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- HAPPY FATHER'S DAY -

This weekend, we honour our fathers as we celebrate Father's Day. Father's Day is a time to honour the men who have guided and protected us. For those of us who cherish the timeless teachings of the Church, this day holds a special resonance, inviting us to contemplate the profound spiritual role of fatherhood.

The father, in his highest calling, is a reflection of God the Father. He is a fount of authority, a source of wisdom, and a bastion of strength. His love is not merely sentimental but is a steadfast and sacrificial force, much like the love of St. Joseph, the earthly father of Our Lord. St. Joseph's quiet strength, his unwavering faith, and his dedication to protecting the Holy Family serve as the perfect model for every father. He was a provider, a protector, and a teacher, guiding the young Jesus with a gentle hand and a righteous heart.

A true father is not only a biological parent but also a spiritual

leader. He is tasked with the weighty responsibility of leading his family to Heaven. This means more than just providing for their material needs; it involves nurturing their souls, teaching them the Catechism, and ensuring that the family's life is centred on prayer and the sacraments. He is the head of the domestic church, and his home is a sanctuary where God is honoured and loved.

This Father's Day, let us offer our prayers for all fathers, living and deceased. We pray for their sanctification, that they may embrace their vocation with courage and grace. We ask God to grant them the prudence to make wise decisions, the fortitude to overcome trials, and the charity to love their families with a pure and selfless heart. Let us also give thanks for the blessings of our own fathers and grandfathers, who have passed on to us the sacred legacy of our faith.

In a world that often downplays

the importance of paternal authority, we are called to uphold the dignity of fatherhood. By honouring our fathers, we are not just celebrating a man; we are affirming the divine order and the fundamental role of the family in society. Let us remember that a good father is a gift from God, and his influence echoes through generations, a testament to his love and devotion. May Our Lady and St. Joseph intercede for all fathers that they may be worthy reflections of the Heavenly Father, and may their families be a source of joy and holiness.



God Our Father, bless all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures. Grant them the strength to lead with integrity, the patience to teach with compassion, and the unwavering faith to guide their families. May they always be a reflection of Your love. Amen.

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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

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, 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 Katherine Jenner, Rebecca
Hanson, Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges, Sisters,

Children's Liturgy

Victor Luu, Armani Barakat

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,
Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia, Jacob Lee,
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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
Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Francis Reis Contreras, Joseph
Cunmao Chen, Jamil Chidiac, Maria Dinh, Maria Vu Thi Duyen,
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Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Dennis Wilson,
William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



Mary's Rosary Chain

This weekend, we are blessed to be joined by members of *Mary's Rosary Chain*, a group dedicated to spreading devotion to the Holy Rosary. After each Mass, they will be giving away free rosaries and prayers cards which you can take to pray in your homes and share with your families.

The Rosary is a simple yet profound prayer. As we hold the beads and recite the prayers, we are invited to enter into a contemplative conversation with Christ. The mysteries of the Rosary guide us through the key events of Christ's life, seen through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. It is a powerful way to grow in faith and to implore Mary's intercession, uniting our prayers with those of the whole Church.

We encourage you to accept this gift and to take extras for your family and friends. Let us join this chain of prayer and trust in the abundant graces that flow from this beautiful devotion.

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. 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.

Important Notice about parking cars at Holy Family Church

This notice is a friendly, but important, reminder about parking at Holy Family Church. We have noticed that some cars have been parking directly in the presbytery driveway and blocking the garages. This creates a serious problem, and we ask for your help in resolving it.

Our priests often have to leave the church property at a moment's notice to attend to important parish duties or appointments. When the driveway is blocked, it causes unnecessary delays and can make it difficult for them to carry out their ministry.

We ask that you show consideration and respect for our priests and their work by parking sensibly, and not blocking the presbytery driveway or garages.

Please allow the upper end of the driveway, opposite the statue of the Pieta, for those who are bringing elderly or those unable to walk long distances to Mass. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 your 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.


"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory."

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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 ☐

Clergy Support Foundation Father's Day Appeal

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code.

"The priest is not a priest for himself. He is a priest for you."

- St. John Vianney





LET US CARE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS, JUST AS THEY CARE FOR US



Thank you for supporting our spiritual fathers, who guide our lives with compassion, hope, and love.





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





HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE HOLY CROSS PARISH APP?

The Holy Cross Parish app is just another way of keeping updated on everything that takes place in the parish!

In addition to finding available Mass, Confession and Adoration times available in the parish, the app also has some great tools such as prayers, daily reflections, audio bible, news feeds, and homilies which are published weekly.

You can also find links to popular catholic podcasts, such as Dr. Taylor Marshall, Fr. Mike Schmitz and updated news from outlets such as the Catholic Weekly.

Once you have downloaded the app to your phone or device, simply click on the 'myparishapp' button, click on "find a parish" and type in "Holy Cross Parish"

Search for 'myparish' on the App Store or Google Play to download the app today!

Saints & STUFF

St. Louis Martin

Today, we turn our attention to an extraordinary patron of fatherhood: St. Louis Martin. The father of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Louis wasn't a king or a crusader, but a quiet, ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life of faith. A watchmaker by trade, his life was one of humble dedication to his family and to God.

St. Louis and his wife, St. Zélie, were a team, creating a home rich in love and faith where five of their daughters would eventually enter religious life. As a father, Louis modelled patience and deep piety. He taught his daughters to love God through daily prayer and by his own example of charity and integrity. When Zélie died, Louis embraced the challenge of raising his youngest daughters alone with grace and steadfast faith.

The most profound testament to his fatherhood is how he actively fostered his daughters' vocations. He not only gave his consent but considered it "a great honour" that the Lord wanted all of his children. His life shows that a father's love, sacrifice, and gentle guidance can nurture saints. St. Louis Martin reminds us that a father's greatest legacy isn't worldly success, but the faith he instills in his children. He is a powerful intercessor of all fathers.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Role of Parents

2214 The divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood; this is the foundation of the honour owed to parents. The respect of children, whether minors or adults, for their father and mother is nourished by the natural affection born of the bond uniting them. It is required by God's commandment.

2221 The fecundity of conjugal love cannot be reduced solely to the procreation of children, but must extend to their moral education and their spiritual formation. The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute. The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable.

2222 Parents must regard their children as children of God and respect them as human persons. Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in heaven, they educate their children to fulfil God's law.

2223 Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule.

CATHOLIC Trivia

What are Ember Days?

Ember Days are an ancient practice, dating back to the 5th century, and mark the change of seasons that invite us to a deeper connection with God's creation. The name comes from the Latin *Quattuor Tempora* or "four times."

Historically, the Church in the Northern Hemisphere has observed Ember Days four times a year, on a Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. These days follow the Feast of St. Lucy (December 13th) for winter, the First Sunday of Lent for spring, Pentecost Sunday for summer, and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th) for autumn. These days were historically observed with fasting abstinence, and prayer, often with Mass celebrated in a violet chasuble.

In Australia, the Ember Days don't align with seasons of the Northern Hemisphere, but the spirit of the tradition remains. The Australian Bishops have designated two Ember Days for our Church calendar. These are the first Fridays of March and September. These days are a valuable opportunity to fast and pray in thanksgiving for the harvest and the productivity of human labour. They are also a time to seek God's blessing on the new season, pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and reflect on our responsibilities as stewards of creation. Join others on the next Ember Day and continue this practice.

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The Readings

Introit (Psalm 118:137, 124)

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Book of Wisdom (Wisdom 9:13-18)

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

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 Philemon

(Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17)

This is Paul writing, an old man now and,
what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father

I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 118:135)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 14:25-33)

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communio (Cf Psalm 41:2-3)

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

"LOVE FOR HIS WIFE AS MOTHER OF THEIR CHILDREN AND LOVE FOR THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES ARE FOR THE MAN THE NATURAL WAY OF UNDERSTANDING AND FULFILLING HIS OWN FATHERHOOD."
ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II