

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



Parish Priest:
Fr Joseph Kolodziej

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil – 5.00pm
Sunday – 8.00am, 10.00am
and 5.00pm
Vietnamese Mass – 6.30pm
(Sat), 3.00pm (Sun)

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4.00pm-4.45pm
Or by appointment at any
other time.

Baptism:
Any weekend at a Mass or
at 11.00am. Please contact
the Parish Office.

Marriage:
Couples need six months
notice. A marriage
preparation course is
required.

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3rd Sunday of Advent 16 December 2018 - Year C



Today we celebrate joyful Sunday "Gaudete (Rejoice) John the Baptist gives us clear directions how to prepare for the coming of Christ. His hearers wanted to know what they could do to be members of the coming kingdom of God. His advice to them was practical, within their reach. Share with people in need; feed the hungry; be fair in business practices and content with what you have.

This Sunday our Community rejoice before the Lord as we get opportunity to celebrate a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, God is calling us to come before Him. As we stand before the Lord what do we promise to do? – we will make commitment to better life or go through our life with old habits. Today we come to listen His words and respond to His calling –Advent is special time to bring the presence of God into our lives to change our habits to become new again. Holy Spirit we pray for all who gather this Sunday they will find the way to Jesus.

This week in our parish

Saturday December 15

4.00pm Reconciliation
5.00pm English Mass +Peter Ky
6.15.00pm Vietnamese Feast St.

Sunday December 16 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am English Mass
10.00am English Mass
3.00pm Vietnamese Mass
5.00pm Youth Mass

Monday December 17

8.00am Mass
12.30pm Mother Mercy
Rookwood +Anthony P. Fitzpatrick
5.00pm Prayer Group
6.00pm Carols Night School

Tuesday December 18

5.30pm Rosary/Novena/Benediction
6.00pm Mass

Wednesday December 19

7.45am Rosary
8.00am Mass
8.45am Playgroup School Hall

Thursday December 20

7.45am Rosary
8.00am Mass
7.30pm Choir Practice

Friday December 21

7.45am Rosary
8.00am Mass

Saturday December 22

4.00pm Reconciliation
5.00pm English Mass
6.30pm Vietnamese Mass

Sunday December 23 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am English Mass
10.00am English Mass
3.00pm Vietnamese Mass
5.00pm Youth Mass



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SICK:

Bronwyn Kolodziej, Col James, Colleen Daniele, Daniel Clarke, Daniel Matesic, David Sanders, Debbie Uphill, Eileen Ellery, Eunice Davis, Fiorina Toigo, Giovanni Mussio, Luca Mussio, John Sanders, Joseph Sanders, Kathleen Connors, Lorraine Ennion, Margaret Borkowski, Margaret Innes, Margaret Scott, Marilyn Dean, Nazih Hassaratti, Palmira Zanuttini, Paul Evans, Ray Etteridge, Richard Green, Tamara Kalass, Warren Clarke

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rosina Stella Care, Sr Margaret, Emma Falconer, Doris Martin, Ailsa Mary Payten, Joseph Nhat, Anna Di Maio, Patricia Moore, Norma Petronio, Ivan Kucic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Ky Nguyen, Fiore Fabbro, Alessandro Condello, Lucy Attard, Allan Loder, Matthew Kable, Eleanor Fitch, Fioravante Fabbro, Nancy Mansi, Gordon King (2017), John McHugh, Ellen Mary Neville, Joseph Dinh, Eric Seyfang, Ljubo Kraljevic, Maria Buongiorno (2016), Jose Cabigao, James E Plummer (2010), Veronica King (2016), Maria Judeline D'Cruz, Peter Ayoub (2003), Thomas Augustine Bugden (2011)

REMEMBRANCES:

Ella Bill, Dominico Doan, Andre Doan, Maria, Thi Di, Van Tu & Ancestors, Gino Zanet, Said Hanna, Anna Nguyen Thi Kim Dinh, Joseph Vu, Maria Nguyen

FOR THE REPOSE OF:

The souls in Purgatory



Ephesus Youth

Ephesus, our parish high school Youth Group are inviting you to share in our last session for the year. We will be having a Christmas themed night. (Year 7 students of 2019 are also invited to come along)

Sunday 16th December | 5.30 – 7.30pm

Happy 90th Birthday !

Congratulations to Novella Ukmar who turned 90 recently. Novella has been a parishioner at Georges Hall for about 30 years. She arrived in Australia from Italy in 1956 with her husband Carlo. They had two sons. Congratulations once again to Novella from St Mary's Parish and best wishes for the years ahead.



Christmas Eve Children's Play

St Mary's invites all children to participate in this year's Christmas children's play. There will be a practice prior to Christmas Eve, to make sure that the children will know what to do. Please bring your children come to the rehearsal and to Mass on Christmas Eve.

Details :

- Rehearsal:** Saturday 22 December at 2.00pm in the church
- Pageant to be held:** Christmas Eve at 4.45pm in the church
- Dress:** as shepherds and angels



Safeguarding our children

Enquiries regarding safeguarding please contact:
Veronica on 0407 231 262 or by email: veronica@smgh.org.au



Our 'Listening to You' cards are a way of letting you know that we care, please remember that you are able to provide feedback and/or to voice your concerns. The 'Listening to You' cards are available at the back of the church. Parishioners are welcome to raise any concern and provide feedback directly to me, you are always welcome.

Father Joseph, P.P.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Sydney Archdiocese we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office by phone on: (02) 9390 5812.

Pray for the sick, our Families and country

Mondays @ 5.00pm in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the church.
Enquiries: Laurie 0414 850 453;
God's Hand is still on Australia and New Zealand, please pray for them.



Pray the Rosary

Everyone is welcome to gather together to pray the Rosary every Tuesday @ 5.30pm.



Parish Notices



Advent Wreath

3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

Attention: Proclaimers of The Word

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical Year C. Copies of the 2019 Year C "Break Open the Word" are available for all readers to collect from the Sacristy. Collect your copy today - it's a great resource to assist you in your ministry.



If there is not enough, please let me know: Veronica 0407 231 262

Choir Practice

There will be choir practice at 7.30pm on Thursday 20 December, in preparation for singing Christmas Carols on Monday 24 December, 11.30pm, followed by Midnight Mass.



New members are always welcome. Please ring Pat Falvy on 0425 219 660.



Christmas Eve Masses
5.00pm Children Mass
7.00pm Christmas Mass

11.30pm Christmas Carols

Christmas Day Masses
12.00 Midnight Mass
8.00am Morning Mass
10.00am Christmas Mass
5.00pm Christmas Mass

Preparations for Christmas

15/16 December 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held before every Mass on 15/16 December.



Saint Vincent de Paul Calendars & Cards
The **2019 Columban Art Calendar** is available at the Piety Stall - \$9.00. Keep up to date with Feast Days, Liturgical Seasons and School Holidays. **Christmas Cards** are now on sale \$2.50 - pack of 8.

Available at the Piety Stall

Christmas Eve 5 pm Children's Mass
5.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve is a special Mass for our parish children. Children are invited to dress up as shepherds and angels



Christmas Roster

5.00pm Children's Mass

Acolyte: Paul Evans
Greeter: Chris Lockart
Commentator: Chloe Goetz
Readers: Annabelle Coorey
Ministers of Eucharist:

Karen Worley, Mike Anderson, Donna Busuttill,

7.00pm Vigil Mass

Acolyte: Laurie Simpson
Commentator: Mary Gibbons
Reader: Brian Kurrle
Ministers of Eucharist:
Annette Simpson, Mary Gibbons

12.00 Midnight Mass

Acolyte: Paschal Akeje, Maurice Gili
Commentator: Catherine Akeje
Reader: Carmen Heredia
Ministers of Eucharist:
Eileen Stevenson, Carmen Heredia

8.00am Mass

Acolyte:
Commentator: John Kolodziej
Reader: James Coorey
Annabelle Coorey

Ministers of Eucharist:
Veronica Dening, Jenny Jago

10.00am Mass

Acolyte: Maurice Gili
Commentator: Rosemary Lim
Reader: Tony Re
Ministers of Eucharist:
Nadia Dore, Rosemary Lim

5.00pm Mass

Acolyte:
Commentator:
Reader:
Ministers of Eucharist:
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There are still some vacancies on the roster. If you can serve, please write your name on the roster on church door, thanks.

Planned Giving Envelopes/Donation Request Form

If you would like to make a donation, please complete the following details below. Or You can come to the Parish Office every Monday after 8.30am.

I would like to: *(please tick a box)*

Make a donation Commit to the Envelopes

Would like details of monthly Credit Card donations

Name:
Address:
Phone:

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

All Cheques PAYABLE TO – Georges Hall Catholic Church



First Reading**Zephaniah 3:14-18**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your
midst; you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Second Reading**Philippians 4:4-7**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident
to everyone: the Lord is very near. There
is no need to worry; but if there is any-
thing 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the
poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 3:10-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone
has two tunics he must share with the
man who has none, and the one with
something to eat must do the same.'
There were tax collectors too who came
for baptism, and these said to him,
'Master, what must we do?' He said to
them, 'Exact no more than your rate.'
Some soldiers asked him in their turn,
'What about us? What must we do?' He
said to them, 'No intimidation! No extor-
tion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown
among the people, who were beginning
to think that John might be the Christ, so
John declared before them all, 'I baptise
you with water, but someone is coming,
someone who is more powerful than I
am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of
his sandals; he will baptise you with the

Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is
in his hand to clear his threshing-floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn; but
the chaff he will burn in a fire that will
never go out.' As well as this, there were
many other things he said to exhort the
people and to announce the Good News
to them.

**Altar Linen
Cleaning, Counting**

New Rosters for
Altar Linen, Cleaning and

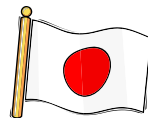
Counting the money collected are
available at the back of the church.

Enquiries, please contact Veronica on
0407 231 262 or

email:

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VS Oceania Pty Ltd

Wanted:

Families to host "2 Japanese students" 24th -27th March 2019

Students are aged 14-17 years & speak some English.

What you need to provide: a comfy bed (sharing a room is fine) 3 meals a day daily transport to/from Georges River Grammar School, Georges Hall

Families are paid \$45 per night per student for hosting.

Students attend school on week days & enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366 <http://www.vsoceania.com>Takashi: ushinohama@vsoceania.com mob: 0423 097 518 /0408 468 538**YOUTH LEADERS
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life with workshop and youth experience
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The evangelisation school is programmed
around your everyday life. Participants will
not need to take time of work and study to
have the full experience of the evangelisa-
tion school. if you decided to go parish will
support you with registration.

Parish Personnel**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Joseph Kolodziej**Parish Safeguarding Support Officer:**

Veronica Dening

Sacramental Coordinator: Nadia Dore**Children's Liturgy:** Veronica Dening**Youth Coordinator:** Anthony Ndaira**Music Ministry Coordinator:** Viv Moseley**Finance Committee:** Tony Corkeron**Parish Pastoral Council:** Ted Goetz**School Principal:** Monica Palmer**School Secretary:** Michelle Lambkin**Family Educator:** Natalie Goetz**Religious Education Coordinator:** Luisa DiMaio**Next Sunday:
4th Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44