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OUR LADY OF SORROWS

~ A September Dedication ~

The month of September is a time of profound reflection, drawing our hearts and minds to the deep and sacred sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While a special memorial is observed on September 15th, the entire month is a time to contemplate her Seven Sorrows, inviting us to contemplate the suffering she endured for our salvation. This devotion is not a morbid fascination with pain, but rather a spiritual exercise that draws us closer to Christ through His Mother.

Our Lady's sorrows are a testament to her unique and intimate participation in her Son's redemptive work. From the prophecy of Simeon that a sword would pierce her soul at the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, to her vigil at the foot of the Cross, Mary's life was a continuous offering of suffering united with her Son's. She is, as the Church has long called her, "Co-redemptrix," not in the sense of adding to Christ's

infinite merits, but in her unique and unparalleled cooperation with Him. She suffered with Christ, and through her suffering, she became the Mother of all the faithful.

Here in our parish, the recent celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross holds a special significance, and it is a feast that is inextricably linked to Our Lady of Sorrows. The Cross, a symbol of suffering and humiliation, was transformed by Christ's death into the instrument of our salvation and a sign of triumph. Mary's sorrows are likewise transformed. The sword that pierced her soul was the very sword that, through Christ's victory on the Cross, broke the chains of sin and death. Her deepest pain was at the foot of the Cross, yet it was there that she was given to us as our Mother.

The sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, and the daily prayers and devotions offered throughout this month, are an invitation to stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross.

This is not a passive contemplation, but an active one. We are called to unite our own daily crosses and sufferings - be they big or small - to the perfect suffering of Christ and the sacrificial sorrows of His Mother. By doing so, our own suffering gains new meaning and merit, becoming a powerful intercession for our own salvation and for the salvation of the world.

So in these final weeks of September, let us not only reflect on the sorrows of Our Lady, but also ask for her intercession. Let us entrust our struggles, our pains and our hopes to her Immaculate Heart. Let us remember that in her sorrow, she became the gate of heaven, and that through her, we can come to a deeper love and understanding of her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who through His Cross and Passion, has set us free.



*Mater Dolorosa, ora pro nobis.
Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.*

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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

Narelle Khoury, Claudette Takchi,
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Flower Arranging

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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 4: G. Pinto,
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C. Elegado, N. Begley, J. Osei-Yamoah,
L. Tordilla, J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi,
J. Raj, S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Katherine Jenner,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Merlin Sandhiya, Jasmine
Miranda, Sisters

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Lorraine 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, Agnes Le,
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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, Joseph Baine, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick
Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les
Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Francis Reis Contreras, Joseph
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Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Dennis Wilson,
William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



N O T I C E S

Invitation

You are warmly invited to join in the joyful celebration of the wedding of Raphaella Chidiac and George Sassine.

Raphaella would be known to many of us for her years of faithful service to our parish community as a reader at Mass and a member of the Children's Liturgy team.

Please join us as we witness the beautiful sacrament of Holy Matrimony and offer our prayers and support for Raphaella and George as they begin their life together.

The wedding ceremony will take place at Holy Trinity Church, this Sunday 21st September, at 1:00 p.m.

May Almighty God bless Raphaella and George as they begin this new chapter in their lives. May the Lord bless them and keep them; may the Lord make His face shine upon them and be gracious to them; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon them and give them peace. Amen.

Volunteer Cleaners Needed for Holy Family Church

Our parish churches are more than a building; they are sacred places where we gather as a family to worship God and receive the Sacraments. It is our spiritual home, and like any home, it needs to be cared for.

We are seeking volunteers to form new cleaning groups that will assist with the care of our church once a month. This is a chance to give back to God and our community by helping to keep His house clean all who enter.

This is a true act of service, and we ask you to consider sharing your time and talent with others who already generously serve the parish.

If you are in a position to assist, please contact the parish office.

Important Notice about parking cars at Holy Family Church

This is an urgent and serious request regarding parking at Holy Family Church. We have noticed cars are consistently blocking the presbytery driveway and garages, and we need your immediate cooperation to resolve this issue.

When the driveway is blocked, it can prevent our priests from responding to urgent pastoral needs, such as attending to the sick or handling emergencies and simply leaving the premises to offer Mass at Holy Trinity Church. Please understand that blocking this area can cause significant delays in their ministry.

Please do not block the presbytery driveway or garages at any time.

Please reserve the upper end of the driveway, opposite the Pieta statue, for those dropping off parishioners with mobility issues.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. Your cooperation ensures our priests can serve the parish without disruption.

Become a Parish Volunteer

We are 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.


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.

**PLEASE OFFER
HOLY MASS**

DATE
NAME OF PERSON/S
INTENTION
(ILL HEALTH, ANNIVERSARY, DECEASED etc.)
FROM
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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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
AFTER 6:00PM MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
AFTER 7:00PM MASS

*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more!*



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SUNDAY
4:15PM TO 4:45PM

WEDNESDAY
6:30PM TO 7:00PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SATURDAY
5:00PM TO 5:45PM
FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
6:15PM TO 6:45PM

*Confession heals, confession justifies,
confession grants pardon of sin,
all hope consists in confession;
in confession there is a chance for mercy.*

- St. Isidore of Seville





Grace & Truth

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

St Mary's Cathedral, 5-8:30PM



**Fr Paul Rowse, OP & Sr Anastasia, OP
and the Dominican Friars and Sisters**

Theme: Anchored in Hope



Registration:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN>

Questions: sydney@op-tn.org

Registration closes 23 September

(Contact the Sisters at the above email with queries after this date)

Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Tuesday 30 September for the next Grace and Truth evening on the theme "Anchored in Hope".

The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Fr Paul Rowse, OP and Sister Anastasia, OP.

The event will run from 5-8:30PM, starting in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$20. Registration closes 23 September.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN>.

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

Saints & STUFF

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), the stigmatised Capuchin friar, is renowned for his spiritual insights and unwavering faith. At the core of his spirituality, however, was a profound devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows. For Padre Pio, Mary's co-suffering with her Son was not merely a historical event, but a living, painful reality that he embraced.

Pio frequently meditated on the Blessed Mother's "seven swords of sorrow," particularly her anguish during Christ's Passion. He understood that her sorrows were integral to the work of redemption. He often encouraged his spiritual children to contemplate Mary's sorrows, believing it fostered true contrition and a deeper love for Jesus. "Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary," he would advise, recognising the power of this practice.

His own life of immense pain and spiritual battles uniquely united him to the Sorrowful Mother. Padre Pio saw in Mary a perfect model of endurance and love, and his devotion was a heartfelt bond with her as she suffered with her Son for humanity's salvation. He continually pointed souls to Jesus through the heart of His Sorrowful Mother.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Universal Call to Prayer

2566 Man is in search of God. In the act of creation, God calls every being from nothingness into existence. "Crowned with glory and honour," man is, after the angels, capable of acknowledging "how majestic is the name of the Lord in all the earth." Even after losing through his sin his likeness to God, man remains an image of his Creator, and retains the desire for the one who calls him into existence.

2567 God calls man first. Man may forget his Creator or hide far from his face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response. As God gradually reveals himself and reveals man to himself, prayer appears as a reciprocal call, a covenant drama. Through words and actions, this drama engages the heart. It unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation.

2568 In the Old Testament, the revelation of prayer comes between the fall and the restoration of man... Prayer is bound up with human history, for it is the relationship with God in historical events.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Why do we venerate relics?

Did you know that Catholics don't worship relics, but rather, we venerate them? This is one of the most misunderstood parts of our faith. The word "veneration" comes from the Latin word, *venerare*, meaning to regard with reverence and respect. It's an honour shown to holy people and things, unlike adoration reserved for God alone.

A relic is an object connected with a saint or another holy person. They are typically divided into three categories:

First-class relics are a part of the saint's body, such as a bone fragment or a lock of hair. Second-class relics are items that the saint personally owned or frequently used, like a book, a piece of clothing, or a crucifix. Third-class relics are objects, often a piece of cloth, that have been touched to a first-class relic.

We venerate relics because they serve as tangible links to those who have lived lives of heroic virtue and holiness. They remind us that saints were real people, just like us, who were filled with God's grace. This practice is rooted in Sacred Scripture, as shown in the Old Testament when a dead man was brought back to life after his body touched the bones of the prophet Elisha (2 Kings 13:21). This tradition, rooted in the early Church's honour for the remains of martyrs, inspires us to imitate the saints and ask for their powerful intercession that we, through their example, may live lives of holiness.

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The Readings

Introit

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading
The Prophet Amos (Amos 8:4-7)

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

℟. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! ℟.

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? ℟.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.℟.

Second Reading
Letter of St. Paul to Timothy
(1 Timothy 2:1-8)

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered
for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving –
and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we
may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and
quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he
wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the
truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one
mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ
Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is
the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have

been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the
truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the
pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up
reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 16:1-13)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he
had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful
with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is
this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your
stewardship because you are not to be my steward any
longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my
master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do?
Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too
ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I
am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me
into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the
first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One
hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said,
"Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write
fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you
owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The
steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his
astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in
dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win
you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they
will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who
can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man
who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If
then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing,
who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be
trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is
your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will
either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with
respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave
both of God and of money.'

Communio (Psalm 118:4-5)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.