

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Robert Moran, Phillip Nelme, Romela Onkowitz, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Fr Anthony Simari, Joseph Sultana, Philip Witheriff, Margaret Boyle, David Turley, George Yusef, Neil Pye and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Pearl Scott, John Brankstone, Leonard Zappala, Philippe Senar, Allan Cuthbertson, Lavina Rowe, Ian Lawler, Carmel Hodges, Paul Pisani, Donald Eldridge, Rev. Father Peter Paul Galligan, Anna Maria Raffin, Marlene Perkins, Elva Strong, Danielle Porteus, Salvatore Moroccu, Patricia "Pat" Shedden

Thank you.

Sincere thanks to Michael Smith who has resigned as acolyte after many years of service. God bless you Michael.

Music Teachers Wanted

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for classroom music teachers and specialist tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week. For further information, contact SCS' Recruitment team at: lr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au.



Christmas In July Lunch

Come and cosy up at the historic Robertson Hotel this winter for Christmas in July lunch on **Thursday 29 July 2021**. Cost: \$75 per person including transport to/from venue and Christmas lunch. Morning tea and drinks at lunch - extra. Enquiries: Lorraine - 9724 9519 Place \$75 in/details on envelope and place in collection box near the sacristy.

Supporting our Parish

There are many ways we can support our parish financially: 1) Offering envelopes/ Planned Giving Program (2) Online Donations via the website. (3) Cashless tap devices (4) Collection taken up during Sunday Mass. The 1st collection is for Archdiocesan priests and the 2nd collection is for our parish's expenses.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Youth Group: Ephesus

Ephesus is on a break! Something exciting is coming ... stay tuned for more! Instagram: @smghephesus Contact: Grace Mokdassi gracemokdassi@gmail.com See you at the 5pm Mass.

St Mary's Primary School

Ph: 9727 0000 Principal: Monica Palmer www.stmgeorghall.catholic.edu.au Check out what is happening in our St Mary's Primary School, visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmgeorghall/>

Playgroup

8.45am Thursdays in the school hall during school terms. natalie.goetz@svd.catholic.edu.au Parents/carers are most welcome to attend our 9am weekday Mass after you drop off your children..



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Streaming: <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm
Preceded by Rosary/Novena - 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am
Preceded by Rosary - 8.45am

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:
Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

04 July 2021

Covid Restrictions

The NSW Government has introduced tighter Covid restrictions for two weeks from 26 June. Under these new rules **Masses are suspended during this time.**

Our churches will also remain closed.

Our 5pm Vigil Mass will be live streamed and available for the whole week.

For more information see our parish [website](#).



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Saturday 28 August 2021. An information night for parents will be held on **Thursday 15 July** in the church at 7pm.

This meeting may have to be held by zoom.

Difficult time for our parish family.

As a parish family many of us are still trying to come to terms with recent bad news.

Let us continue to ask

Mary Our Mother to intercede for us in our time of need.

Lay Ministry Roster

Printed copies of the roster for July - Dec. will be available after lockdown.

Praying the Word

Week of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Ez 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. *(R.)*
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. *(R.)*
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

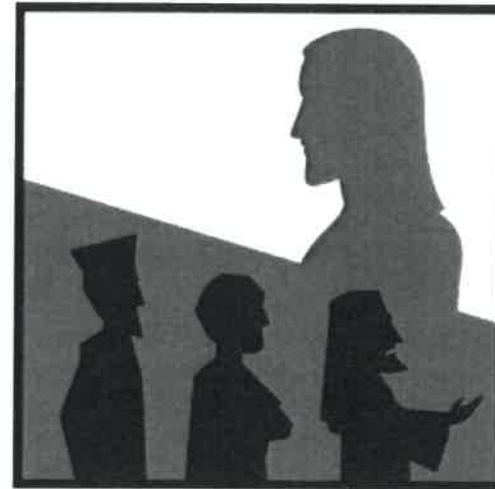
In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

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