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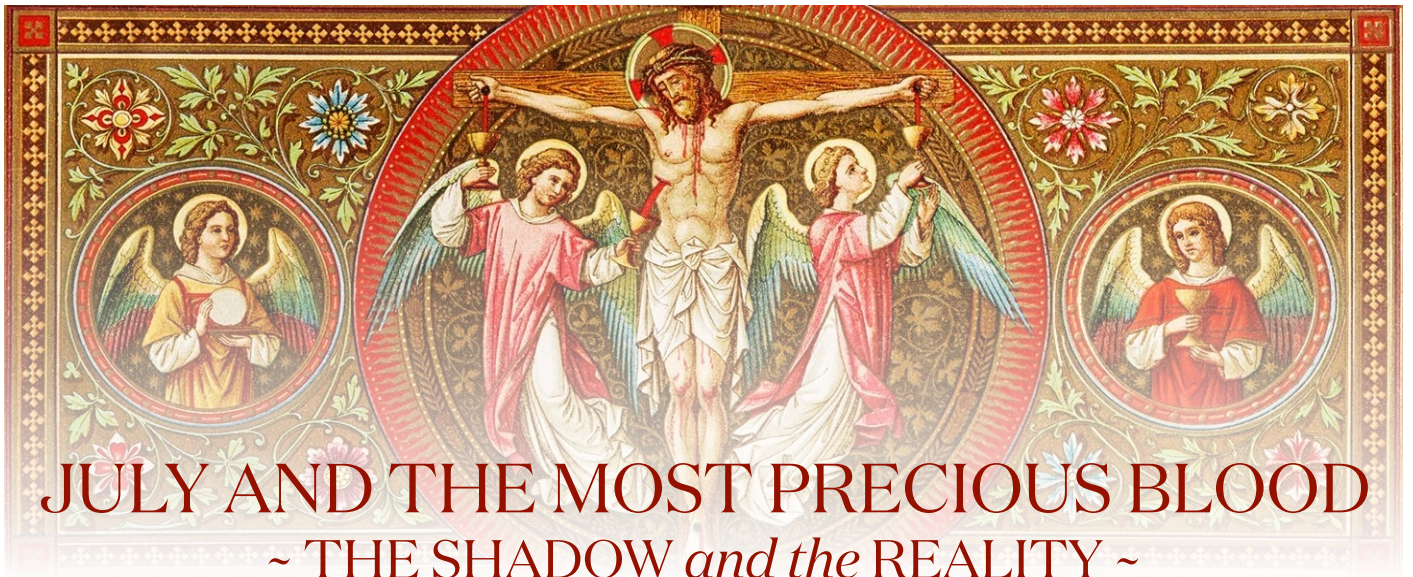
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The Official Bulletin of Holy Cross Parish



The Church dedicates the month of July to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord. To honour this, our bulletin will feature a four-part series that will explore this profound and deeply rooted devotion in our Catholic faith. Over the next four weeks, this series invites us to reflect on how this ancient spiritual treasure beautifully enriches our contemporary participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, guiding our hearts deeper into the core mysteries of faith. In the rich tapestry of the Catholic liturgical year, the Church wisely assigns specific devotions to each month to help focus our spiritual vision. While June draws our attention to the intense love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the month of July naturally flows from this by inviting us to contemplate His Most Precious Blood. This devotion offers a great opportunity for spiritual renewal, providing us with a clear lense through which we can view the infinite depth of divine mercy and the extraordinary cost of our eternal salvation.

To fully appreciate the profound

significance of this devotion, we must look to the pages of Sacred Scripture, where the concept of blood carries a heavy and sacred weight. Throughout the Old Testament, blood represents life itself, a gift belonging solely to God. We see this vividly in the book of Exodus during the first Passover, when the Israelites were instructed to mark their wooden doorposts with the blood of an unblemished lamb. This visible sign acted as a shield, protecting their homes from the angel of death and securing their physical liberation from Egyptian bondage. In our faith, we understand these Old Testament events as "shadows"—dim, preliminary outlines—that point toward the coming of the Messiah. These ancient rituals were not the final destination, but rather the preparation for the "reality" that would soon be revealed.

The true reality was revealed on the hill of Calvary. Jesus Christ, the true Lamb of God, did not offer the blood of animals; instead, He poured out His own immaculate Blood for the redemption of humanity. As He

declared at the Last Supper, "this is the blood of the new and eternal covenant, shed for the forgiveness of sins." Where the ancient sacrifices could only offer a temporary ritual cleanliness, the Precious Blood of Jesus possesses the infinite power to actually reconcile us with the Father, and open the gates of heaven. It is the ultimate expression of sacrificial love, flowing continuously from the open wounds of the crucified Saviour to wash away the faults of the entire world.

How can we actively live out this devotion in our daily lives? Start by looking at a crucifix in your home or church with reverence and gratitude. When we perceive those crimson drops upon the wood, we are looking at the price tag of our souls. Let us make a conscious effort to spend time in silent prayer before the crucifix, thanking Our Lord for every drop of blood He shed for us. Let us also invoke the Precious Blood as a shield of protection over our families, confidently resting in the knowledge that we have been bought and paid for by a love that knows no bounds.

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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

Tuyet Duong and Savelina Sikimeti

Flower Arranging

Ana Brown and Latu Manu

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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, 7:15 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 Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Merlin Sandhiya, Sisters
Armani Barakat

Children's Liturgy

Resumes after School Holidays

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, Jacob Lee, Josephine
Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben
Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo
Tognini, Sam Warden, 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

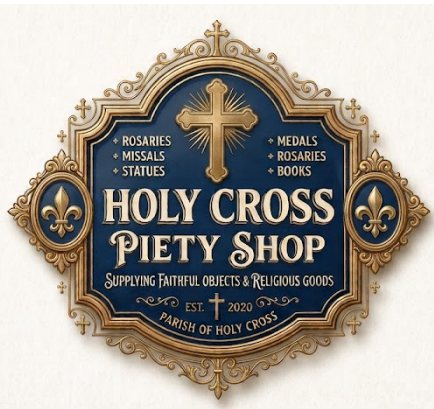
Juanita Zavalla Adato, Gil Adato, Victor Azzopardi, Joseph
Baini, Carmen Bonello, Charlie Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie
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Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech,
Melissa Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Nouhad Houry, Kaye
King, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Mouna
Malkoun, Lucila De Manuel, Roy McDonald, Aileen McIntyre,
Jack McIntyre, Nancy McIntyre, Marie McDonald, Giovanna
Mondello, Santo Mondello, Anthony Newell, Jack Newell, Jean
Newell, Jessica Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Michael O'Brien,
Peter Olsen, Zackary Orenshaw, Samuel Pickering, Edward
Pidgeon, Robert Pidgeon, Sheila Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Peter
Robertson, Grace Saliba, Louis Saliba, Geoff Senior, Garry
Smith, Alex Taktak, John Toye, Anthony Vella, John Vella, Peter
Van Duc Vu, Graham Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb,
Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, William Yott, Jessie Zammit

Invitation to Attend Diocese of Parramatta Cluster Meeting

The Bishop has requested all parishes of the Diocese to participate in an upcoming regional gathering. In alignment with the current Pastoral Plan, neighbouring parishes are being invited to come together in clusters to discuss themes and priorities as they have been set out in the Pastoral Plan.

To fulfil this request, our parish must provide a delegation of five to eight parishioners who represent a diverse range of ages, backgrounds, and active ministries. This gathering will take place on Tuesday, 21 July, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Bethany Centre, Parramatta.

If you wish to attend, please contact the parish office to register your interest.



Visit our Church Piety Shops

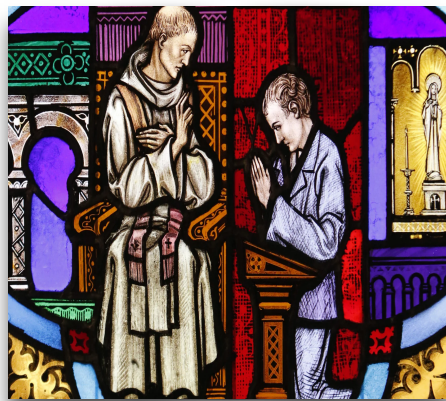
Are you looking for a holy gift for an upcoming Sacrament, or a devotional aid for your own spiritual life? Our parish piety shops offer a beautiful selection of sacred items to deepen your faith and assist your daily prayers. Stop by after Holy Mass this weekend to browse our stock.

Our collection includes blessed rosaries, missals, Bibles, crucifixes, holy cards, and spiritual reading. Find the perfect sacramental keepsake or religious item to inspire devotion.

Sacrament of Penance at Holy Cross Parish

Parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance for the sanctification of their souls and spiritual renewal. Through humble confession and the priest's absolution, we receive God's mercy, purifying our hearts and restoring our union with the Church.

Confessions are heard each Wednesday at Holy Family Church from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. At Holy Trinity Church, the Sacrament is available every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Come and experience the peace of Christ's mercy.



Planned Giving Envelopes Available for Collection

There are still some planned giving envelopes for this financial year available for collection at the doors of both parish churches.

Thank you to all current contributors for your continued generosity and vital support of the parish. If you are not yet part of our planned giving programme, we warmly invite you to join us in supporting our parish's mission and ministries. Contributing is simple, with flexible options available for both cash envelopes and convenient online giving.

Please collect your envelopes today or contact the parish office to join.

Maintaining the Cleanliness of Our Churches

A gentle reminder to all to help maintain the beauty and solemnity of our churches. Recently, a noticeable amount of rubbish, including used tissues and water bottles, have been left behind in the pews after Masses.

Our churches are the houses of God, and caring for them is an act of reverence and respect for His presence. Please ensure you take all personal belongings and rubbish with you when you leave. Thank you for your cooperation and your continued stewardship in keeping our beautiful churches clean and worthy of solemn worship.

Holy Trinity Church Audio System Upgrade Appeal

A sincere thank you to everyone supporting the audio system upgrade at Holy Trinity Church. To help fund this next vital step in our parish refurbishment, we have applied for a NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant.

If you would like to make a contribution toward this project, please contact the Parish Office or donate securely online at holycrossgranville.org.au/donate or by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for your enduring stewardship and care in preserving our sacred buildings.





ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
AFTER 6:00PM MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
AFTER 7:00PM MASS

*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more!*



THE PILLARS OF DIVINE REVELATION

~ PART THREE: THE MAGISTERIUM ~

This week we conclude our three-part series with the final instalment on the bedrock of our Catholic faith. Over the past few weeks, we have reflected on Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Together, these two pillars form the wellspring of God's revelation to us. But in a world filled with many voices and complex challenges, how can we be certain we are understanding and applying these truths correctly? This brings us to the third essential pillar of our faith: the Magisterium, the Church's living teaching office.

The term "Magisterium" comes from the Latin word *magister*, meaning "teacher." It refers to the authority of the Church, exercised by the Pope and the bishops who are in communion with him, to teach the Gospel in the name of Jesus Christ. It is a common misconception to think of the Magisterium as a group that invents new rules or changes doctrines to suit the times. On the contrary, its role is to act as a faithful custodian, ensuring that what we believe today is the very same faith handed down from the apostles.

The Magisterium exists to serve the Word of God, not to stand above it. Think of the Church's teaching office as a spiritual compass. When we encounter modern ethical dilemmas, confusing philosophies, or questions about how to interpret scripture, the Magisterium help us navigate these issues while remaining firmly anchored in the truth. By

prayerfully discerning how the Gospel applies to new situations, the bishops - in union with the Holy Father - help protect the Church from falling into error, ensuring the message of Christ remains clear and reliable for every generation.

This teaching authority is exercised in several ways. It is most solemnly expressed through the teachings of Ecumenical Councils or when the Pope speaks on matters of faith and morals. However, it is also expressed in the day-to-day teaching of faithful bishops, who work to explain the Gospel within our local communities. This office is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who promised that He would lead the Church into all truth. It provides us with the confidence that our faith is not merely a collection of personal opinions, but a coherent, divinely guided path toward God.

Some might ask why we need an official office to interpret the faith. The answer lies in the nature of the Church as a unified body of believers. Without a central authority to serve as a final point of reference, the faith could easily splinter into countless individual interpretations. The Magisterium provides the necessary unity, ensuring that Catholics all over the world share one faith, one Lord, and one baptism. It is the servant of unity, allowing the Church to speak with one voice in a fractured world.

As we conclude this series, we can see how these three pillars -

Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium - work together to uphold the truth of the Gospel. Scripture gives us the inspired Word, Tradition provides the living context and depth of our heritage, and the Magisterium provides the authentic interpretation that keeps us on the right path. Like a three-legged stool, all three are necessary for the stability of our faith. We are truly blessed to belong to a Church that provides such a firm and secure foundation for our spiritual journey.

As we go about our daily lives, let us keep our Church leaders in our prayers, asking that they may always have the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to guide us faithfully. By staying united with the Church's teaching and deepening our own knowledge, we can become more confident witnesses to the Gospel in our modern world. May we continue to grow in faith, knowing we are supported by the grace of God and the wisdom of the Church He established for our salvation.

Ultimately, these three pillars invite us into a deeper relationship with Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. By anchoring ourselves in the Word, the Tradition, and the guidance of the Church, we are never left to navigate our spiritual journey alone. Instead, we are embraced by a living, breathing, and eternal truth that calls us home to the Father, preparing our hearts to encounter His infinite love every single day.



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

Saints & STUFF

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

On this 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Our Lord reveals that the mysteries of God are hidden from the proud but shown to the "little ones." No saint in history more perfectly embraced this path than St. Thérèse of Lisieux. A 19th-century French Carmelite nun, she is known for her "Little Way"—a great spiritual path of doing ordinary things with extraordinary love, trusting completely in God's mercy rather than her own achievements.

St. Thérèse recognised that, like a child, she could not earn her way to heaven through grand deeds. Instead, she surrendered her "burdens"—her limitations, weaknesses, and failures—into the arms of Jesus, trusting that He would carry her. Her life was marked by a gentle, radical humility, proving that one does not need great status or profound human wisdom to be close to God. By choosing to remain "little," she found the exact, perfect rest Jesus promised to those who labour.

Her witness challenges us to stop striving for perfection on our own terms, inviting us instead to become like children and find our true strength, hope, and peace in His gentle, loving, and surprisingly light, life-giving yoke.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Finding Rest in Christ

478 Jesus knew and loved us.. all during his life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us: "The Son of God... loved me and gave himself for me." He has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, "is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that... love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings without exception."

1972 The New Law is called a law of love because it makes us act out of the love infused by the Holy Spirit, rather than from fear; a law of grace, because it confers the strength of grace to act, by means of faith and the sacraments; and a law of freedom, because it sets us free from the ritual and juridical observances of the Old Law...

2560 The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us... Prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.

CATHOLIC Trivia

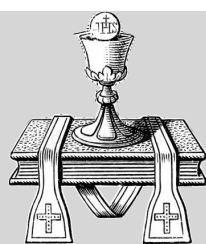
The Red Sanctuary Lamp

Have you ever wondered about that small, glowing red light burning faithfully near the Tabernacle? It is far more than a simple decorative lamp or a security light; it is known as the Sanctuary Lamp, and it serves as a silent, perpetual sentinel within our church.

In the tradition of the Church, the lamp acts as the "flag" of the King of Kings. Its presence is a visual signal to all who enter that the Blessed Sacrament—the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist—is contained within the Tabernacle. It is a sign of welcome and a reminder to offer a moment of reverence.

The tradition of keeping a lamp burning before the presence of God is ancient, rooted in the Old Testament command to keep a lamp perpetually lit in the Temple. Today, the lamp's warm, red glow serves as a beacon of comfort and invitation. If you ever enter the church and notice the lamp is unlit, it signifies that the Tabernacle has been emptied, such as during the solemn hours between Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil, when the Eucharist is moved to a place of repose.

Next time you genuflect or bow toward the altar, look for that little flame. It is a beautiful, humble way of saying, "The Lord is home."



MASS MATTERS

~ The Homily and the Creed ~

Following the Gospel, we sit for the Homily. The priest or deacon "breaks open" the scriptures we have just heard, bridging the ancient text with our modern daily lives. This is a time for reflection and encouragement, helping us apply God's truth to our personal circumstances.

We then stand together to recite the Creed (the Profession of Faith). Whether we pray the Nicene or Apostles' Creed, this ancient summary of beliefs is our collective "Yes" to God's revelation. By speaking these timeless truths, we align ourselves with the universal Church across space and time. It binds us together in shared conviction, anchoring our hearts in the core mysteries of our faith before we bring our community petitions before the altar.

The Readings

Introit

(Cf Psalm 47:10-11)

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

The Prophet Zechariah

(Zechariah 9:9-10)

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1)

℟. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. ℟.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. ℟.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. ℟.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. ℟.

Second Reading

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

(Romans 8:9.11-13)

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

(See Matthew 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew

(Matthew 11:25-30)

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communio

(Psalm 33:9)

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

"The highest point of humility is not only to know one's nothingness, but to love it... Our Lord invites us to learn of Him, not to create a world, nor to make all things visible out of nothing, but to be gentle and humble of heart. Gentle and humble hearts are the ones that hold the secrets of God." - St. Francis de Sales