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### THE LIVING WATER AND THE FOSTER FATHER

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As we enter the second week of March, our Lenten journey brings us to a well in Samaria. In the Gospel for this Third Sunday of Lent, we encounter one of the most beautiful dialogues in the New Testament: the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Tired from His journey, Jesus asks for a drink, eventually revealing to her a thirst that no physical water can quench. He offers her “living water” - a spring of grace welling up to eternal life. As we meditate on this encounter, we continue our month-long reflection on St. Joseph, the man who spent his life guarding the very Source of that living water.

St. Joseph’s life in Nazareth was a life of service to the One who would later say, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me.” While the Samaritan woman had to travel to Jacob’s well to find Christ, Joseph lived in His presence daily. We can imagine Joseph returning from a long day of labour in the sun, perhaps thirsty and tired, only to be refreshed by the sight of his Foster Son. Joseph shows us that the “living water” Jesus

promises is found in the ordinary faithfulness of our vocations. He did not perform miracles or preach to crowds; he simply lived in a state of constant, quiet communion with God.

During Lent, we often feel a spiritual thirst. We may feel the dryness of our penance or the exhaustion of our daily responsibilities. The Samaritan woman sought to quench her deeper longings through worldly means, but Jesus redirected her gaze to the gift of God. St. Joseph acts as a model for us in this reorientation. He teaches us to bring our thirsts - our worries, our needs, and our desires - to Christ. Just as Joseph provided the physical needs of the Child Jesus, he now intercedes for us, helping us to find spiritual refreshment we need to persevere in our Lenten resolutions.

This week also invites us to consider the virtue of purity of heart. The Samaritan woman had to confront the truth of her past before she could fully receive the grace Jesus offered. St. Joseph, often invoked as the “Most Chaste Spouse”

lived with a heart entirely focused on God’s purposes. He helps us to clear the well of our own souls, removing the attachments and distractions that prevent the grace of Baptism from flowing freely within us. By imitating Joseph’s purity of intention, we become more capable of recognising Christ when He stands before us in our daily lives.

As we continue through Lent, let us ask St. Joseph to lead us to the wellspring of mercy. May we, like the Samaritan woman, leave behind the water jars of our worldly preoccupations and run to share the Good News with others. With St. Joseph as our protector, we can be confident that our Lenten journey will not lead to a dry desert, but to the overflowing life of the Resurrection. Let us pray that our hearts may always thirst for the things of heaven. May St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, obtain for us that grace of a refreshed and contrite spirit. In his humble company, we find the strength to drink deeply from the fountain of salvation.

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## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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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.

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### Rosters

#### Church and Toilets Cleaning

Rose Succar and Tuyet Duong

#### Flower Arranging

*No Flowers during Lent*

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### 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.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 3:  
Vietnamese Community

### Readers

**Vigil** Rebecca Hanson, Gerry Pinto, Ingrid Bifulco

**10:00 a.m.** Armani Barakat, Sisters,  
Jasmine Miranda

### Children's Liturgy

Wanda Krasinski and Chloe Zaiter

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Gioenco, Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo Tognini, Sam Wardan, Anthony Vella, 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

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Perfecto Arribas Jr., Victor Azzopardi, Joseph Bains, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Phyllis May Denmeade, Christine Derwin, Joe Paul Fehir, 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, Jack McIntyre, Giovanna Mondello, Santo Mondello, Kudzai Gerald Mutongerwa, Anthony Newell, Jessica Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Michael O'Brien, Zackary Orenshaw, Doris Pickering, Edward Pidgeon, Robert Pidgeon, Sheila Pidgeon, Anna Pham, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, 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

## **Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent**

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Through the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed twice each Friday, giving all parishioners the chance to participate in this important devotion and spiritual exercise.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church and then again at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Join the parish as we pray the *Via Crucis*, the Way of the Cross, remembering the passion of Our Lord, and so prepare yourself to participate in Holy Week and in the celebration of Easter. Together, we honour His sacrifice and strengthen our shared faith.

## **New Screens for Holy Family Church**

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We are pleased to announce the successful installation of new screens at Holy Family Church this week. This project was undertaken following numerous requests from parishioners seeking to enhance our liturgical experience. While our previous projectors served the parish faithfully for many years, they had recently become unreliable and difficult for many to see clearly. This essential upgrade is yet another step in our continued refurbishment and restoration projects across both parish churches.

In your charity, please remember our benefactors in your prayers, asking the Lord to reward their devotion. We offer heartfelt thanks for the incredibly generous support of those whose donations made this possible. We also thank Principal Organs for their expert installation and steadfast support.

May these improvements truly serve the glory of God. We look forward to continuing this work of renewing our sacred spaces together for the benefit of all.

## **10th Annual Good Friday “Cross Walk”**

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On Good Friday, we will again hold our Stations of the Cross “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church. This is an annual event of the parish which we began back in 2016.

As in previous years, we are asking for people to offer their houses as one of the stations along the way, where we will stop and pray outside for a few minutes before going on to the next station.

If you live on Grimwood Street, William Street or The Trongate and would like to offer your home as one of the possible stations, please contact the parish office during regular office hours. We can then look at how we may include your home in the route planned for the Good Friday walk.

If you would like for your home to be considered, please advise the office as soon as possible as spots are limited and are usually in high demand to be added to the route.

Join us on Good Friday evening as we take our faith to the streets honouring our Lord’s Passion and Death on the Cross.

## **Good Friday Cross Walk “Safety Marshalls”**

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On Good Friday, we will again hold our Stations of the Cross “Cross Walk” from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

This is an annual event of the parish which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary.

We are asking for people to volunteer as marshalls to help along the way. The role of the marshall is to help us safely cross roads and to guide people along the route.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist. In this way, we can safely carry out this noble work in honour of Our Lord as we commemorate His saving Passion.

## **First Confession (Sacrament of Penance) and First Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist)**

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Enrolment forms are now available for first confession (Sacrament of Penance) and first Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist). To be eligible, your child must have been baptised in the Catholic church, be in year 3 or above and attend Mass every Sunday.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the parish office during regular office hours and must be returned to the parish office by 10 April.

The First Communion Mass will be said on Saturday, 20 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Please be aware that those enrolling their children for these Sacraments will be obliged to attend Mass every Sunday in the parish as well as attending all lessons and the preparation.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

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Enrolment forms are now available for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be eligible, your child must have been baptised in the Roman Catholic church, be in year 5 or above and attend Mass every Sunday. Enrolment forms can be collected from the parish office during regular office hours and must be returned to the parish office by 10 April.

The Mass will be said on Thursday, 25 June at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Attendance at all lessons and the preparation is mandatory.

Please be aware that those enrolling their children for this Sacrament are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday. May the Holy Spirit guide our candidates as they prepare to become faithful witnesses of Christ.



HOLY CROSS PARISH, GRANVILLE

# Lenten

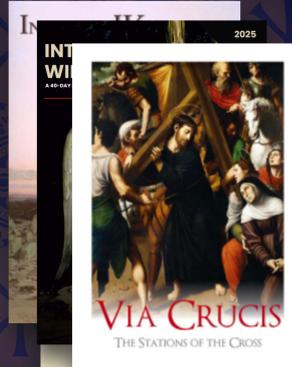
DEVOTIONS



## Stations OF THE Cross

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
5:30PM Fridays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6:30PM Fridays



## Booklets for LENT



Available for Download on  
the Parish Website.  
Visit the 'Resources' Tab.



## ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6:30PM Wednesdays

*Following the 6PM Mass  
Includes Evening Prayer & Benediction*



## Daily MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
6:30PM Tuesdays  
8:15AM Wed - Sat

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6PM Wednesdays  
9:15AM Tue & Thur - Sat



## SACRAMENT of Penance

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
6:30PM - 7PM Wednesdays  
4:15PM - 4:45PM Sundays

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
5PM - 5:45PM Saturdays



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GRANVILLE  
Cnr. Randle St & Bennalong St, Granville

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, EAST GRANVILLE  
200 The Trongate, South Granville

*Schedule subject to change. Please see the Granville Catholic Church Record for any changes*

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# VIGILS OF REPARATION

FOR THE YEAR 2026



**Holy Family Church**  
**200 The Trongate**  
**South Granville**

## COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGIL SCHEDULE

### Fri, 13 Mar 2026

- 7.00pm - Scriptural Rosary
- 7.30pm - Holy Mass
- 8.00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Great Salutation Prayer  
Self Offering
- 8.15pm - Scriptural Rosary
- 8.45pm - Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart
- 10.30pm - Scriptural Rosary
- 11.00pm - Scriptural Rosary  
Litany of the BVM
- 11.35pm - Office of the Blessed Virgin Msry  
- Family Consecration

### Sat, 14 Mar 2026

- 12:05am - Benediction
- 12:15am - Holy Mass

## REGULAR VIGIL SITES

You are warmly invited to join the Reparation Vigil  
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY-SATURDAY of the month at:

- St. Joachim's, Lidcombe
- St. Patrick's, Kogarah
- St. Margaret Mary's, Merrylands
- Sacred Heart, Mt Druitt
- Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Varroville



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

1. End to ALL wars and global unrest
2. Restore sanctity of family life, marriage, and life in general
3. Reparation for ALL desecrations against the Eucharist and the Sacred; offenses and blasphemies against the Blessed Virgin Mary
4. End to widespread corruption, criminality, and immorality
5. TRIUMPH of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT: Patricia Lim 0412 689 933**



## THE LIVING WATER AND THE THIRSTY SOUL

In the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent, we encounter one of the most profound dialogues in all of Holy Scripture. Weary from His journey, Jesus sits by Jacob's well at midday. When a Samaritan woman approaches to draw water, He breaks through centuries of social and religious barriers with a simple request: "Give me a drink." This encounter is not merely a historical event; it is a spiritual blueprint for the soul's meeting with its Creator during the Lenten season.

At first glance, it appears that Jesus is the one in need. However, as the conversation unfolds, we realise that it is the woman who is parched. Her daily trek to the well under the scorching noon sun is a physical manifestation of an interior reality. She has been thirsting for love, for meaning, and for peace, seeking to quench that thirst through a series of broken relationships. Jesus, the Divine Physician, gently reveals that the water from the well can only satisfy the body for a moment. He offers her instead the "Living Water" - the grace of the Holy Spirit which wells up to eternal life.



### THE THIRST OF GOD

One of the most moving reflections on this passage is the understanding that God thirsts for our faith. On the Cross, Christ's final words included the cry, "I thirst." While this was a physical reality, the Church has always understood it as

spiritual expression of His desire for souls.

At the well, Jesus is seeking the woman before she even knows she is seeking Him. In our own lives, we often imagine that our Lenten penances are a way for us to find God. In truth, these forty days are the time when we allow God to find us. He waits for us in the midday of our busy lives, in the quiet moments of prayer, asking us to surrender the jars we carry - those earthly attachments we rely on to make us feel whole, but which ultimately leave us empty.



### THE NECESSITY OF TRUTH

Before the Samaritan woman can receive the Living water, Our Lord invites her to confront the reality of her life: "Go, call your husband." In this moment, the light of truth shines into the dark corners of her past. She does not hide; she admits her situation, and in doing so, she experiences the mercy of Christ.

Lent is a season of profound honesty. We cannot be transformed by grace if we are not willing to be truthful about our sins. The practice of a thorough examination of conscience is mirrored in this dialogue. Christ does not condemn the woman, but He does not ignore her sin either. He brings it into the light so that it can be healed. This is the purpose of our own Lenten confessions. We bring our brokenness to the Wellspring of Mercy, not to be shamed, but to be made new.



### FROM THE WELL TO THE WORLD

Once the woman recognises Jesus as the Messiah, she leaves her water jar behind and runs to the village to share the news. The jar, which was once her most necessary tool, is now secondary to her new life in Christ. This is the goal of our Lenten journey: to become so filled with the grace of God that the things of this world lose their grip on our hearts.

As we move deeper into this season we must ask ourselves: What is my "water jar"? What am I clinging to that prevents me from running toward the Lord? Perhaps it is a grudge, a selfish habit, or an obsession with material security. The Samaritan woman teaches us that when we encounter the True Well, we no longer need the stagnant waters of our past.



### A CALL TO ACTION

Seek the Living Water this week by spending quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Acknowledge the hidden thirsts of your heart and bring them honestly to the Lord in prayer. Trust that His mercy is deeper than any well of past regret or spiritual dryness. Allow Him to pour His life into your soul, washing away the dust of worldly cares. By abandoning your own "water jars," you will find the strength to serve others with a renewed heart.

May we drink deeply from the fountain of His grace.

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## 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

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### The Readings

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#### Introit

(Cf Psalm 24:15-16)

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

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#### First Reading

##### The book of Exodus

(Exodus 17:3-7)

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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#### 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.' ℟.

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#### Second Reading

##### First Letter of St Paul to the Romans

(Romans 5:1-2. 5-8)

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This 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.

#### Gospel Acclamation

(See John 4:42. 15)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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#### Gospel

##### The Gospel of John

(John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them.

He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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#### Communio

(John 4:13-14)

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.