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OUR REFUGE AND OUR VICTORY

OCTOBER AND THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Every year, as the Church enters the month of October, she invites the faithful to enter more deeply into one of her most cherished spiritual traditions: special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The custom of dedicating this month to the Holy Rosary is rooted in both spiritual warfare and profound gratitude. In 1571, when Christian Europe faced grave peril, Pope St. Pius V called upon all Catholics to recite the Rosary to implore Our Lady's intercession. Following the decisive victory at the Battle of Lepanto on 7 October, the Church established a feast day of thanksgiving, which eventually led Pope Leo XIII to formally dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary in a series of papal encyclicals, urging the faithful to turn to Mary amidst the trials of the modern world.

Historically, the Rosary developed as "Mary's Psalter." In ancient and medieval monasteries, religious prayed the 150 Psalms daily. For the lay faithful - many of whom could

not read - the 150 Hail Marys became a beloved equivalent, dividing the life of Our Saviour into decades of prayer and contemplation. Far from being a mere repetition of words, the Holy Rosary is thoroughly Christocentric, that is focused on Christ. Pope Pius XII described it as "a compendium of the entire Gospel." When we hold the beads, we follow our Lady's quiet example of contemplating the Sacred Humanity of Jesus Christ through her immaculate heart. From the joy of the Incarnation to the sorrow of the Cross and the glory of the Resurrection, the Rosary anchors our souls in the mystery of Redemption.

The Church calendar during early October further underscores this call to holiness and heavenly protection. On 1 October, we celebrate St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who taught that sanctity is achieved through humble, childlike trust in God and total confidence in Our Lady. On 2 October, we honour the Holy Guardian Angels, who remind us that God in His loving providence has appointed a celestial defender for

every human soul to guide and protect us along the path to salvation. Soon after, on 4 October, we commemorate St. Francis of Assisi, a beacon of radical poverty, humility, and total conformity to Christ Crucified. These saintly companions stand beside Our Lady, calling us to a renewed zeal for holiness.

Our Lady has repeatedly requested the daily recitation of the Rosary for peace in our families, the conversion of sinners, and the preservation of the Faith. As we begin this sacred month, let us answer her motherly invitation with generous hearts. We are encouraged to commit to praying five decades each day, whether individually on our commute, with fellow parishioners before Mass, or gathered with our families at home. Setting up a small shrine or image of Our Lady in our homes serves as a visual reminder of her maternal care. Entrusting our personal trials and parish intentions to her intercession brings immense spiritual fruit.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

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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, Savelina Sikimeti

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 2:

P. Zaiter, C. Buultjens, N. Chidiac

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Racquel La Rosa

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

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
Pickering, Samuel Pickering, Edward Pidgeon, Robert Pidgeon,
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

Important Notice Regarding Receiving Holy Communion

There has been an unfortunate increase in Sacred Hosts being dropped when receiving Holy Communion. Whilst these are accidents, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the Sacred Host—the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ—is guarded and protected.

When receiving Holy Communion, please do not step to the side to consume the Sacred Host, and under no circumstances, turn away from facing the altar before you consume the Sacred Host. Please ensure that you consume the Sacred Host whilst still facing the altar and the Priest or the Extraordinary Minister.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our Children's Liturgy during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. You will be helping our young children learn about the Gospel in a simple, gentle way through stories, prayer, and activities. No teaching experience is required, just a warm heart and a willingness to guide our children in their faith. If you'd like to lend a hand, please chat with Fr. Galbert or contact the parish office.

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 item to inspire devotion.



*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.

Become a Parish Volunteer

We are always grateful for the dedication of our volunteers, and encourage others to come forward and get involved.

If you have a love for your parish and have some time to offer, consider joining one of our many parish ministries. There are opportunities for all ages to join in and take part in the life of the parish.

Please be aware that some volunteer positions will require a Working With Children Check whilst completion of safeguarding training is also required. Assistance will be available. For more information on how you can become a volunteer, contact the parish office.

Toongabbie Legal Centre Fundraiser

This weekend, we welcome Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers who will be selling raffle tickets at Holy Trinity 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 10:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information about Toongabbie Legal Centre services, Visit <https://tlc.asn.au/> or call on 1300 373 353.

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.





SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SUNDAY
4:15PM TO 4:45PM

WEDNESDAY
6:30PM TO 7:00PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SATURDAY
5:00PM TO 5:45PM
FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
6:15PM TO 6:45PM

*Confession heals, confession justifies,
confession grants pardon of sin,
all hope consists in confession;
in confession there is a chance for mercy.*

- St. Isidore of Seville





The Joyful Mysteries: The Grace of Hidden Beginnings

The spiritual life rarely begins with extraordinary public triumphs or grand external displays. More often, it takes root in quiet, hidden places where the soul meets God in stillness. When we contemplate the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary, we are invited to look beyond the historical events of two thousand years ago and see a timeless blueprint for our own interior journey. The path of holiness begins not in noise or fame, but in the humble posture of a heart open to divine grace.

In the First Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation, the Archangel Gabriel brings the heavenly message to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the quiet village of Nazareth. In that moment, the fate of human redemption hung upon her response. Mary's simple yet profound answer, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord," reveals the essence of true humility. Almighty God does not force His grace upon us; He invites our free cooperation. For each of us, the spiritual life begins whenever we surrender our own plans and give our prompt, humble consent to God's holy will in the ordinary duties of daily life.

Immediately following this divine encounter, the Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation, shows us the natural fruit of receiving Christ into our souls. Our Lady did not remain at home to dwell on her own singular privileges. Instead, she set out in haste into the hill country of Judea to serve cousin, Elizabeth. Genuine encounter with the Saviour never leads to self-absorbed isolation. True

Catholic devotion always drives us outward in self-forgetful charity toward our neighbour. When we carry Christ within us through sanctifying grace, our primary desire becomes sharing His goodness with those around us through patient service and kindness.

The Third Joyful Mystery, the Nativity of Our Lord, brings us to the stillness of Bethlehem. Here, the Creator of the Universe enters human history not in a palace surrounded by worldly grandeur, but in a cold, humble stable, laid in a simple feeding trough for livestock. Our Divine Saviour chose poverty and lowliness to teach us what truly matters in the eyes of Heaven. This mystery invites us to examine our own attachments to material security, comfort, and human praise. By cultivating poverty of spirit, we clear away the clutter of worldly distractions so that Christ may find a fitting dwelling place within our hearts.

In the Fourth Joyful Mystery, the Presentation in the Temple, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph carry the Divine Child to Jerusalem to fulfil the requirements of the Law of Moses. Although our Blessed Mother was preserved from all stain of sin and the Infant Christ was God Incarnate, they humbly submitted to sacred tradition and divine order. True sanctity is never found in spiritual individualism or self-made righteousness. Rather, it grows through faithful obedience to the holy laws, traditions, and sacraments given to us by Holy Mother Church.

In an age that often glorifies personal autonomy, this mystery reminds us of the quiet beauty of holy obedience.

Finally, the Fifth Joyful Mystery, the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple, address the moments of spiritual desolation that every Christian faces. After three days of sorrowful searching, Mary and St. Joseph found Jesus sitting among the teachers in His Father's house. During our earthly lives, there are seasons when God seems distant and His presence feels hidden from our souls. This mystery offers deep comfort by reminding us where Christ is always to be found: in His Father's house, present in the Holy Scriptures, and truly, really present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Together, these five joyful events teach us that sanctity is built upon quiet foundations. By contemplating the hidden virtues of Nazareth - humility, prompt obedience, active charity, detachment, and faithful seeking - we learn how to welcome our Saviour into our own souls each day. As we begin this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, let us take up our beads with renewed devotion. By opening our hearts daily to these gentle mysteries, we allow the light of Bethlehem and Nazareth to guide our steps, transforming our ordinary duties into a continuous prayer of praise and love for Almighty God. May Our Blessed Mother keep us steadfast on this holy path, guiding every step of our earthly pilgrimage until we rest safely in the arms of her Divine Son.



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

Blessed Alan de la Roche

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns that the kingdom of God will be taken from unfaithful workers and given to those who produce its fruit. As October opens the Month of the Holy Rosary, Marian prayer offers a fertile path for cultivating our spiritual lives. A dedicated labourer who revitalised this sacred garden was Blessed Alan de la Roche, a lesser-known 15th-century French Dominican priest.

Following decades of severe plague and war, devotion to the Psalter of Mary had largely withered across Europe. Alan received a profound vision in which Christ urged him to revive the Rosary to awaken lukewarm, weary hearts. Undeterred by widespread scepticism and ridicule, Alan travelled tirelessly through France, Germany, and the Netherlands, establishing vibrant Rosary confraternities and preaching the transformative power of contemplating Christ's mysteries with Mary.

Where previous generations had neglected their spiritual duty, Alan laboured courageously to produce an abundant harvest of faith. His inspiring life challenges us to tend our souls through the Holy Rosary throughout this Marian month, ensuring we yield rich, enduring fruit in the Master's vineyard.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bear Fruit in Holiness

546 Jesus' invitation to enter his Kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the Kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the Kingdom, one must give everything; words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like a mirror for man: does he receive the Word like a hard soil or the good earth?

587 Jesus encountered the religious authorities in Jerusalem... In his parables, such as the one about the wicked tenants, he foretold his rejection by the leaders of his people, an event that would lead to his death on the Cross and the offering of his life as a ransom for many.

755 The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about. That land has been planted by the heavenly Cultivator as a choice vineyard. The true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in him, without whom we can do nothing.

CATHOLIC Trivia

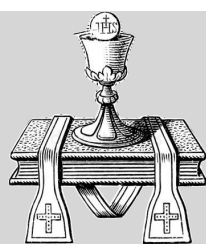
The Naval Battle Behind the Rosary

Have you ever wondered why the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary every year on 7 October? This beloved Marian feast actually owes its origins to a dramatic 16th-century sea battle that turned the tide of European history.

In October 1571, an outnumbered Christian fleet faced a formidable Ottoman navy at the Battle of Lepanto in the Gulf of Patras. Realising the grave danger facing Europe, Pope Pius V called upon all faithful Catholics across the continent to pray the Rosary for divine protection and peace. Public processions filled the streets, and even the sailors prayed on deck before engaging in combat.

Against extraordinary odds, the Allied fleet secured an unexpected, decisive victory. Remarkably, just as the battle commenced, the wind unexpectedly shifted 180 degrees, directly favouring the Allied ships.

Attributing the turn of events to the Blessed Virgin Mary's powerful intercession, Pope Pius V declared 7 October a permanent feast day, originally titled "Our Lady of Victory." It was later renamed the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to honour the humble prayer that united millions. It serves as a vivid historical reminder that a simple set of beads can hold remarkable power!



MASS MATTERS

~ The Altar ~

At the heart of the sanctuary stands the Altar, the central focal point of our entire church. More than just a piece of sacred furniture, the altar possesses an important dual identity: it is both the sacrificial stone of Calvary and the table of the Last Supper. In the ancient Church, altars were constructed of stone to represent Christ as the "living cornerstone." When the priest kisses the altar at the beginning and end of Mass, he is venerating Christ Himself, who is simultaneously the Priest, the Victim, and the Altar of sacrifice.

Every time we gather around the altar, Calvary's saving sacrifice is made present, and we are nourished at the heavenly banquet. It stands as a perpetual sign that God invites us into divine communion.

The Readings

Introit
(Cf Esther 4:17)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading
The Prophet Isaiah
(Isaiah 5:1-7)

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm
(Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7)

℟. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. ℟.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. ℟.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. ℟.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. ℟.

Second Reading
Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians
(Philippians 4:6-9)

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation
(See John 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of Matthew
(Matthew 21:33-43)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communio
(Lam 3:25)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.