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THE ROYAL ROAD OF THE CROSS

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING

As our parish observance of Holy Cross Month draws to a conclusion this week, our thoughts turn naturally from the historical and liturgical triumphs of the Holy Cross to its practical application in our daily spiritual lives. Throughout September, we have contemplated the Old Testament types that foreshadowed the wood of salvation, celebrated our patronal feast, and stood alongside Our Lady of Sorrows at the foot of the Cross at Mount Calvary. Now, the divine Master addresses each of us directly with those demanding yet life-giving words recorded in the Gospel: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

In these words, Our Lord reveals the fundamental condition of Christian discipleship. To follow Christ is not to enter upon a path of earthly ease or worldly comfort, but to walk the royal road of the Cross. In Catholic theology, suffering is never viewed as a sign of divine abandonment or a meaningless cruelty of fate. Though suffering entered the world through original

sin, Our Redeemer transformed its nature entirely through His sacred Passion and Death. By taking upon Himself the heavy beam of wood and offering His life for the salvation of humanity, Our Lord consecrated human pain, converting an emblem of condemnation into a glorious instrument of sanctification and grace.

This mystery forms the cornerstone of what Catholic tradition terms redemptive suffering. As St. Paul boldly writes in his Epistle to the Colossians, "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church." St. Paul does not suggest that Christ's sacrifice was incomplete for our redemption. Rather, he teaches that Our Lord generously permits His mystical body, the Church, to share actively in His saving mission. When we willingly accept our daily trials - whether physical illness, emotional anxiety, hidden disappointments, or the quiet burdens of family and workplace duties - and unite them to

the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, our suffering acquires an eternal, supernatural value. It becomes a vital channel of grace for our personal purification, the conversion sinners, and for the spiritual welfare of our neighbours.

For us at Holy Cross Parish, embracing redemptive suffering offers a practical guide for daily Christian living. Carrying our cross requires patience when circumstances test our resolve, charity when personal interactions prove challenging, and fidelity to prayer during seasons of spiritual dryness. It means trusting that God's loving providence governs every aspect of our existence, even when the heavy shadow of trial falls across our homes. As we conclude this month which we have dedicated to our parish patron, let us carry the triumphant image of the Holy Cross deep within our souls. May we never flee from the crosses entrusted to us, but rather embrace them with profound courage and love, confident that those who share in Christ's suffering on earth will also share in His eternal glory in heaven.

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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

Narelle Khoury, Claudette Takchi,
Moona Wehbe

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, 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 1:

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

Readers

Vigil Sisters, Racquel La Rosa, Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Mary Georges,
Merlin Sandhiya

Children's Liturgy

*No Children's Liturgy during School
Holidays*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo
Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Giovenco, 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 Provost, Ricardo Tognini, Sam
Wardan, 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

Geoff Armstrong, Norma Armstrong, Victor Azzopardi, Joseph
Baini, Carmen Bonello, Charlie Bonello, John Borg,
Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, 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, Bette McGrath, Roy McDonald, Aileen
McIntyre, Jack McIntyre, Lindsay McIntyre, Nancy McIntyre,
Mary McIntyre, Marie McDonald, Anthony Newell, Jack
Newell, Jean Newell, Jessica Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen,
Michael O'Brien, Peter Olsen, Zackary Orenshaw, Jack
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Sheila Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Grace Saliba,
Louis Saliba, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Kerry Savvas, Alex
Taktak, John Toye, John Vella, Graham Wales, Carmel Watts,
Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Noelene Yott,
William Yott, Jessie Zammit, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter

First Friday Mass, Rosary and Adoration

Join us this Friday at Holy Trinity Church for our regular First Friday of the month devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Confessions will be heard from 6:15 p.m., the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

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 7:15 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.

Visit our Church Piety Shops

Are you looking for a holy gift, 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.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

We are seeking new volunteers to assist with our Children's Liturgy during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you feel called to help, please speak with Fr. Galbert or contact the parish office for more information.



*Make frequent visits to Jesus
in the Blessed Sacrament
and the devil will be
powerless against you.*

—St. John Bosco

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Toongabbie Legal Centre Fundraiser

This weekend, we welcome Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers who will be selling raffle tickets at Holy Family Church, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets with ten prizes. As part of their fundraising, pancakes will also be sold after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Next weekend, Toongabbie Legal Centre will again join us at Holy Trinity Church. Visit <https://tlc.asn.au/> for more information.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below. Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue to undertake the many works of the parish and to look at what other works we can achieve, including the continuing restoration of our two parish churches.





HOLY MASS IN LATIN

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

7:15 P.M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Cnr. Randle St. and Bennalong St. Granville





AN EVENING WITH THE LORD

6:15pm - 6:45pm: Confession

6:30pm: Holy Rosary

7:00pm: Holy Mass followed by Adoration

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Holy Trinity Church

Cnr. Randle St. and Bennalong St. Granville

ST CARLO ACUTIS

MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC VISIT
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
Parramatta

28-30 SEPTEMBER

Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. All welcome.



EXHIBITION



Monday 28 September 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday 29 September 8:00am – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 30 September 8:00am–12:00 pm

THE RELIC



The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

4:30–6:00pm: St Carlo's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition Open
6:00pm: Holy Mass to Welcome St Carlo's Major Pilgrim Relic
7:00pm: Talk on St Carlo & his relic by Friends of St Carlo Acutis in the Cathedral
7:30–8:00pm: Individual Blessing with the Relics of Saint Carlo

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

6:30am: Mass with Relic present in the Chapel
7:00am: Talk on St Carlo & his relic by Friends of St Carlo Acutis
7:10am–7:30am: Individual Blessing with the Relics of Saint Carlo
8:00am–11:15am: Relic Veneration in the Chapel
8:00–8:00pm: St Carlo's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition in the Cloister Hall
11:15am: Confession available
11:15–12:00pm: Adoration, Benediction in the Cathedral
12:00pm: Angelus & Rosary with Meditations from St Carlo Acutis
12:30pm: Mass
1:10pm: Talk on St Carlo & his relic by Friends of St Carlo Acutis in the Cathedral
1:30pm – 6:30pm: Veneration of the Relic in the Chapel
6:30pm: Individual Blessing with the Relics of Saint Carlo
7:00–8:00pm: Holy Hour & Benediction in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

6:30am: Mass with Relic present in the Chapel
7:00am: Talk on St Carlo & his relic by Friends of St Carlo Acutis
7:10am–7:30am: Individual Blessing with the Relics of Saint Carlo
7:30am–11:15am: Relic Veneration in the Chapel
8:00–12:30pm: St Carlo's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition in the Cloister Hall
11:15am: Confession available
11:15–12:00pm: Adoration, Benediction in the Cathedral
12:00pm: Angelus & Rosary with Meditations from St Carlo Acutis
12:30pm: Mass (*St Carlo departs following Mass*)

Mass • Relic Veneration • Blessings • Adoration • Confession • Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

COME AND PRAY WITH ST CARLO ACUTIS



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Saints & STUFF

St. Camillus de Lellis

In today's Gospel, Our Lord presents the Parable of the Two Sons. The first son initially refuses his father's request to work in the vineyard, saying, "I will not," but later repents and goes. Our Lord highlights that true obedience is shown by concrete actions rather than empty promises. A striking historical embodiment of this journey from defiance to faithful service is St. Camillus de Lellis, a 16th-century Italian soldier.

In his youth, St. Camillus was hot-tempered, addicted to gambling, and spent years living a reckless, rowdy life, seemingly turning his back on God. Yet, after losing everything and hitting rock bottom, he experienced a profound spiritual awakening. Realising the vanity of his past ways, St. Camillus repented, changed his mind, and dedicated the rest of his life to serving Christ in the sick and dying.

He went on to found the Camillians, a religious order devoted to hospital ministry, personally ministering to plague victims with heroic charity. St. Camillus's dramatic transformation powerfully illustrates that God values genuine repentance over past mistakes, reminding us that it is never too late to say "yes" to the Father.

St. Camillus de Lellis, pray for us!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Deeds Over Empty Words

1431 Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace."

1731 Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude."

2826 By prayer we can discern 'what is the will of God' and obtain the endurance to do it. Jesus teaches us that one enters the kingdom of heaven not by speaking words, but by doing 'the will of my Father who is in heaven.

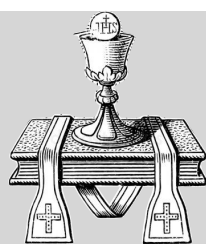
CATHOLIC Trivia

The Saint Against Procrastination

Have you ever put off a task until tomorrow, only to regret it later? You might be interested to know that the Catholic Church has a popular patron saint for overcoming procrastination: St. Expeditus. According to fourth-century tradition, St. Expeditus was a Roman soldier who decided to convert to Christianity. Just as he made his decision, the Devil appeared in the form of a crow, cawing "Cras! Cras!"—the Latin word for "Tomorrow! Tomorrow!" The tempter urged him to delay his conversion until the next day. Refusing to put off his faith, St. Expeditus decisively stomped on the crow, declaring "Hodie!"—Latin for "Today!" He was martyred for his steadfast commitment in A.D. 303.

In Christian art, St. Expeditus is traditionally depicted as a soldier holding a cross inscribed with the word Hodie, while his foot rests triumphantly upon a crushed crow bearing the word Cras.

Today, many faithful cheerfully invoke St. Expeditus' intercession for urgent causes, prompt solutions, and the courage to stop delaying what needs to be done. His story offers a timeless spiritual reminder: never put off until tomorrow the good, faithful, or kind actions you can do today. Remember to ask for his help right now—he certainly won't appreciate you leaving the prayer until tomorrow!



MASS MATTERS

~ The Sanctuary ~

When you enter our church, your eyes are naturally drawn to the Sanctuary—the elevated space at the front housing the altar, ambo, and presider's chair. The word sanctuary comes from the Latin sanctus, meaning "holy" or "set apart."

This space is intentionally raised and distinct, recalling the ancient Temple's "Holy of Holies." It symbolises heaven touching earth. While the main body of the church (the nave) represents us, the pilgrim Church journeying through earthly life, the sanctuary points directly to our ultimate heavenly destination. When the priest enters the sanctuary for Mass, he steps onto holy ground where the eternal realities of God enter into our time and space. Gazing towards the sanctuary gently invites us to lift our hearts above daily distractions and focus on God's presence.

The Readings

Introit

(Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42)

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

The Prophet Ezekiel

(Ezekiel 18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6)

℟. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. ℟.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. ℟.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.℟.

Second Reading

Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

(Philippians 2:1-11)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that

nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

(John 10:27)

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew

(Matthew 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communio

(Cf Psalm 118:49-50)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

"The tax collectors and harlots precede the chief priests and elders in the Kingdom of God because their conscience was not dulled by self-righteousness. Agnostics who are suffering on account of their sins and have a longing for a pure heart are closer to the Kingdom of God than routine believers who see only their own righteousness... without having their hearts touched by faith."

- Pope Benedict XVI