

+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 Nehme, Romela Onkowitz, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Novella Ukmar, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Jean Graham, Fr Colin Mason, Fr Anthony Simari, Joseph Sultana, Philip Witherill and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: James Linsell, Julio Rega, Dominic Attard, Frank Lange, Aileen Maudlen, John McCarthy, Kevin (Chevy) Spencer, Patricia Francis, Pauline Tumeth, Allen Tumeth, Ray Tumeth, Norma Winters, Beverley Ann Sciberras, Daphne Jones, Yolanda Sta Ana, Anthony James Howard, Ruth Pierce, Francis Simler, Marc Ocampo, Ella Stace, Jack Willoughby, Liberato Gobo, Catherine Keegan, Reginald Roy Small, Daphney Picton, Mario Zancella, Tom Stubbs, Sidney Armstrong, Giuseppe Versace, Carlo Gobo, Rosa Lombardi, Elaine Senar, John Barlow

Time to update Sick List - if your loved one on the sick list is now well please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com the sick list will be 'cleared' at the end of August.



Keeping in touch

If you can drop the bulletin into other parishioners' letter boxes when going for some exercise, please pick up some bulletins from the front of the church. We will print extra ones if needed, just let us know.

Please remember not all parishioners have access to the internet.

Supporting our Parish -

During these weeks of lockdown, our parish is suffering from lack of social/spiritual interaction. Please make a genuine effort to connect with others and offer support.

Share with others some of the beautiful prayers you come across.

Encourage each other to read the scriptures that are on the bulletin every week.

The parish is also incurring financial loss, yet the bills still need to be paid.

Special donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please click on this link to [Support Us](#) or ring the parish office for information re making a donation



Tax Receipts If you require receipts for tax deductible donations, please contact: Michael Anderson: 0414 889 731 or email: mikeandol@optusnet.com.au

Homelessness Prevention Week

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) says, "Homelessness is no longer that stereotypical person sleeping rough. It's people like you and me, just one life event away from a devastating change in circumstances - illness including mental ill-health, relationship breakdown, loss of a spouse, domestic violence, or the loss of a job." Due to the growing lack of affordable housing, more at-risk families will be left without a home. SVdP is asking Australians to lobby governments to invest more in housing and help the most vulnerable. [Read more](#)

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 safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

St Mary's Safeguarding Officer: Veronica Denning - 0407 231 262



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Check out what is happening in St Mary's Primary School, visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmgeorgeshall/>



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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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August 2021



Today is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the 'Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God.' It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the 'Assumption' in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

Covid Restrictions

Masses and other meetings are suspended during this time. The church is kept closed and no one should enter without permission.

Please listen carefully to the news on TV or radio for updates.

Let us all give a good example in following Government advice.

Please think of those who may be very lonely.

Keep in contact with them through phone, text messages or emails.

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



Parish Feast Day St Mary Queen of Heaven

Next Sunday will be celebrated as the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is also the day to celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our parish patron. Let us remember to pray for our parish community in the lead up to next Sunday.



Anniversary of Ordination

Fr Laurie kindly asks for your prayers as he celebrates the

44th Anniversary of Ordination on 20 August 2021

He expresses deep gratitude to Almighty God for such a privilege.

This week's online addition of the Catholic Weekly is free due to COVID lockdown. Check out the [online Catholic Weekly](#)

Praying the Word

Week of the The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. (R.)

2. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with



a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

It is our faith that our Lord nourishes Mary with His Resurrection life, meaning that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with His Divine glory.

She grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect. This is what we mean by 'The Assumption'.

This has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the church. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950? I think because in the first half of the 20th century tens of millions were killed in wars, death camps and in the Russian and China Communist dictatorships.

The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may share in the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.

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