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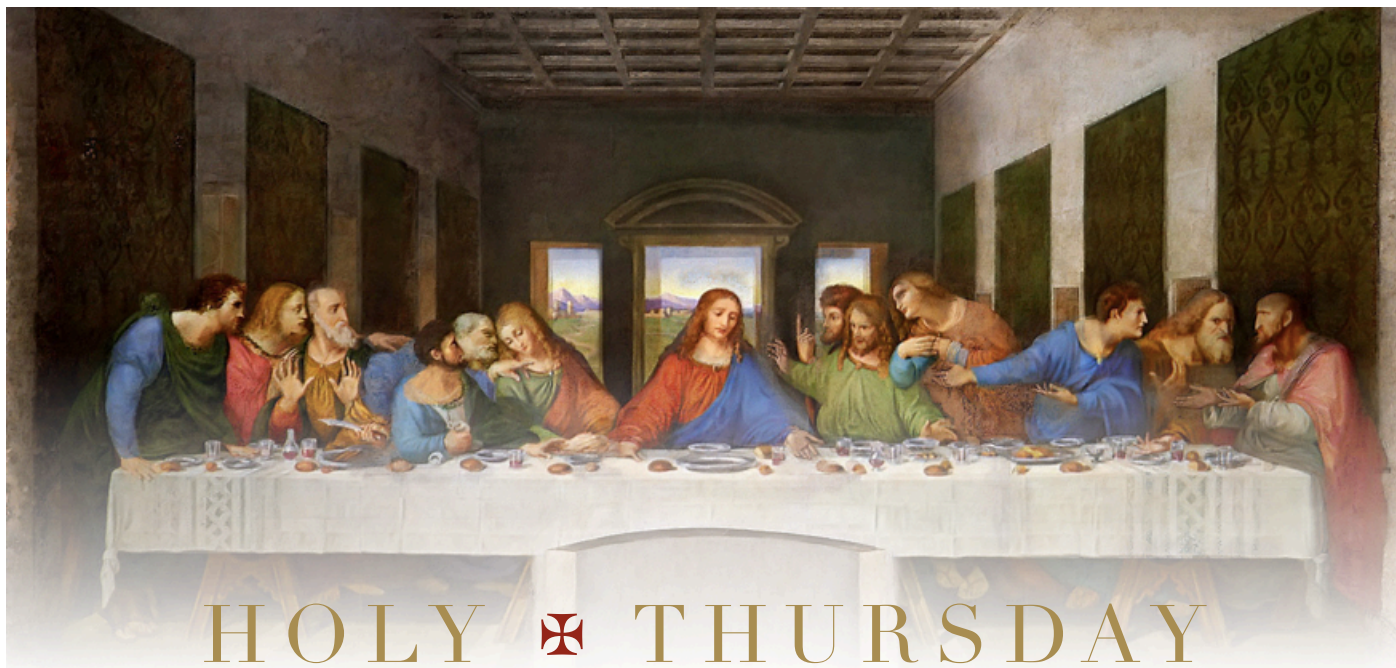
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Holy Thursday

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INSTITUTION *of the* SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Last Supper, commemorated on Holy Thursday, the Lord instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist and commanded that the holy sacrifice of the Mass should be offered in memory of Him. In this way the sacrifice of Himself, His Body and Blood on the Cross on Calvary, would be made known to all generations in every place and at every time so that His will for the salvation of men and women everywhere would be completed.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI repeatedly said that God's love is the solution to every problem, personal and social, as well as the answer to the yearning of every human heart, and that the Eucharist is the ultimate manifestation of that love. It is the Holy Eucharist in which Jesus Christ makes Himself a gift to us, revealing God's infinite love for every man and woman.

In the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, Christ meets us, who are made in the image and likeness of God. In the sacrifice of the Mass, which makes present the Last Supper and the sacrifice of the Cross, the Lord, under the appearances of bread and wine gives His Body and Blood as food to satisfy our hunger for truth and freedom. This is not just a theory, this is not just some story, this is reality. The bread and wine are not something like the Body and Blood of Christ, they are not representative of His Body and Blood. The fact is that after the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the prayer of consecration of the Priest, the bread and wine no longer exist at all. There is no bread and there is no wine at all. In spite of appearances, in spite of taste and smell and touch, the bread and wine are gone. Where

they once were there is now and only the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ. On the altar, on your hands and on your tongue lies God.

The great tragedy is that so many take the Mass for granted and come and go as they please thinking that there is no obligation on their part to offer worship to almighty God. They receive the Blessed Sacrament unworthily and make a farce of the sacrifice of Christ. If we truly believed that we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ then we would never abandon Him week after week making ourselves no better than the Apostles who fled from the Cross.

So pray, as does the Priest at every Mass, that by the sacrifice of the Mass and by the unbounded grace offered by almighty God we may come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the sacred Priesthood by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper.

At the Mass of the Holy Oils, commonly known as the Chrism Mass, Priests gather with the Bishop to renew the commitment and promises they made on the day of their ordination. In this Mass the Bishop asks of the Priests: “Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred His priesthood on His Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew in the presence of your Bishop and God’s holy people, the promises you once made? Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to Him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ’s Church which, prompted by love of Him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination? Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?” To which the Priests gathered answer simply, “I am.”



HOLY THURSDAY

INSTITUTION *of the* PRIESTHOOD

Jesus Christ is a Priest for the very reason that He offers sacrifice—the Sacrifice of Himself. At that supper before His death, Christ entrusted the Church to the Apostles and ordained them for sacred ministry so that the grace of His sacrifice may be made known and imparted through these men, and the Holy Mass and the Sacraments offered for the salvation of the world.

A Priest is only a Priest because he offers the holy sacrifice of the Mass—the memorial of Christ on the Cross. Were he to stop this then he could no longer make any claim to the title of Priest because the whole reason for his being will have been abandoned. His purpose is to make known what Christ has made known and to minister the grace of Christ to those entrusted to his care.

On this Holy Thursday, pray for the Priests of the Church, that these men, subject in their humanity to failure and sin, may be granted the grace to endure. As the Bishop asks of the faithful gathered at the Chrism Mass, “As for you, dearest sons and daughters, pray for your Priests, that the Lord may pour out His gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may lead you to Him, who is the source of salvation.”

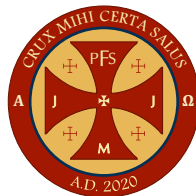
And pray for those who have died serving the Lord, in particular those who have served our parish, remembering Father Les Campion and Father James Stack, that they may hear the words of our Lord, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master”.

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**HOLY
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**PONTIFICAL
GOOD FRIDAY
COLLECTION
for the HOLY LAND**



CROSS WALK

Friday 3rd April
5:30 p.m.

Join us for a solemn procession of
the Stations of the Cross
through the streets of Granville
in honour of Good Friday

Starting

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Cnr. Bennalong & Randle St

Ending

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
200 The Trongate



Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Readings

First Reading

The Book of Exodus (12:1-8, 11-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, "On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily; it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.'"

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps. 115:12-13, 15-18. R. cf. 1 Cor 10:16)

R. Our blessing-cup is a communion
with the blood of Christ.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. R.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. R.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

(11:23-26)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

The Gospel of John (13:1-15)

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was. They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter. 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter, 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.' When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand?' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'