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MONTH OF OCTOBER A TIME DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY



As the Church dedicates the month of October to the Most Holy Rosary, we are invited to take up this powerful spiritual weapon and rediscover its profound grace. This devotion is not merely a string of beads, but a heavenly chain that links us to God through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The dedication of October to the Rosary is rooted in a dramatic moment in history. On 7th October 1571, a Catholic fleet faced a vastly superior Ottoman force at the Battle of Lepanto. Knowing that the future of Christendom was at stake, Pope St. Pius V asked all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. Against all odds, the Catholic forces triumphed, a victory attributed directly to the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. This event reminds us that the Rosary is a prayer of immense power, capable of securing divine assistance in times of great need.

At its heart, the Rosary is a beautiful meditation on the Gospel.

As we recite the familiar prayers, our minds are invited to contemplate the key events in the lives of Our Lord and His Mother. We walk with them through the Joyful Mysteries of the Incarnation, ponder Christ's public life in the Luminous Mysteries, enter into His Passion in the Sorrowful Mysteries, and rejoice in His victory over death in the Glorious Mysteries. This journey through the Gospels deepens our love for Jesus and Mary and our understanding of salvation. It is, as many saints have called it, a compendium of the Gospel.

In a world filled with noise, anxiety, and uncertainty, the Rosary offers a sanctuary of peace. It is a prayer for families, a defence against evil, and a source of countless graces. At Fatima, Our Lady herself implored us, "Pray the Rosary every day." She gave it to us as a remedy for the troubles of our times and a sure path to her Son. This October, let us answer her call. Let us commit to praying the Rosary

daily, perhaps gathering as a family in the evening to pray for our world, our parish, and our own intentions. Use the Holy Rosary to pray for the souls of the Faithful Departed and the Holy Souls in Purgatory, that they may be granted entry into the heavenly kingdom. Let us carry our rosary with us, turning to it in moments of trial and moments of gratitude. By embracing this timeless devotion, we place our hands and our hearts in the hand of our Heavenly Mother, allowing her to lead us ever closer to the Most Sacred Heart of her Son. May this chain of Hail Mary's be our comfort in times of trial and our joy in times of peace. Let us pray it with unwavering confidence, knowing that the Queen of Heaven watches over each one of us, our families, and our world.

O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, graciously intercede for us, that we may merit to attain the salvation of our souls and the eternal joys of heaven. 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

Volunteers Needed

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 Rebecca Hanson, Gerry Pinto,
Ingrid Bifulco

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

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,
Josephine Magro, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo,
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 Baini, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick
Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les
Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Francis Reis Contreras, Joseph
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Sam Grech, Melissa Irons, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Salim Karaki,
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Taktak, John Toye, John Vella, Peter Van Duc Vu, Graham Wales,
Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe,
Dennis Wilson, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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.



Toongabbie Legal Centre Fundraiser

This weekend, we welcome Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers who will be selling raffle tickets at Holy Trinity 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.

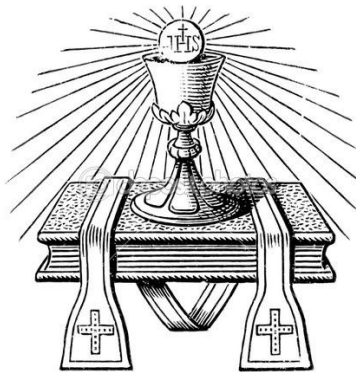
Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets with ten prizes. As part of their fundraising, pancakes will also be sold after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information about Toongabbie Legal Centre services, Visit <https://tlc.asn.au/> or call on 1300 373 353

Fr. Joseph on Leave

Our Assistant Priest, Fr. Joseph Nguyen, will be on annual leave for 3 weeks and will return towards the end of October.

Please keep Fr. Joseph in your prayers as he takes some time away to visit his family and loved ones.



Australia Needs Fatima Public Rosary Outside Holy Family Church

All parishioners are warmly invited to join the Australia Needs Fatima campaign in praying a Public Rosary outside Holy Family Church on Saturday, October 11th, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m..

This prayerful witness is part of a worldwide chain of Rosaries offered to honour Our Lady and pray for the conversion of Australia and the world, in accordance with the message of Fatima.

Please set aside this hour to stand publicly for the Faith and pray to our Blessed Mother for her intercession. Our Lady always urges us to frequently pray the Holy Rosary as a means of drawing ourselves closer to her Son.

Following the Rosary, all are invited for afternoon tea on the church grounds. Please bring a plate of sweets or savouries to share.

Visit <https://fatima.org.au/> for more information on Australia Needs Fatima and how you can support their important mission.

Holy Mass for HSC Students at Holy Trinity Church

Please join us for Holy Mass next Sunday for the intentions of all students that will be commencing their HSC examinations later this month.

This Mass will be offered at 10:00a.m. on Sunday, 12th October at Holy Trinity Church.

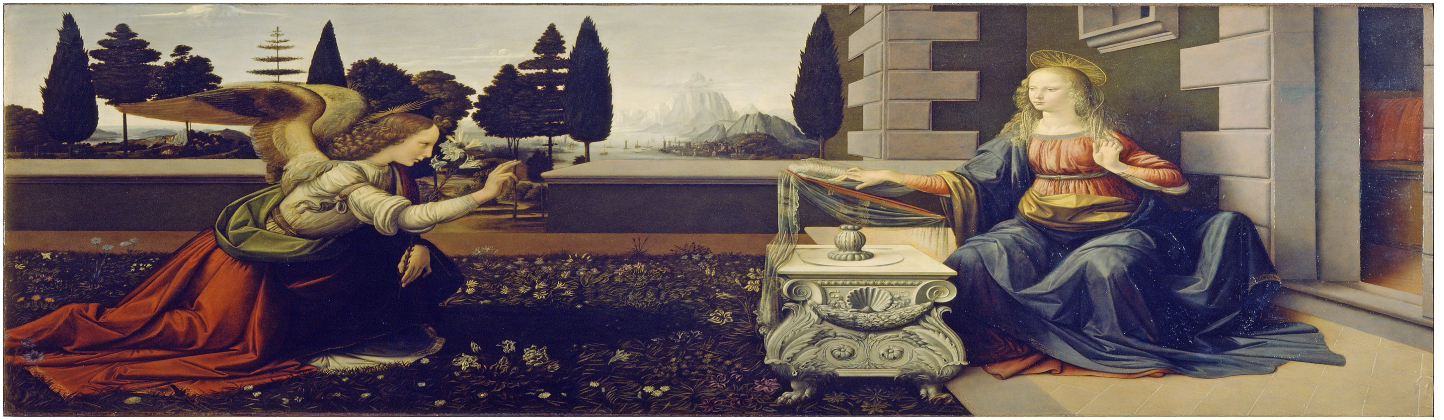
We especially encourage all HSC students and their families to come and pray for God's grace, clarity of mind, strength, and peace as they prepare for this challenging time. Let us entrust their efforts and hard work to the care of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

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.





The Joyful Mysteries: *The Moments Announcing the Coming of our Salvation*

October's arrival directs our hearts to the Most Holy Rosary, a prayer lauded by Saints and Popes throughout the ages. It is more than a recital of formulas; it is a spiritual masterpiece, a means by which we enter into the deepest secrets of our faith, seeing the life of Christ through the tender, pure eyes of His Mother. By meditating on the Mysteries, we allow the grace of each event to imprint itself upon our souls. We begin this sacred journey by contemplating the Joyful Mysteries, those glorious moments that illuminate the beginnings of our Salvation.

These five mysteries are a school of humility, charity, and obedience—the foundational virtues required for any sincere spiritual life. They teach us that the greatest events in human history unfolded not in the halls of power, but in quiet, humble settings, thereby setting the pattern for our own path to holiness.

We first kneel in the simple home of Nazareth for **the Annunciation**. Picture the scene: the Archangel Gabriel brings the message, and the Virgin Mary, a young Jewish woman, freely gives her perfect consent. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word." In that single, humble fiat, the Son of God took flesh in her womb. This profound act of humility and acceptance is the antidote

to the pride and self-will that plague our era. It teaches us that true greatness lies not in demanding our own way, but in the total, trusting surrender to the divine will of the Eternal Father. Without this virtue of humility, no other grace can take root in the soul.

The journey continues to the hills of Judea for **the Visitation**, where Mary, with Christ in her womb, hurries to assist her elderly cousin, St. Elizabeth. This is active, practical charity in its purest form, a selfless rush to serve one's neighbour. The mere sound of Mary's voice causes St. John the Baptist to leap for joy—a beautiful illustration that the presence of Christ, carried within us, is meant to sanctify those around us. This mystery urges us, as Australian Catholics, to rise above mere sentimentality and put our faith into action, seeking out those who are alone or in need, and serving them with genuine love and respect.

We then find ourselves shivering, spiritually kneeling, in the cave of Bethlehem for **the Nativity**. The King of Heaven chooses abject poverty—a cold stable, a crude feeding trough—as the setting for His birth. He chooses this ignominy to teach us the priceless virtue of poverty of spirit and detachment from worldly comforts and riches. In a culture driven by consumption and materialism, the Nativity stands

as a powerful, silent rebuke. It shows us that our true security is found not in accumulating wealth, but in trusting in Divine Providence and embracing simplicity.

The Presentation in the Temple follows, demonstrating the Holy Family's perfect obedience to the Mosaic Law. They centre their lives around God's commands and the rites of their Faith. Even as the holy Simeon foretells the sword of sorrow that will pierce Mary's Immaculate Heart, she submits. This mystery is an essential lesson in submission to authority, both human and divine. It teaches us that fidelity to the Law and the traditions of the Church, even when costly, is the path to spiritual safety.

Finally, the Joyful Mysteries conclude with the brief, searing agony and subsequent relief of the **Finding of Jesus in the Temple**. For three days, Mary and Joseph endured the anguish of loss, teaching us the spiritual reality of losing Christ through sin or carelessness. Their fervent search leads to the Temple, where they find Him wholly occupied with His Father's business. This moment is a powerful call to the virtue of piety—the firm devotion that makes God the absolute centre of our work and relationships. It assures us that if we search for Jesus with devotion, we will find the joy of His presence restored to our souls.



PUBLIC ROSARY

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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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H O L Y C R O S S P A R I S H



Mass for **HSC STUDENTS**



Join us in praying for those
young men and women
undertaking their HSC
Exams

12 OCTOBER

AT 10:00 AM

Holy Trinity Church, Granville



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Saints & STUFF

St. Dominic

Saint Dominic, born in Caleruega, Spain, in 1170, initially sought to evangelise the Albigensian heretics in southern France through preaching and exemplary poverty. Despite his tireless efforts, conversions were scarce. It was during this challenging period, around 1208, that tradition holds a pivotal event occurred: the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Dominic, presenting him with the Rosary as a spiritual weapon. She instructed him on how to pray it and urged him to preach its efficacy for conversion and spiritual warfare.

Inspired, Dominic fervently embraced and propagated this devotion. He began teaching others to pray the Rosary, meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life while reciting specific prayers. This simple, repetitive prayer, coupled with meditation, proved remarkably effective where other methods had faltered. Dominic established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to continue this work, and his followers became instrumental in spreading the Rosary throughout the Christian world. St. Dominic's legacy as the primary evangelist of the Holy Rosary endures, making him eternally linked to this powerful Marian devotion.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Indulgences

1471 The doctrine and practice of indulgences in the Church are closely linked to the effects of the sacrament of Penance. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

1472 To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory.

CATHOLIC Trivia

The Patron of Oversleeping

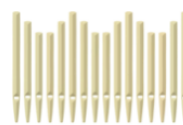
Ever felt the dread of hearing your alarm and immediately hitting the snooze button... multiple times? You might need to invoke the patron saint of late risers! That title belongs, somewhat humorously, to St. Vitus.

St. Vitus, a young martyr who died around the year A.D. 303, is perhaps most famously known as the patron of dancers and those afflicted with epilepsy. His association with dance stems from a medieval phenomenon called "St. Vitus' Dance," a condition characterised by sudden, involuntary movements (now known as Sydenham's chorea).

So, how did this energetic saint become the spiritual guardian of oversleeping? It's a delightful paradox! While his most famous intercession deals with those unable to control their movement, he is also invoked by those who struggle with too much stillness—namely, sleeping right through the morning and missing a commitment! This unusual patronage highlights that the saints truly understand the full breadth of human experience. No matter how small or strange your daily struggle—even the battle with the alarm clock—there is a holy friend in heaven ready to pray for you. Now you know exactly who to call on Monday morning to help you seize the day! No petition is too minor when seeking God's help.

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The Readings

Introit
(Cf Esther 4:17)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading
The Prophet Habakkuk (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

℟. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. ℟.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. ℟.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' ℟.

Second Reading
Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy
(2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that
God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift
was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and
love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed
of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being
his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the
sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have
heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ
Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something
precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who
lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation (1 Peter 1:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 17:5-10)

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'
The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a
mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be
uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey
you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding
sheep, would say to him when he returned from the
fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"?
Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper
laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and
drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must
he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was
told? So with you: when you have done all you have
been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have
done no more than our duty."'

Communio (Lam 3:25)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

*"Actions speak louder than words.
Let your words teach and your actions speak."
~ St. Anthony of Padua*