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Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

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The Church Triumphant, Militant, and Suffering: Understanding the Communion of Saints

As November commences, the Holy Church direct our hearts and minds to the profound truth of the Communion of Saints. This is not just a nice idea; but a fundamental reality of our Faith that binds every baptised soul together into one great spiritual family. It is especially fitting to meditate upon this truth at the start of November, in particular this weekend, as we commemorate all the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls' Day.

The Church teaches us that her members exist in three distinct but united states: the Church Triumphant, the Church Militant, and the Church Suffering.

The **Church Triumphant** is comprised of the Saints in Heaven, those blessed souls who have completed their earthly pilgrimage, passed through the judgement of God, and now enjoy the eternal bliss of seeing Almighty God face-to-face. They have triumphed over sin and death, and they reign with Christ the King. We honour them, we strive to imitate

their virtues, and we implore their powerful prayers and intercession. The Saints are not passive spectators; they are our older brothers and sisters in Christ, constantly pleading for us before the throne of God.

The **Church Militant** is us - the faithful here on Earth. We are the Church "fighting the good fight," struggling against the world, the flesh, and the devil. We are given the sacraments, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacrament of Confession, as our armour and spiritual strength. Our duty is to persevere in the state of grace and, through prayer and good works, earn our own place in the Church Triumphant.

Finally, there is the **Church Suffering**. This is the state of the Holy Souls detained in Purgatory. These souls died in God's grace and are certain of Heaven, but they were not perfectly clean of all attachment to sin, or they still owed a temporal debt for forgiven sins. Purgatory is a place of profound

purification, where the soul is cleansed by suffering until it is perfectly pure and ready to stand before the infinite holiness of God.

The incredible beauty of the Communion of Saints lies in the unity and exchange between these three groups. The Saints Triumphant pray for us, the Militant and the Suffering. We, the Militant, pray for the Saints, praising God for them, but most importantly, we pray and offer up sacrifices for the Holy Souls in Purgatory - the Suffering. This is the great work of charity for November. The souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, they are completely dependent on us.

Because of this spiritual bond, every prayer, every act of penance, every Holy Mass offered for a deceased person is a true help, a spiritual aid that can shorten their time of suffering and hasten their entry into Heaven. Let us resolve to pray fervently, that we may be true members of this great Communion and fulfil our sacred obligation to the Holy Souls.

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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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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, 6:00 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 2: P. Zaiter,
C. Buultjens, N. Chidiac

Readers

Vigil Gerry Pinto, Katherine Jenner,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Armani Barakat, Mary
Georges, Reanne Chidiac

Children's Liturgy

Victor Luu and 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,
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Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Sid Morgan,
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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

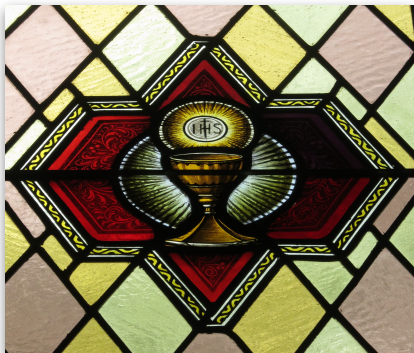
Victor Azzopardi, Joseph Baine, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick
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Important Notice Regarding Receiving Holy Communion

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.



Holy Cross Apparel Limited Stock for Sale

Limited stock available of the Marian-themed Holy Cross Apparel being sold in the Piety Shop at Holy Family Church.

This beautiful apparel, honouring the Mother of God, was initially offered in August in the spiritual preparation for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since demand has been high, these final items are available only while current stocks last so visit the Piety Shop soon to secure these special pieces for yourself or as a gift. By supporting the Piety Shop, you help support the continued work of the parish.

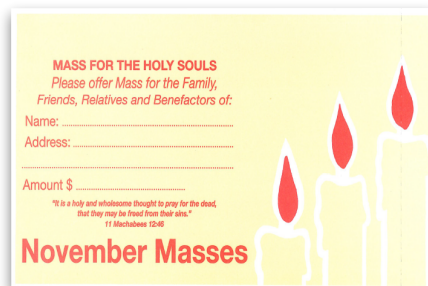
November Mass Intentions for the Souls in Purgatory

Envelopes for the parish's Book of Remembrance are now available at the doors of the church.

The Book of Remembrance is a special way to honour and pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved dead throughout the month of November.

If you wish to have the names of your deceased loved ones inscribed in the book, please take an envelope, clearly write the names, and place the sealed envelope in the clearly marked boxes located near the church doors.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Holy Mass and Blessing of the Graves at Rookwood Cemetery

Join us next Saturday 8th November at 11:00 a.m. at Rookwood Cemetery, where Holy Mass will be offered in St. Michael's Chapel for the repose of the souls of our past parish priests. After Mass, we will then visit their graves to bless them and to continue praying for the repose of their souls.

For those who would like to attend but are unable to drive themselves or arrange transport, the parish bus will be available to drive people to and from the cemetery.

For those who would like a spot on the bus, please contact the parish office for further details. Please be aware that there are limited places available.

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.

Plenary Indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory

From November 1st to November 8th, the Church gives us a wonderful gift: a special Plenary Indulgence that can immediately free one soul from Purgatory each day.

To gain this great grace, the following conditions must be met:

- * Visit a Cemetery and say a prayer for the dead souls there.
- * Go to Confession (once in this time covers all 8 days).
- * Receive Holy Communion each day you seek the indulgence.
- * Pray one Our Father and one Hail Mary for the Pope's intentions.
- * Have the sincere desire to turn away from all sin, even small ones.

Let us pray for the souls who need our help to reach Heaven!



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



HOLY MASS AND BLESSING OF THE GRAVES OF
Priests at Rookwood

Visitation of the graves of past Priests of Granville
at Rookwood Cemetery for Holy Mass at St. Michael's
Chapel followed by the blessing of the graves.

11:00 a.m. | Saturday, 8th November



*Enter Rookwood Cemetery on the corner
of East St. and Victoria St. East, Lidcombe
then continue down Necropolis Drive
until you get to the roundabout,
then turn left into the roundabout,
then the first left to St. Michael the Archangel Chapel*



Saints & STUFF

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

St. Charles Borromeo was a powerful Italian cardinal and Archbishop of Milan, renowned as a pivotal figure of the Counter-Reformation. Born into nobility, he was related to Pope Pius IV, who appointed him cardinal-deacon and Secretary of State at a young age. After his brother's death, Charles renounced wealth and an offer to marry, committing fully to the Church. He was ordained a priest and consecrated as bishop in 1563.

Charles became the Archbishop of Milan, where he dedicated himself to practical reform, establishing seminaries for priests, and promoting catechism. His connection to Purgatory is vividly demonstrated by his heroic charity during the plague and famine of 1576. When civil authorities fled, Charles remained in Milan, personally ministering to the sick and poor, sacrificing his wealth to feed the hungry.

His work was a deep reflection of the Communion of Saints: through fervent prayer and works of mercy, he alleviated both the physical suffering of the living and the spiritual suffering of the faithful departed. His life of radical penance and selfless service is a model of the holiness required to quickly reach the Church Triumphant and assist the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Purgatory

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire: "As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come."

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture... From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Catholicism's Pop Influence

Catholicism has exerted a deep and often subtle influence on modern popular culture, extending far beyond overtly religious stories.

In literature and film, Catholic authors have shaped entire genres. J.R.R. Tolkien, a devout Catholic, infused *The Lord of the Rings* with themes of sacrifice, free will, and the battle between good and evil. Director Martin Scorsese, a former seminarian, consistently uses Catholic imagery—crucifixes, confessionals, and moral struggle—to frame his narratives of sin and redemption in films like *Mean Streets* and *Silence*.

Historically, the Church's influence was even more direct. The Motion Picture Production Code (the Hays Code) that governed Hollywood content from 1934 to 1968 was co-authored by influential Catholics, including Jesuit priest Rev. Daniel A. Lord. This code essentially enforced a Catholic-based moral framework on American cinema for decades, shaping the "Golden Age" of film.

Visually, Catholicism provides powerful iconography that instantly communicates drama and tradition, making its imagery (priest's attire, the Rosary) a constant element in movies, particularly in genres like horror (e.g., *The Exorcist*) where the ritualistic nature and authority of the Church are leveraged for dramatic effect.

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The Readings

Introit

(Cf 4 Esdras 2:34-35)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

First Reading The Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 25:6-9)

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his peoples shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1. Alt. R. v.13

℟. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? ℟.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. ℟.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. ℟.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! ℟.

Second Reading

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans
(Romans 5:5-11)

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation (John 6:39)

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia!

Gospel The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 18:9-14)

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

Communio (Cf John 11:25-26)

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die
for ever.