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MEDITATING WITH OUR LADY OF SORROWS

As the month of September draws to a close, we are invited to contemplate one of the most poignant scenes in all of Sacred Scripture: The Mother of God, holding her crucified Son. This powerful image, known as the Pietà, is not merely a beautiful work of art; it is a profound invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with Our Lady. Throughout September, the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, we are given a special grace to draw near to the Mater Dolorosa, the Sorrowful Mother.

In a world filled with constant noise and distraction, we often find it difficult to sit with our own suffering or the pain of others. We may be tempted to believe that a life of faith is one without hardship. Yet, Our Lady's example teaches us otherwise. Her sorrows - foretold by Simeon, experienced in the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple, and especially in the Passion - show us that true holiness is not the absence of pain,

but the loving acceptance of it for the sake of God's will.

To meditate on Our Lady's sorrows is to find a way to sanctify our own. When we face our own trials, big or small, we can unite them with her sufferings. This act of union elevates our pain, transforming it from a source of despair into a powerful prayer of love and reparation. Whether it's the sorrow of a lost loved one, the worry for a struggling child, or a simple disappointment, we can bring it to Our Lady, placing our heart alongside hers.

This is the very essence of the Pietà in our hearts. We are called to join her at the foot of the Cross, to feel the profound sorrow she felt as she held the body of Our Lord. By doing so, we begin to understand the immense love that motivated her suffering. She endured her pain out of a perfect love for her Son and for us, her spiritual children.

As we end September, let us take a moment each day to reflect on this. When we pray the Holy Rosary, let

us meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries with a deeper sense of reverence. Let us offer a simple prayer: *"O Mother of Sorrows, pray for me, that I may bear my crosses with the same faith and courage with which you bore yours."*

The Blessed Virgin never promises us a life without pain, but she does promise to walk with us through it. She is the mother who understands our suffering perfectly because she suffered more than any other creature. By honouring her sorrows, we invite her to console us and to teach us the true value of suffering when it is offered to God. Let us finish this month with a renewed devotion, trusting that Our Lady will always be there to hold us, just as she held her Divine Son.

May our sorrowful Mother, who stood faithfully by the Cross, help us to be strong in our own sufferings and to always trust in God's will, knowing that He can bring good out of every pain we offer to Him.

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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

Patricia Robertson, Sharon Minns

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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 1: D. Portelli,
L. Toman, W. Kransinski, J. Galea, A.
Quinlan, N. Begley

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Sisters, Gerry
Pinto

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges, Merlin
Sandhiya, Jasmine Miranda

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Lorraine Azzopardi,
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Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Carmello
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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
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Dennis Wilson, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



N O T I C E S

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.

First Friday Mass, Rosary and Adoration

Join us this Friday at Holy Trinity Church for our regular First Friday of the month devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in reparation for the sins of humanity. Confessions will be heard from 6:15 p.m., the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

Toongabbie Legal Centre Fundraiser

This weekend, we welcome Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers who will be selling raffle tickets at Holy Family Church, along with some merchandise.

All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets with ten prizes. As part of their fundraising, pancakes will also be sold after the 8:30a.m. Mass.

Next weekend, Toongabbie Legal Centre will again join us at Holy Trinity Church. Visit <https://tlc.asn.au/> for more information.

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

Have you considered becoming a volunteer in the parish? If you have 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.

Considering sharing your talents and give back to your parish.

Please be aware that some volunteer positions will require a Working With Children Check. Completion of safeguarding training is also required, and assistance will be available if required.

For more information on how you can become a volunteer, contact the parish office, or visit the parish website's 'ministries' section.

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 _____

FOR PUBLICATION YES ☐ NO ☐



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.





HOLY MASS IN LATIN

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

6:00 P.M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Cnr. Randle St. and Bennalong St. Granville





AN EVENING WITH THE LORD

6:15pm - 6:45pm: Confession

6:30pm: Holy Rosary

7:00pm: Holy Mass followed by Adoration

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Holy Trinity Church
Cnr. Randle St. and Bennalong St. Granville



PUBLIC ROSARY

2025



JOIN US FOR A NATION-WIDE ROSARY CHAIN!

WHERE: Holy Family Church
200 The Trongate, South Granville, NSW, 2142

WHEN: Saturday 11th October, 2025
12 pm - 1 pm
Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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Saints & STUFF

St. Philip Benizi

St. Philip Benizi was a 13th-century Italian friar and a pivotal figure in the Servite Order. Born in Florence in 1233, he studied medicine before feeling called to a religious life. He joined the Order of the Servants of Mary, a community devoted to the sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Philip embraced this Marian charism with fervour, seeing his own humility and austerity as an imitation of Mary's quiet suffering at the foot of the Cross. His devotion was a way of life, uniting his own trials to her sorrowful heart. He was a gifted preacher whose sermons drew many to conversion. Through his ministry, he established new Servite communities and spread the devotion to the Sorrowful Mother throughout Europe.

As the fifth Prior General, Philip guided the Servite Order through a period of great difficulty, gaining papal approval and ensuring its survival. A man of peace, he was known for reconciling warring factions in Italy. Despite his leadership, Philip remained a humble servant, famously fleeing a papal election. He is remembered as a true son of the Sorrowful Mother, whose example continues to inspire many.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christian Prayer

2590 Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God (St. John Damascene)

2591 God tirelessly calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. Prayer unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation as a reciprocal call between God and man.

2592 The prayer of Abraham and Jacob is presented as a battle of faith marked by trust in God's faithfulness and by certitude in the victory promised to perseverance.

2593 The prayer of Moses responds to the living God's initiative for the salvation of his people. It foreshadows the prayer of intercession of the unique mediator, Christ Jesus.

2594 The prayer of the People of God flourished in the shadow of the dwelling place of God's presence on earth, the ark of the covenant and the Temple, under the guidance of their shepherd, especially King David, and of the prophets.

2595 The prophets summoned the people to conversion of heart and, while zealously seeking the face of God, like Elijah, they interceded for the people.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Stained Glass in Churches

In medieval times, before most people could read, stained glass windows were the "Bible of the Poor." These stunning, multi-coloured mosaics served a critical purpose beyond mere decoration: they were a visual catechism for the illiterate faithful.

Each panel told a story, depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments, the lives of saints, or parables of Christ. As sunlight streamed through the glass, the figures and symbols would illuminate the dark interiors of the churches, bringing sacred history to life in a way that was both beautiful and understandable.

The symbolism within these windows was rich. Blue often represented the heavens and divine truth, while red symbolised the passion of Christ and martyrdom. Green represented hope and new life, and gold was used for the heavenly and glorious. Every colour and image was a deliberate choice, guiding the worshipper through a visual journey of salvation history.

Thus, stained glass was not just art; it was a powerful teaching tool, transforming light into sacred narrative and making the truths of the faith accessible to everyone who entered a church. This rich tradition of storytelling through light continues to inspire awe and devotion today.

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The Readings

Introit

(Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42)

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

The Prophet Amos (Amos 6:1. 4-7)

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

℟. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ℟.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. ℟.

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. ℟.

Second Reading

Letter of St. Paul to Timothy
(1 Timothy 6:11-16)

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who

spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Communio (Cf Psalm 118:49-50)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.