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Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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In the quiet days following the birth of Our Lord, the Church invites us to look away from the manger for a moment and gaze upon the hidden, daily life of the Saviour in Nazareth. The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a beautiful reminder that when God became man, He chose to live within a human family. By doing so, He sanctified the roles of father, mother, and child, showing us that the path to heaven is found in the simple duties of our own homes.

The Holy Family is the perfect model for every Christian household. In St. Joseph, we see the strength of a protector who laboured in silence; in Our Lady, we see the grace of a mother who kept all things in her heart; and in the Child Jesus, we see the beauty of perfect obedience. Together, they lived a life of prayer, work, and peace. This feast calls us to bring that same spirit into our own

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

lives - to make our homes "domestic churches" where Christ is always the centre of our conversation and our conduct.

For our parish, this day is a double celebration. Today marks the titular feast of Holy Family Church. This church serves as a spiritual home for so many of us, acting as a sanctuary where we come to find rest and strength in the Sacraments. Just as the house in Nazareth was a place of safety and holiness for the Saviour, our parish church stands as a place where we can gather as a family of faith to grow closer to God.

However, we must remember that the peace of the Holy Family was never separated from the Holy Cross, the primary patron of our parish. Even in the quiet years of Nazareth, the shadow of the Cross was present. We see it in the poverty of the stable, the flight into Egypt to escape a king's wrath, and the prophecy that a sword would pierce Mary's soul. The Holy Family teaches us that true love is always sacrificial. They did not flee from

hardship; they embraced it with trust in God's providence.

By linking the Holy Family to the Holy Cross, we learn a vital lesson: our own family struggles and burdens are not obstacles to holiness, but a means by which we are saved. When we carry our daily crosses with patience and love, as Mary and Joseph did, we transform our homes into places of grace. As we celebrate Holy Family church today, let us ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to bless our families and help us follow the way of the Cross toward the joy of the Resurrection.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your subjection to Mary and Joseph did consecrate family life with unspeakable virtues: grant that we, by the help of both, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family and may eventually enjoy their everlasting companionship. We ask that You bless our parish, and grant that by the power of the Holy Cross, our homes may be shields of faith and nurseries of charity. Amen.

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*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.*

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

Ana Brown and Latu Manu

SOCIAL MEDIA



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

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda, Wadzi
Mushininga, Mary Georges

IN MEMORIAM

Victor Azzopardi, Joseph Baini, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Doris Casha, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Jamil Chidiac, Christine Derwin, Maria Dinh, Maria Vu Thi Duyen, John Dover, Joe Paul Fehir, Estrella Francisco, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Chini Maya Kc, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Nancy McIntyre, Giovanna Mondello, Santo Mondello, Kudzai Gerald Mutongerwa, Anthony Newell, Jessica Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Michael O'Brien, Zackary Orenshaw, Oswald Pasqual, Samuel Pickering, Robert Pidgeon, Anna Pham, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Saliba family, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Carlito So, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone, Alex Taktak, John Toye, John Vella, Peter Van Duc Vu, Graham Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



NOTICES



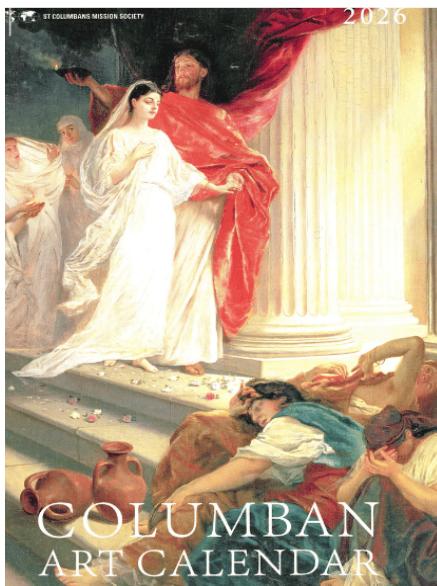
Congratulations to the three lucky winners of our parish Christmas Raffle! We hope these prizes bring extra joy to your festive season.

A sincere thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. Your wonderful generosity raised vital funds in direct support of our parish. We are deeply grateful for your continued stewardship and community spirit.

Thank you very much to the Zaiter family for their generosity and their support of the parish. All the prizes were arranged and donated by the Zaiter family and we are very grateful to them for their tremendous kindness.

2026 Columban Art Calendars for Sale in our Piety Shops

The 2026 Columban Art Calendar is on sale for \$11 from our piety shops which supports the work of the Columban Missionaries and the parish.



As we celebrate the glorious Nativity of Our Lord, the parish extends its most profound gratitude to the many dedicated volunteers who laboured with such devotion to prepare our churches for this holy season. While there are far too many individuals to name personally, please know that your hard work has not gone unnoticed by clergy and fellow parishioners.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Readers who proclaimed the Sacred Scriptures with reverence, and to our Singers and Musicians, whose gift of sacred music lifted our hearts toward the heavenly choir. We are deeply grateful to our Altar Servers for their diligent service at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to our Collectors and Piety Store assistants for their tireless efforts in welcoming the faithful.

We offer a special word of appreciation to our Church Cleaners, whose humble labour ensured our sacred spaces were pristine and welcoming. We also thank those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to adorn our sanctuaries, erecting Christmas Trees and beautiful decorations to create a worthy dwelling place for the Infant King. We also thank our photographers for capturing these moments of grace.

To everyone who contributed—seen and unseen—you have helped our community enter more deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation.

May the Divine Infant reward your generosity with His abundant graces, and may the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts throughout this New Year. God bless you for your faithful service and dedication to our parish.

Holy Mass on New Years Day for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Celebrate the New Year on 1st January by honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Holy Mother of God. Holy Mass will be offered at Holy Trinity Church at 8:15 a.m. and Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m.

Entrust your year to her maternal care and join us in prayerful celebration as a new year begins.

Parish Office Closure During the Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed starting Wednesday, December 24, and will reopen for regular office hours on Tuesday, January 20.

For urgent sacramental emergencies or other emergency matters during this time, please call 0499 033 392.

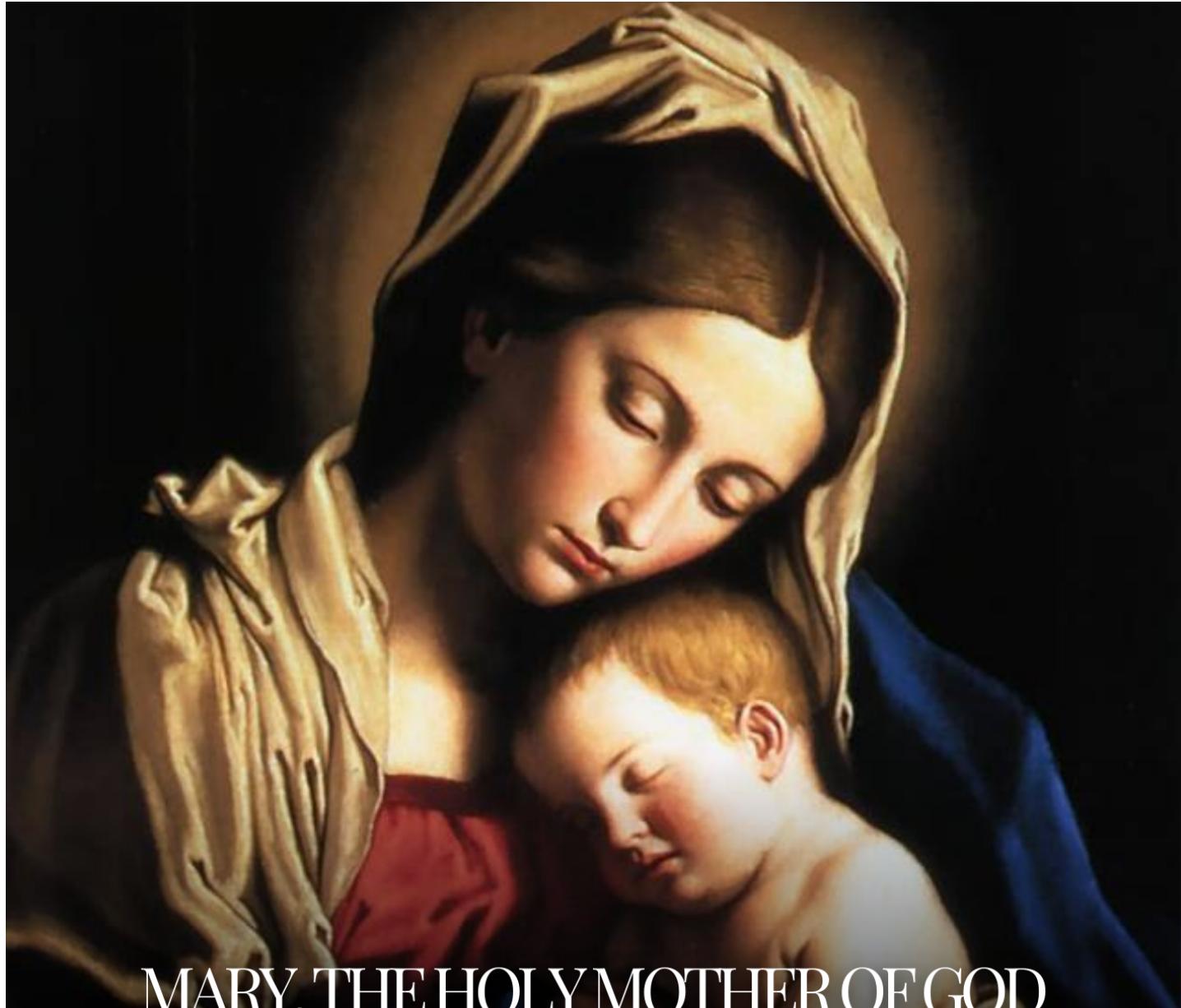
First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

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.

Cancellation of First Friday Mass, Rosary and Adoration in January

Please note that our regular First Friday Devotions **will not take place during the month of January**. These devotions will resume as scheduled in February. We wish you a peaceful start to the New Year under His divine grace.



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD **HOLY MASS**

Thursday, 1st January 2026

Holy Trinity Church: 8:15am

Holy Family Church: 9:15am





HOLY CROSS PARISH

Christmas Appeal

YOUR DONATION WILL ASSIST WITH THE
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CHURCHES AND FUTURE PROJECTS.



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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!



WEEKDAY HOLY MASS

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

TUES, THURS, FRI, SAT
9:15AM

WEDNESDAY
6:00PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

TUES
6:30PM

WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY
8:15AM

*"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun
than to do so without the Holy Mass."*

~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year A

The Readings

Introit (Luke 2:16)

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying
in a manger.

First Reading **The Book of Ecclesiasticus** (Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14)

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a
fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with
children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to
the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his
ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! R.

Second Reading **The letter of St Paul to the Colossians** (Colossians 3:12-21)

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you
and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in
kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with
one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel

begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 1:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel **The Gospel of St. Matthew** (Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23)

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead.

This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

Communio (Baruch 3:38)

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.