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The Holy Rosary In The Home

Sanctuaries of Grace and Family Contemplation

As the month of the Holy Rosary concludes, the Church directs our attention to the sanctuary where faith is first nurtured and lived: the Catholic family. In a hurried and secularised society, Christian households face cultural pressures that threaten to fragment unity and silence interior prayer. Yet, amidst the noise of modern life, the Church offers a simple, time-tested remedy of unmatched spiritual power. The daily family Rosary remains one of the most effective means to establish lasting peace within our homes, guard our children's hearts, and draw each family member closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The family home is traditionally understood as the domestic church, a sacred space where the love of God is made visible in daily life. When parents and children gather each evening to recite the Holy Rosary, the home is elevated. In this holy environment, Jesus Christ becomes the honoured guest, sanctifying everyday labours, soothing anxieties, and fostering an atmosphere of mutual forgiveness, patience, and supernatural charity. By gathering before Our Lady, families construct a spiritual shield that the corrosive influences of the outside world cannot easily penetrate. Meditating on the mysteries helps families realise that their own daily struggles and triumphs are intimately shared by the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Praying the Rosary together also serves as an incomparable instrument for the spiritual formation of the next generation. Before young people can grasp theological doctrine, the rhythmic cadences of the prayers quietly instil the foundational truths of our holy Faith into their receptive souls. They learn to reverence the Holy Name of Jesus, honour His Blessed Mother, and recall the saving events of human redemption. Furthermore, witnessing parents humbly pause amidst their busy responsibilities to kneel before Almighty God provides an unforgettable testament of authentic faith. This powerful example of parental piety remains etched upon a child's memory, serving as a spiritual anchor throughout their adult life.

Establishing this daily devotion requires intentional commitment, gentle patience, and realistic expectations, particularly in households with energetic young children. Start simply, perhaps by reciting a single decade together after the evening meal or before bedtime. This allows the household to gradually become accustomed to the sacred rhythm without feeling overwhelmed. It is beneficial to create a sacred space within the home: a modest shrine featuring a statue or framed image of Our Lady, adorned with fresh flowers and a lit candle. Encourage each family member to voice their personal intentions before commencing the prayers.

As October concludes, let us not pack away our Rosary beads as seasonal devotions. Instead, let us make Our Lady an abiding presence in our homes. Through her powerful intercession, may our dwellings become sanctuaries of grace, fortified in virtue, and journeying faithfully toward eternal life.

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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

Flower Arranging
Samar Rjeily and Maroun 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 1:
D.Portelli, L.Toman, W.Krasinski, J.Galea, A.Quinlan, N.Begley

Readers
Vigil Rebecca Hanson, Sisters, Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Armani Barakat, Mary Georges, Jasmine Miranda

Children's Liturgy
Sr. Susanne and Volunteer

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, 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 Provest, Ricardo Tognini, Sam Wardan

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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, Joyce Bush, Alexandra Caruana, Anette Caruana, Carmelo Caruana, Victor Caruana, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, John Graham, Mary Grech, Joseph Grech, Sam Grech, Jim Goodwin, Melissa Irons, 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, Thomas McIntyre, Marie McDonald, Iris Murphy, Anthony Newell, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Michael O'Brien, Mary Olsen, Peter Olsen, Zackary Orenshaw, Jack Pickering, Lorna Pickering, Samuel Pickering, Edward Pidgeon, Robert Pidgeon, Sheila Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Grace Saliba, Louis Saliba, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Kerry Savvas, Graham Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Janisi Xuereb, Anthony Xuereb, Noelene Yott, William Yott, Jessie Zammit, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter

N O T I C E S

Important Notice Regarding Adjustment to Saturday Vigil Mass Times

Following directives issued by the Diocese, Holy Cross Parish will now implement the final phase of returning to our regular Mass schedule, concluding the temporary operational adjustments that were initially introduced during the COVID-19 health pandemic.

As many parishioners will recall, a temporary 4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass was established at Holy Family Church to accommodate the strict health and density restrictions imposed at the time by Government and Health Authorities. Given that these restrictions have now been lifted for a considerable period, the Diocese has determined that maintaining this Mass is no longer necessary. **Consequently, the temporary 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church will conclude at the end of October, with the final Mass celebrated on Saturday, 31 October.**

However, because the earlier Vigil Mass time has been so warmly received by parishioners, the decision has been made to introduce a permanent timetable adjustment at Holy Trinity Church. **Commencing on Saturday, 7 November, the Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity Church will be moved forward from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Additionally, to assist parishioners in preparing spiritually, the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) will be available weekly at Holy Trinity Church prior to Saturday Mass from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., also starting on Saturday, 7 November.

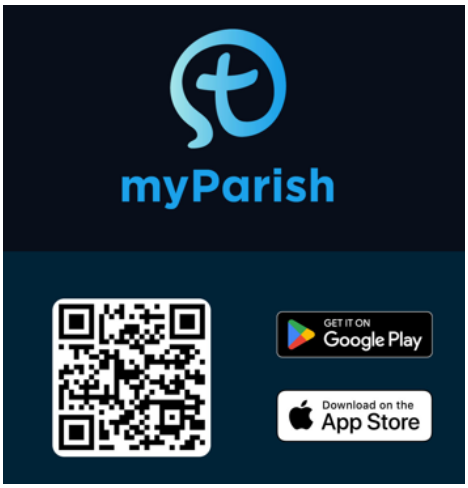
We sincerely thank all members of our parish for your ongoing understanding, patience, and continued prayers and support as we finalise these timetable changes across our parish churches.

Download the New Version of Our New Parish App

Our parish has proudly used the myParish App for almost 10 years, and we are thrilled to make available this brand-new, improved version for all of our parishioners and visitors!

The myParish app was designed specifically with you in mind. Whether you are seeking to deepen your faith, stay actively involved with everything happening across our parish, or simply access essential Catholic resources in one convenient location, this updated app has you fully covered.

Through the app, you can easily read the latest weekly bulletin, view our complete parish calendar so you never miss Mass times or special ministry events, and explore a rich library of traditional Catholic prayers alongside daily scripture readings and other supplementary items.



If you currently have the older version installed on your mobile phone or tablet, please note that it will not update automatically. You will need to visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to download the brand-new app. When searching, please ensure you search for and select "my parish" and NOT "my parish classic." Alternatively scan the QR code.

Download the new app today, and stay seamlessly connected with our parish wherever you go!

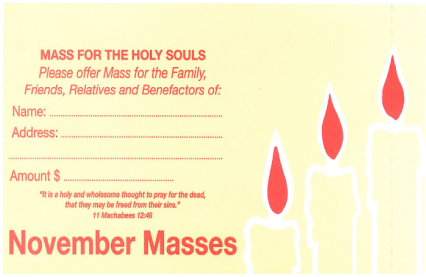
November Mass Intentions for the Souls in Purgatory

Envelopes for the parish's Book of Remembrance are now available at the doors of the church.

The Book of Remembrance is a special way to honour and pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved dead throughout the month of November.

If you wish to have the names of your deceased loved ones inscribed in the book, please take an envelope, clearly write the names, and place the sealed envelope in the clearly marked boxes located near the church doors.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Holy Mass and Blessing of the Graves at Rookwood Cemetery

Save the date and join us on Saturday, 7 November for Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m. at Rookwood Cemetery, and where we will visit the graves of the past Parish Priests of Granville, bless the graves and pray for the repose of their souls.

For those who would like to attend but are unable to drive themselves or to arrange transport, the parish bus will be available to drive people to and from the cemetery. For those who would like a spot on the bus, please contact the parish office for further details.

Please be aware that there are limited places available on the bus and we may not be able to accomodate all requests for transport.

ARRIVE ON TIME FOR HOLY MASS

Please be seated before Mass begins.



Please arrive early for Holy Mass.
Out of reverence, anyone arriving after the Gospel must not receive Holy Communion. Receiving our Lord requires taking part in the earlier prayers to properly prepare your soul.



Looking Toward Heaven Through the Glorious Mysteries

The Christian journey does not end at the foot of the Cross. While the Sorrowful Mysteries teach us the value of carrying our daily burdens, the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary lift our eyes toward our ultimate destiny. Through these final five mysteries, we are reminded that the bitter suffering of Good Friday was merely the prelude to the triumph of Easter Sunday. Looking to the eternal glory of Christ and His Blessed Mother fills our souls with lasting hope. These mysteries remind us that we are pilgrims on this earth, created for the everlasting joy of heaven.

The First Glorious Mystery, the Resurrection of Our Lord, is the very foundation of our Catholic faith. On the third day, Christ conquered sin and death, rising gloriously from the tomb just as He promised. This ultimate victory assures us that darkness and despair never have the final word. When we are weighed down by the trials of life, the sorrows of this world, or our personal failures, the Resurrection commands us to live as people of great hope. It challenges us to abandon fear and trust completely in the saving power of Almighty God, who brings light out of darkness.

In the Second Glorious Mystery, the Ascension, we behold Our Lord returning to His Father forty days after His Resurrection. As He ascended into heaven before the eyes of His Apostles, He did not abandon His flock. Rather, He entered heavenly glory to prepare a place for each of us and to meditate on our behalf. This mystery teaches us the vital practice of spiritual detachment. While we must fulfil our earthly duties with diligence and charity, we must never allow our hearts to become anchored to the passing wealth or honours of this world. Our true citizenship is in heaven, and every action should be directed toward reaching that eternal home.

The Third Glorious Mystery, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, reveals the birth of the Church. Gathered in the Upper Room with Our Lady, the Apostles received the Holy Spirit in the form of rushing wind and tongues of fire. Timid men were instantly transformed into courageous witnesses of the Gospel. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we too have been sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This mystery invited us to cultivate a complacent heart, listening to the promptings of the Spirit, and asks us to defend our Catholic faith with boldness in a world that desperately needs the truth.

Looking to the triumph of Our Lady, the Fourth Glorious Mystery contemplates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Having completed her earthly life, the sinless Mother of God was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. She is the masterpiece of God's grace and the first to experience the full fruits of her Son's redemption. Meditating upon her Assumption gives us great consolation regarding the future resurrection of our own bodies. It calls us to treat our physical bodies with profound reverence and purity, recognising them as temples of the Holy Spirit destined for eternal glory.

Finally, the Fifth Glorious Mystery celebrates the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Seated beside her Divine Son, she reigns with a maternal heart, continuously interceding for us, her earthly children in the valley of tears. No prayer offered to her goes unheard, and no grace is too great for her to obtain from Christ. This mystery inspires us to entrust our entire lives to her immaculate care, confident that a devoted child of Mary will never be lost.

As we conclude this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, let us commit to praying these sacred mysteries daily. By meditating upon the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious events of salvation history, we allow the life of Christ to shape our own. The Rosary remains our greatest spiritual weapon and a powerful chain of grace linking earth to heaven. May we hold fast to it, allowing the Blessed Virgin Mary to guide our steps safely through the trials of life, until that time that we hopefully share in the endless glory of her Divine Son.

As we move forward, let the mysteries of the Holy Rosary remain a constant anchor for our families and our parish. Bound together by this simple, beautiful prayer, we find the spiritual strength to face worldly challenges and live as joyful witnesses of the Gospel.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray for us!



A Mass of Remembrance

Saturday 7th November

9:15am Mass

Holy Family Church, East Granville

This Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of all our deceased parishioners and family members.

Parishioners are invited to bring a photo of their loved one for this particular Mass.

Saints & STUFF

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

In today's Gospel, a scholar tests Jesus by asking which commandment is the greatest. Jesus identifies two inseparable commands: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself. A luminous embodiment of this integrated love is St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, a vibrant 20th-century Italian layman recently canonised during the 2025 Jubilee Year.

Pier Giorgio's deep devotion to God was anchored in daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and constant prayer. Yet, his contemplative interior life poured out naturally into radical service to the suffering and poor of Turin. He spent his days visiting the sick in destitute slums, giving away his money, overcoat, and even train tickets, regularly carrying heavy bundles of food to vulnerable families. Pier Giorgio firmly believed that every act of mercy shown to the needy was a direct encounter with Christ Himself.

Contracting polio from those he ministered to, Pier Giorgio died in 1925 at just twenty-four years of age. His joyful life shows that loving God wholeheartedly and serving our neighbour are not separate obligations, but a single, radiant path to holiness.

St. Pier Giogio Frassati, Pray for us!

CATECHISM *of the* CATHOLIC CHURCH

Love God, Love Others

This week, Our Lord responds to a Pharisee's theological test regarding the greatest law. He answers by inextricably uniting absolute devotion to God with deep care for one's neighbour. This vital teaching reminds us that authentic Catholic faith inherently requires both of these active dimensions.

1822 Charity is defined as the theological virtue empowering believers to love God entirely "for his own sake," and our neighbour through Him. This vital grace elevates basic human affection into divine action, driving social justice and communal harmony.

2055 Rather than presenting competing rules, Church teaching highlights a "twofold yet single commandment of love." Loving others authentically fulfils the divine law, because genuine devotion to our Creator simply cannot exist without actively loving His people.

2083 The Catechism notes Jesus "summed up man's duties toward God" by demanding we give Him our entire heart, soul, and mind. Acknowledging God's absolute divine sovereignty firmly anchors the First Commandment as the foundational core of Christian life.

CATHOLIC Trivia

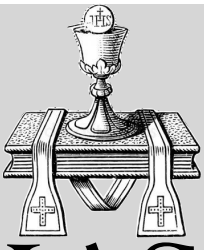
The Holy Origin of 'Goodbye'

Think about how often you end a quick phone call, wave to a departing neighbour, or leave the busy office. The most common parting phrase in the English language is uttered billions of times daily, yet very few realise they are actually bestowing a centuries-old Catholic blessing.

Before the sixteenth century, the standard English farewell was the earnest parting prayer, "God be with ye." As centuries passed and spoken language sped up, people naturally began to slur and contract the phrase. In historical records, we see it rapidly evolve into "God b'w'y," before finally transforming into the modern "goodbye." This linguistic shift was also heavily influenced by similar daily greetings like "good morning" and "good day," which slowly altered the divine name.

This means that every time you casually brush off a persistent telemarketer or shout a quick, cheerful farewell across a crowded shop, you are technically offering them a swift, ancient prayer. It is a truly wonderful, constant reminder that our everyday language is saturated with faith.

So, the next time you usher lingering guests out the door, take comfort in knowing you are sending them home with a genuine blessing—even if you are secretly relieved they are finally leaving!



MASS MATTERS

~ The Baptismal Font & Holy Water ~

Near the entrance of our church, you will find the Baptismal Font or stoups containing Holy Water. This placement is highly intentional. Just as baptism is the spiritual gateway into Christian life, passing the font is our physical gateway into the sacred space of the Mass.

When we dip our fingers in holy water and make the Sign of the Cross, it is a profound reminder of our baptism. In that simple gesture, we recall being washed clean and welcomed into God's family. It spiritually prepares us, renewing our daily calling to holiness as we approach the altar. By claiming this blessing, we leave the secular world behind and step forward, united and ready to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

The Readings

Introit
(Cf Psalm 104:3-4)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading
The Book of Exodus
(Exodus 22:20-26)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm
(Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2)

℟. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. ℟.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. ℟.

Second Reading
First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
(1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation
(John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of Matthew
(Matthew 22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communio
(Cf Psalm 19:6)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

