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The Church in her wisdom invites us to turn our attention upon a devotion deeply rooted in Catholic tradition; the Immaculate Heart of Mary. While the liturgical calendar sets aside specific seasons for various mysteries of Faith, devotion to the pure, sorrowful, and immaculate heart of Our Lady remains a permanent cornerstone of Catholic piety. This devotion is not merely an emotional sentiment; it is a profound entry into the interior life of Mary - her sinless purity, her absolute obedience to the divine will, and her motherly affection for all humanity. In honouring her Immaculate Heart, we adore Almighty God, who willed to prepare her heart as the holy sanctuary and worthy tabernacle for the Incarnate Word.

A traditional maxim (or saying) of spiritual theology reminds us: *Ad Jesum per Mariam* - To Jesus through Mary. Far from distracting from the unique mediator Christ Jesus, genuine Marian devotion always leads directly to Him. As St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Louis de Montfort taught, Mary is the safest,

quickest, and most perfect path to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her heart was the first to beat in unison with Our Lord's, and her sole desire remains to align our fickle hearts with the divine will of her Son. When we entrust ourselves to Mary's Immaculate Heart, we place our souls into the hands of the ultimate intercessor, who refines our petitions and presents them before the throne of Almighty God.

This devotion carries a great urgency for our contemporary world. Surrounded by spiritual fatigue, moral confusion, and the relentless noise of modern life, the Immaculate Heart of Mary stands as a haven of tranquility and truth. At Fatima in 1917, Our Lady extended a timeless consolation, promising that her Immaculate Heart would ultimately triumph and serve as a refuge to all who seek her protection. Sacred Scripture tells us that Mary pondered all divine mysteries in her heart. By taking refuge in her Immaculate Heart, we learn to quietly contemplate God's grace amidst the storms and distractions of life.

Practicing this devotion in our daily lives can take several concrete forms. First, we are called to pray the Holy Rosary daily, contemplating the mysteries of Our Lord's life through the loving eyes of His Mother. Second, we can make an act of personal or family consecration, offering our daily work, joys, anxieties, and sufferings to Mary's maternal care. Finally, we are encouraged to observe the Five First Saturdays devotion - receiving Sacramental Confession, receiving Holy Communion in a state of grace, praying five decades of the Rosary, and spending fifteen minutes in quiet meditation on its mysteries in reparation for offences committed against her Immaculate Heart.

Let us fly to the patronage of our Blessed Mother at all times. May her Immaculate Heart be our constant refuge, shaping our souls to love Our Lord more fervently and guiding our steps along the sure path to salvation. By surrendering our hearts to her immaculate care, we are assured of the path that leads straight to the Sacred Heart of her Divine Son.

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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 Suong, Tring Thi Xuan Thu, Hoang
Duong, Anna, Chi Kieu

Flower Arranging

Maroun Rjeily and Samar Rjeily

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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 3:

Vietnamese Community

Readers

Vigil Gerry Pinto, Rosette Chidiac,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Merlin Sandhiya,
Armani Barakat, Mary Georges

Children's Liturgy

Wanda Krasinski and Chloe Zaiter

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

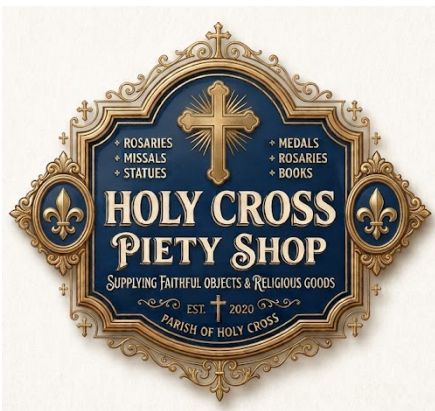
Juanita Zavalla Adato, Gil Adato, Victor Azzopardi, Joseph
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Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie
Camilleri, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John
Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons,
Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Nouhad Khoury, 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, John Vella, Peter Van Duc Vu, Graham Wales,
Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe,
William Yott, Jessie Zammit, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter

Maintaining the Cleanliness of Our Churches

A reminder to all parishioners and visitors to help maintain the beauty and solemnity of our churches. Recently, a noticeable amount of rubbish, including used tissues, service bulletins, and empty water bottles, has been left behind in the pews following Masses.

Our churches are the house of God, and caring for these holy places is a shared act of reverence and deep respect for His presence. Please take a moment to check your area before departing, ensuring all personal belongings and rubbish are taken with you.

Thank you for your thoughtful cooperation and continued stewardship in keeping our parish churches clean, welcoming, and worthy of solemn worship.



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.

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.



Reminder for Mobile Phones to be Switched Off Before Commencement of Holy Mass

Before the Holy Mass begins, parishioners are reminded to turn off or switch their mobile phones to silent upon entering the church.

The church is the house of God and a place of sacred silence. A ringing phone directly disrupts the solemnity of the liturgy and distracts others from prayerful devotion before the Blessed Sacrament.

Please leave the noise of the world outside the church doors, offering our Lord your undivided attention. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining quiet reverence and sanctity in our churches.

Annual Procession in Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary This Friday, 14 August

This Coming Friday, 14 August, on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish will hold its annual candlelight procession in honour of this day. Following Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. the procession will form and walk to Holy Family Church.

To help with the procession, we are asking for people to volunteer as safety marshalls whose role it will be to help people to cross the roads safely and to help guide the procession. Please speak with Richard Zaiter, or contact the parish office if you are able to help.

The parish bus will be available to take people from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and the procession and then to take people back to Holy Trinity Church after the procession. Thank you to Joe Chidiac for once again arranging this for us.

Please join us as we honour the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on this most holy day as we take our faith to the streets as a sign of our gratitude to Almighty God for all that He does for us and also as a witness to our holy Catholic faith.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation, meaning that all are obligated to attend Mass on that day or its vigil (except for those legitimately unable to do so because of their age or their health). On Saturday 15 August, there will be two Masses said for the solemnity. The first being at Holy Trinity Church at 8:15 a.m. and the second at Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m. **Please note that the regular vigil Masses on Saturday evenings will not be to commemorate the Solemnity as these Masses will be offered as regular Sunday vigil Masses.**

**CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION
IN HONOUR OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



**HOLY
CROSS
PARISH
GRANVILLE**

FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST

**Holy Mass:
Holy Trinity Church:
6:00pm**

*followed by procession
to Holy Family Church.*

"By looking at Mary's Assumption into Heaven we understand better that even though our daily life may be marked by trials and difficulties, it flows like a river to the divine ocean, to the fullness of joy and peace."

Pope Benedict XVI



Holy Trinity Church: Cnr Bennalong St and Randle St, Granville

Holy Mass will also be offered on Saturday, 15 August at the following times:
Holy Trinity Church at 8:15am and Holy Family Church at 9:15am

A Reminder this Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.



THE KING'S DAUGHTER IN GILDED CLOTHING

~ The Alexandrian Tradition ~

Our liturgical pilgrimage through the vibrant mosaic of the universal Church now travels south along the ancient waters of the Nile to the historical intellectual powerhouse of Alexandria and into the mountainous highlands of the Horn of Africa. Founded in the first century by Saint Mark the Evangelist, the apostolic See of Alexandria quickly became a glowing beacon of early Christian theology, biblical scholarship, and monastic devotion. From this rich African soil emerged the Alexandrian Tradition—a liturgical family renowned for its profound Eucharistic reverence, rigorous ascetic discipline, and majestic, rhythmic praise offered to the Almighty.

Today, this ancient inheritance is faithfully preserved in full communion with the See of Saint Peter by the Coptic Catholic Church of Egypt, alongside the Ethiopian Catholic Church and the Eritrean Catholic Church. At its core, the Alexandrian Rite remains profoundly shaped by the enduring legacy of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. Spiritual giants such as Saint Anthony the Great and Saint Pachomius birthed Christian monasticism within the quiet solitude of the Egyptian wilderness. That same spirit of silent contemplation, night-long prayer vigils, and unceasing intercession continues to animate every Divine Liturgy celebrated in these traditions today.

Linguistically, the Alexandrian

Rite offers a mesmerising bridge between ancient human civilisations and divine revelation. In the Coptic Church, the Holy Liturgy is chanted in Coptic—the final historical evolution of the ancient Egyptian language written using Greek script—interwoven with pastoral Arabic. In the Ethiopian and Eritrean rites, the sacred liturgical language is Ge'ez, an ancient Semitic tongue rich in theological nuance. The Eucharistic celebrations draw heavily from historic Eucharistic prayers, notably the Anaphoras of Saint Basil, Saint Cyril, and Saint Mark, which articulate an awe-inspiring theology of God's divine majesty, holiness, and limitless mercy.

Liturgically, the Alexandrian Tradition is marked by distinctive vestments and visual symbols that set it apart from other Eastern rites. Coptic celebrants minister in the *Toniqah*, a long white robe symbolic of baptismal purity, worn beneath the *Ephor* (an embroidered liturgical stole) and the *Shamla*, a long white sacred hood or turban draped reverently over the head. In vibrant contrast, Ethiopian and Eritrean clergy wear magnificent *Kabba*—gilded, colourful silk cloaks adorned with intricate gold embroidery. During sacred outdoor processions, ministers carry colourful, ornate umbrellas (*Tila*) held high above the clergy to signify the royal, overarching presence and protection of Christ.

A particularly poignant liturgical gesture occurs when bestowing a blessing upon the congregation. Rather than blessing with an open hand, the Alexandrian priest holds an intricately crafted hand cross—designed in the distinct Coptic or Ge'ez artistic style—elevating it to sign the faithful, visually reminding all that every grace flows through Christ's victory on the Cross. Worship in the Horn of Africa further incorporates unique sacred instruments: the *Makkamiya* (wooden prayer sticks supporting the faithful during extended hours of standing prayer), the *Kebaro* (a traditional hand drum directing rhythmic chants), and the *Senahel* or *Sistrum*, whose gentle metallic chiming accompanies prayers of adoration. Additionally, the drawing of the sanctuary curtain during key moments of the liturgy accentuates the holy mystery of the divine sacrifice.

Today, these ancient Alexandrian communities flourish both in their ancestral African homelands and across vibrant diaspora parishes throughout Australia and the Western world today. By encountering the Alexandrian Tradition, we touch the living heritage of the early desert monastics and experience a faith that has steadfastly endured through centuries of trial and triumph. Next week, our feature series will travel to the Caucasus mountains to explore the Armenian Tradition, the world's oldest officially Christian Nation.

ASSUMPTION PROCESSION **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Volunteers are needed for the annual procession
in honour of the Solemnity of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary on
Friday 14th of August at 6PM.

In particular, we need;

- Groups of 4 people to carry the bier
- Safety Marshalls
- Altar Servers



SCAN CODE OR CONTACT
PARISH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER



Saints & STUFF

St. Raymond of Peñafort

In today's Gospel, Our Lord walks upon the stormy sea and calls Peter to step out of the boat. When Peter focuses on the fierce winds around him, he begins to sink, yet Jesus immediately stretches out His hand to save him. An extraordinary mirror to this Gospel miracle is found in the life of St. Raymond of Peñafort, a remarkable 13th-century Dominican friar.

While serving as confessor to King James I on the island of Majorca, St. Raymond firmly rebuked the monarch for his immoral behaviour. When the king stubbornly refused to repent, Raymond demanded to return home to Barcelona, but the angry king forbade any ship from taking him. Undeterred by royal decrees, St. Raymond placed his complete trust in God. He walked down to the shore, laid his Dominican cloak upon the sea, tied one end to his staff as a sail, and courageously stepped onto the water.

Sailing over 160 miles across open ocean, he arrived safely in Barcelona six hours later. St. Raymond's miraculous voyage echoes St. Peter's brave step onto the waves. His extraordinary life challenges us to keep our eyes fixed on Christ during the storms of life, trusting that God will always sustain us in bold faith.

*St. Raymond of Peñafort,
pray for us.*

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord, Save my Soul

164 Now we see in a glass darkly, as in a riddle... Faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test. The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised us by faith. Our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice and death, seem to contradict the Good News... It is then that we must turn to the witnesses of faith.

845 To reunite all his children, scattered and led astray by sin, the Father willed to call the whole of humanity together into his Son's Church. The Church is the place where humanity must rediscover its unity and its salvation. She is "the world reconciled." She is that bark which "sails safely in this world by the wind of the Holy Spirit under the Lord's cross."

2613 Saint Luke has preserved for us three principal parables on prayer: The first, "the importunate friend", invites us to urgent prayer... The second, "the importunate widow", focuses on one of the qualities of prayer: it is necessary always to pray without becoming weary, with the patience of faith... The third parable, "the Pharisee and the tax collector", focuses on the humility of the heart that prays: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

CATHOLIC Trivia

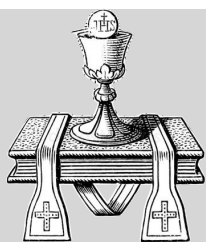
Pioneering the Digital Search

Did you know that every time you search the internet or use a digital link, you are benefiting from the pioneering work of a Catholic priest?

In 1949, Father Roberto Busa, an Italian Jesuit scholar, set out to catalogue and cross-reference every word written by Saint Thomas Aquinas—a massive total of ten million words. Realising that completing this task manually would take several lifetimes, Father Busa travelled to the United States to seek help from IBM founder Thomas J. Watson.

Watson initially declared the project impossible for the punch-card computers of the day. Undeterred, Father Busa pointed to an IBM poster on the wall that read, "The difficult we do right away; the impossible takes a little longer." Touched by his persistence, Watson agreed to collaborate, launching a landmark thirty-year project called the Index Thomisticus.

Father Busa's groundbreaking effort pioneered digital text processing, concordance software, and the early concepts of hypertext links. Often hailed today as the founding father of digital humanities, this visionary Jesuit demonstrated that cutting-edge technology and sacred scholarship can work hand in hand to explore the depths of truth.



MASS MATTERS

~ The Epiclesis and Consecration ~

After the Sanctus, we kneel as we enter the most sacred heart of the Mass. First comes the Epiclesis. The priest extends his hands over the bread and wine, asking the Holy Spirit to transform them. This gesture of outstretched hands symbolises the Spirit descending upon the gifts, much like the cloud of God's presence in Scripture.

Next is the Consecration. Speaking in the person of Christ, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper: "This is my body... This is my blood." Through the Holy Spirit, the reality of the bread and wine changes completely into the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord. While they still look and taste like bread and wine, Christ is now truly present on the altar.

The Readings

Introit

(Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23)

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading

The First Book of the Kings

(1 Kings 19:9.11-13)

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8)

℟. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. ℟.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. ℟.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. ℟.

Second Reading

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

(Romans 9:1-5)

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them,

and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

(Matthew 4:4)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew

(Matthew 14:22-33)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communio

(Psalm 147:12,14)

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

"When Peter was walking upon the sea, he was endangered by the violence of the storm, but Christ stretched out His hand and lifted him up. Thus, the firmness which Christ bestowed upon Peter is also bestowed through Peter upon the whole Church... The faith of Peter does not fail, and where Peter's faith is preached, the power of Christ abides."

- Pope St. Leo the Great