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As we begin the month of August, the Church turns its gaze with particular reverence to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This entire month is dedicated to honouring Our Lady, a tradition rooted in centuries of devotion. To mark this special time, we embark on a four-part series of reflections, each exploring a vital aspect of Marian piety. This week's reflection begins by laying the essential foundation: her unique dignity as the Mother of God and, by extension, our spiritual Mother.

At the heart of Catholic belief lies the profound truth that Mary is truly the Theotokos, that is the bearer of God. This dogma, solemnly defined at the Council of Ephesus in A.D. 431, declares that Mary gave birth not merely to a human being, but to the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, fully God and fully man, Jesus Christ. When Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, she conceived God Himself in her womb. This truth elevates her beyond all other

creatures, making her the most exalted of humanity, chosen by God from all eternity for this singular role. She is not merely the Mother of Jesus' human nature, but the Mother of the one Person who is God.

From this sublime reality flows her intimately personal relationship with each of us: Mary is our spiritual Mother. From the very Cross, amidst His agony, our Lord Jesus Christ looked upon His beloved disciple John and then upon His Mother, declaring, "Woman, behold your Son!" And to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 16:26-27). In this tender moment, Christ bequeathed His Mother to all humanity, making her a maternal guide and intercessor for every soul seeking Him. As our spiritual Mother, Mary embraces us with unfailing love, interceding for us before her Son and guiding us on the path to holiness.

Her preparation for this divine

maternal role began at the moment of her conception. The Church teaches that Mary was conceived without the stain of Original Sin, preserved immaculate from the first instant of her being - the dogma of her Immaculate Conception. This singular grace rendered her a fitting and pure dwelling place for God Incarnate.

Mary's foundational place was foretold in the very dawn of creation in the Protoevangelism, where God promised that the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). She is the new Eve, through whom life and salvation entered the world, reversing the curse of the first Eve. Embracing Mary as the Mother of God and our Mother is not merely a devotion, but an essential aspect of our Catholic faith. It is through this foundational understanding that our love for her blossoms, leading us closer to her Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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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.

Nigerian Community Mass

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

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

Rebecca El Katrib, Hoda Katrib, Hoang
Nguyen, Maria Nguyen

Flower Arranging

Samar Rjeily, Maroun Rjeily

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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, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.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, 6:00p.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,
C. Buultjens, N. Chidiac

Readers

Vigil Gerry Pinto, Katherine Jenner,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Armani Barakat, Reanne
Chidiac, Sisters

Children's Liturgy

Victor Liu, Armani Barakat

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,
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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, Joseph Baini, 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
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William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

Parish Altar Servers

For many years, our parish has been blessed with reverent, well-trained altar servers, a legacy we must urgently continue. We have an immediate need for more people to come forward and serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please prayerfully consider this profound privilege and vital duty to Our Lord.

Altar servers play a role of profound importance that extends far beyond practical assistance. Their active participation in the liturgy holds deep historical, theological, and spiritual significance.

A brief meeting for all current servers and any interested new candidates will be held on Sunday, 10th August, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Your presence is appreciated.

First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament and as a day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

Welcome BBQ for Fr. Galbert and Fr. Joseph

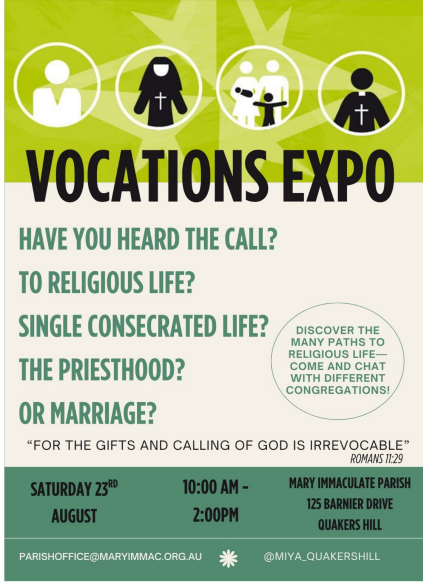
Join us for a Parish BBQ to welcome Fr. Galbert and Fr. Joseph to Holy Cross Parish next Sunday, 10 August, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass outside MacKillop Hall.

Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share but more importantly, please come and show your support to our new priests. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Saturday Confessions at Holy Trinity Church

From Saturday, 2nd August, confession time at Holy Trinity Church will be available before the Vigil Mass between 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. each week. This new time will replace the current confession time on Saturday mornings.

There are 3 opportunities each and every week to make your confession across the parish, along with an additional time on the First Friday of the month, so take advantage of these opportunities to seek the mercy and forgiveness of Our Lord in the sacrament He instituted to draw us closer to Himself.



VOCATIONS EXPO

**HAVE YOU HEARD THE CALL?
TO RELIGIOUS LIFE?
SINGLE CONSECRATED LIFE?
THE PRIESTHOOD?
OR MARRIAGE?**

DISCOVER THE MANY PATHS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE—
COME AND CHAT WITH DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONS!

"FOR THE GIFTS AND CALLING OF GOD IS IRREVOCABLE"
ROMANS 11:29

**SATURDAY 23RD
AUGUST** **10:00 AM -
2:00PM** **MARY IMMACULATE PARISH
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QUAKERS HILL**

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Vocations Expo Have you heard the call?

Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill will be hosting a Vocations Expo on Saturday, 23rd August between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The expo is a day for youth and young adults to come and see the different vocations being lived around the diocese. The day will include time for prayer, opportunities for questions and chats with priests, religious, sisters, missionaries and married couples!

Annual Procession in Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, 15 August

On Friday, 15 August, as the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish will hold its annual candlelight procession in honour of this day.

Following Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. the procession will form and walk to Holy Family Church.

To help with the procession, we are asking for people to volunteer as safety marshalls whose role it will be to help people to cross the roads safely and to help guide the procession. Please speak with Richard Zaiter, or contact the parish office if you are able to help.

The parish bus will be available to take people from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and the procession and then to take people back to Holy Trinity Church after the procession. Thank you to Joe Chidiac for once again arranging this for us.

Please join us as we honour the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on this most holy day as we take our faith to the streets as a sign of our gratitude to Almighty God for all that He does for us and also as a witness to our holy Catholic faith.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation, meaning that all are obligated to attend Mass on that day (except for those legitimately unable to do so because of their age or their health). On that day there will be two Masses said for the solemnity. The first being at Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m. and the second at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a vigil Mass the evening before (which fulfils the obligation to attend Mass) which will be said at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



Parish **WELCOME BBQ**

Come along and welcome Fr. Galbert
and Fr. Joseph to Granville with a BBQ
Lunch!

SUNDAY 10 AUG

Mackillop Hall
After the 10AM Mass



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ASSUMPTION PROCESSION **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Volunteers are needed for the annual procession
in honour of the Solemnity of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary on
Friday 15th of August at 6PM.

In particular, we need;

- Safety Marshalls
- Altar Servers
- Groups of 4 people to carry the bier



SCAN CODE OR CONTACT
PARISH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER



Saints & STUFF

St. Joseph Cafasso

Nestled amongst the bustling streets of 19th-century Turin, a humble priest, St. Joseph Cafasso, quietly carved out a legacy of profound compassion and unwavering faith. Though often overshadowed by his more famous student, St. John Bosco, Cafasso, known as the “priest of the gallows,” lived a life deeply rooted in Christ, a life nourished by tender and constant devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Joseph Cafasso ministered tirelessly to prisoners, offering spiritual solace and guiding countless souls facing execution towards reconciliation with God. This arduous work, demanding immense spiritual fortitude, was sustained by his profound trust in Mary. He saw her not just as an intercessor, but as a loving Mother, always ready to console, strengthen, and lead her children to Jesus, even in the darkest hours. He often encouraged those he ministered to, and his own spiritual children, to turn to Mary with unwavering confidence.

For St. Joseph Cafasso, Mary was the sure path to grace, a beacon of hope illuminating the path to redemption. His life reminds us that even in the most challenging of vocations, Mary’s maternal embrace offers unwavering help to all.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mary’s Predestination

489 “God sent forth his Son,” but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free cooperation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, “a virgin betrothed to a man whose name is Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.”

489 Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many hold women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve; despite her disobedience, she received the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son in spite of her old age. Against all human expectation God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth his faithfulness to his promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah... and many other women. Mary “stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from him. After a long period of waiting the times are fulfilled in her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established.

CATHOLIC Trivia

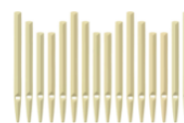
The Shortest Papacies

Ever wondered about the shortest times a Pope has sat on the Chair of St. Peter? While some pontiffs have guided the Church for decades, others have worn the Fisherman’s Ring for mere days! The undisputed record for the briefest papacy belongs to Pope Urban VII. Elected on September 15, 1590, he tragically succumbed to Malaria just 13 days later, on September 27. Despite his incredibly fleeting time in office, Urban VII managed to issue a decree proposing strict measures against nepotism, that is the use of power or influence to benefit family and friends. Remarkably, he even instituted what’s considered the world’s first public smoking ban, threatening excommunication for those who lit up near a church!

Other remarkably short papacies occurred throughout the history of the Church. Pope Boniface VI reigned for only 16 days in April 896 during a particularly turbulent period for the papacy. Similarly, Pope Celestine IV’s pontificate in 1241 lasted just 17 days before his death. In more recent times, Pope John Paul I in 1978 served for just 33 days. Affectionately nicknamed “The Smiling Pope” due to his gentle demeanour, his sudden passing shocked the world. These incredibly brief tenures are fascinating glimpses into the unpredictable nature of history, which at times has been faced by the Church.

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The Readings

Introit (Psalm 69:2,6)

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading
Book of Ecclesiastes (1:2; 2:21-23)

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities.
All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully
and successfully must leave what is his own to someone
who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great
injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that
he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious
days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is
vanity.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1)

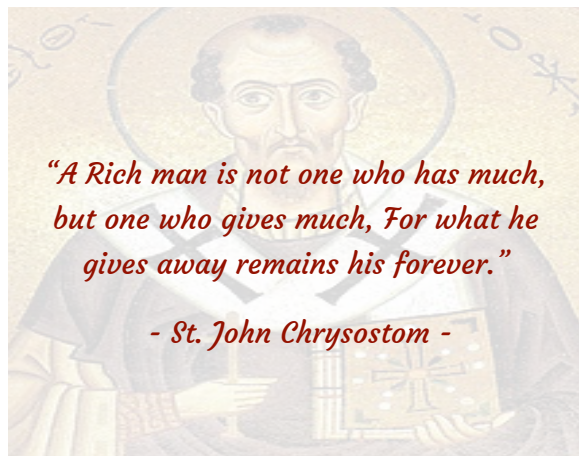
℟. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. ℟.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. ℟.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. ℟.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. ℟.



Second Reading
Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
(Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ,
you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ
is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on
heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth,
because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden
with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is
your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with
him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs
only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil
desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as
worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You
have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and
you have put on a new self which will progress towards true
knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator;
and in that image there is no room for distinction between
Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the
uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave
and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is
in everything.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 5:3)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 12:13-21)

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother
to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he
replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of
your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your
guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not
made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than
he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man
who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to
himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store
my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull
down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain
and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul,
you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to
come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But
God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be
made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be
then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in
place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Communio (Wisdom 16:20)

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.