter days settle in, we often find ourselves seeking warmth and solace. While a hot drink, or the warmth of sitting beside the heater can comfort us physically, our Holy Catholic Faith offers an even deeper source of spiritual warmth and unfailing guidance: the inspiring lives of the Holy Saints. Through the month of July, the Church's calendar shines brightly with a constellation of holy men and women whose examples can truly invigorate our lives toward Almighty God.

The saints are not merely figures of the past; they are joined to us in faith, and examples to us of pilgrims who have victoriously completed their earthly course and now intercede for us from Heaven. Their lives, often marked by trials and triumphs much like our own, provide a clear blueprint for living a virtuous life dedicated wholly to God.

In July, we are granted wonderful

opportunities to draw closer to these heavenly examples. For instance, on July 11th, we honour St. Benedict, the venerable patriarch of Western monasticism. His enduring motto, "Ora et Labora" (Prayer and Work), offers a profound lesson for us all. In our busy modern lives, St. Benedict reminds us to seek sacred balance - to root our daily tasks in profound prayer and to offer all our labours as an act of worship to Almighty God. As we spend more time indoors during these colder months, perhaps we can cultivate a bit more Benedictine order within our homes, dedicating specific times to devout prayer and discovering true holiness in our ordinary duties.

On July 16th, we honour the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This special day, profoundly linked with the Brown Scapular, invites us into a deeper and more filial relationship with our Blessed Mother, who ever faithfully leads us to her Divine Son.

The ancient Carmelite tradition emphasises interior prayer and holy contemplation - a perfect pursuit for times of quiet and reflection. How might we set aside more time for silent prayer, or simply for speaking heart-to-heart with Our Lord and Our Lady, drawing ever closer to their divine warmth and boundless love?

On July 26th, we celebrate St. Joachim and St. Anne, the holy parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the venerable grandparents of Our Lord. Their lives remind us of the sanctity of the family and the quiet, unwavering faith that can be faithfully passed down through the generations. They offer a perfect example of perseverance and unwavering trust in God's plan even when it unfolds slowly and mysteriously.

So this month, consider reflecting on these holy saints, and seek their powerful intercession, that they may help illuminate your path to God.

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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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. *(From 9th July)*

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

Volunteers Needed

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.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 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:

Vietnamese Community

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La Rosa,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges, Sony Joseph
Raj, Hannah Chami

Children's Liturgy

*No Children's Liturgy during Schools
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, 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, Maria Dinh, Maria Vu Thi
Duyen, John Dover, 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,
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Nammour, Anthony Newell, Vincent Nguyen, Michael O'Brien,
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Garry Smith, Carlito So, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone, Alex Taktak,
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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

There has been an unfortunate increase in Sacred Hosts being 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.

Mass Offering Envelopes

Requests for Masses to be offered for various intentions can be sought by completing the Mass Offering envelopes which are located near the doors of the churches. Please clearly write the details of your intention on the envelope, and hand it directly to the priest before or after a Mass.

This will ensure your intention is not missed and will allow the priest to confirm your request.

Weekly Adoration at Holy Family Church

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday evening, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Please take some time out of day and spend some time with Our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and join others in praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Opportunities for confessions will still be available every Wednesday evening between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



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

—St. John Bosco

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

Become a Parish Volunteer

We're always grateful for the dedication of our volunteers, and encourage others to come forward and get involved.

If you have a passion for service and some time to offer, consider joining one of our many parish ministries. There are opportunities for all ages to join in and take part in the life of the parish.

Please be aware that some volunteer positions will require a Working With Children Check whilst completion of safeguarding training is also required. Assistance will be available. For more information on how you can become a volunteer, contact the parish office.

Weekday Mass Readers at Holy Trinity Church

Volunteers are requested to assist with reading at the Weekday Masses at Holy Trinity Church.

The reader's ministry in Holy Mass is profoundly sacred. They proclaim God's living Word, through the scriptures. This vital service nourishes souls with divine truth, preparing hearts for the Eucharist.

Please contact the parish office if you can assist, or alternatively, speak to a priest at Mass. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (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

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade Camino

Join us for a spiritual journey together

Event Details

Starting at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West at 10.30am, 30th August.

Route Information

Pilgrims walk to Immaculate Heart of Mary (Tighes Hill) and return to Sacred Heart Cathedral at approximately 1.00pm.

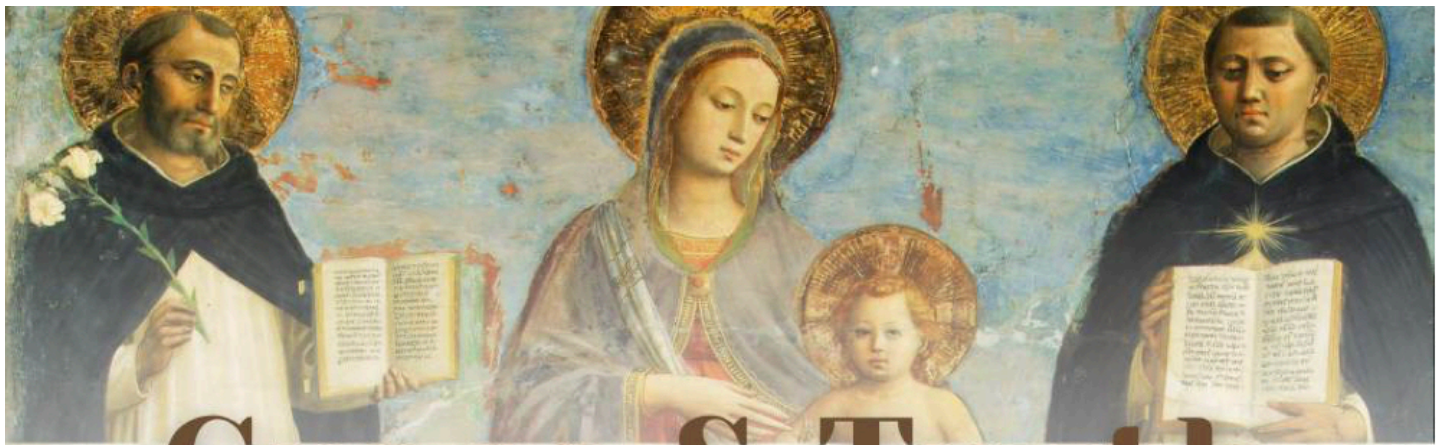
Preparation Tips

Bring water and wear appropriate walking shoes. Registration closes 23rd August.



Register now and join in faith!





Grace & Truth

An evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship
open to men and women of all ages.



St Mary's Cathedral, 5-9PM

FRIDAY, 18 JULY 2025

with

Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP

and the Dominican Sisters and Friars

Theme: Christology

Questions: Email the Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org



Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Friday 18 July for the next Grace and Truth evening.

The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Sr Susanna Edmunds OP. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$20.

Registration closes 13 July. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBGYB>.

For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.

Saints & STUFF

St. Benedict

Beyond his role as the Father of Western Monasticism, St. Benedict's life is rich with remarkable accounts. Did you know he miraculously survived at least two poisoning attempts? Once, when monks tried to poison his wine, the chalice shattered when he made the Sign of the Cross over it. Another time, a raven carried away a poisoned loaf of bread he had been sent. These events are often depicted in his iconography, showcasing divine protection.

St. Benedict's influence also extended far beyond the monastery walls. His "Rule," with its emphasis on "Ora et Labora" (Prayer and Work), became a blueprint for orderly living, not just for monks but for the wider society. This balance contributed significantly to the rebuilding of European civilisation after the fall of the Roman Empire, leading Pope St. Paul VI to declare him a patron saint of Europe.

Many of the monasteries he founded were strategically located. This facilitated the monks' self-sufficiency and their ability to cultivate the land. This focus on practical self-reliance and spiritual discipline, became a hallmark of the Benedictine tradition.

St. Benedict, Pray for us!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Eucharist

2177 "The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal church.

2178 This practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. The *Letter to the Hebrews* reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as in the habit of some, but to encourage one another."

2179 A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd...It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love.

CATHOLIC Trivia

The Saint Benedict Medal



The Saint Benedict Medal is a powerful and cherished sacramental deeply rooted in Catholic tradition.

A Holy Shield: The St. Benedict Medal isn't just a piece of metal; it's a holy object blessed by the Church to bring us closer to God, and offer protection.

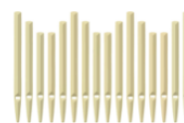
Driving Away Evil: At the back of the medal, you'll see letters around the cross. These are the first letters of a powerful Latin prayer: "Vade retro Satana!" which means "Begone Satan!" This prayer is a strong plea for deliverance from the devil's influence and all evil.

Miraculous Protection: On the front, you'll see St. Benedict holding a broken chalice and a raven with poisoned bread. This reminds us of times when wicked men tried to poison him, but God miraculously saved him. Due to this, the medal is often invoked for protection against poisons of all kinds, both physical and spiritual.

A Good Death: The words "May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death" highlight patronage for a holy and happy death, helping us to die in God's grace.

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The Readings

Introit (Cf Psalm 16:15)

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading
Book of Deuteronomy (30:10-14)

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

℟. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. ℟.

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. ℟.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. ℟.

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. ℟.

Second Reading
Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
(Colossians 1:15-20)

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation (John 6:63. 68)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 10:25-37)

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

Communio (John 6:57)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.