

+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 Onkowiedjaja, 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: Micahel Smith, Jean Graham and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Gwen Green, Michael Kosabudsky, Walter Scott, Kevin Freeman, Vera Knox, Rose Lange, Jozef Idzik, Father Clive Magill, Anna Mantoszko, Ivan Denning, James Jeffcoate, Ellen Russell, Alan Walker, Noel Sanders, Rev Stephen Hogan, Eugene Bugden, Marwood Moore, Clair McHugh - Broome, Sophie Kraan, Mary Metcalf, Rodolfo Calamparnan, Peter Gosses, Loreto Cabigao, Jozef Mikus, Lorraine McDermott, Tom Houldcroft, John Ball, Margaret Fulton, Ross Hinton, Grazia Brancatisano, Edward Owens, Agnes Rout, David Hurworth, Helena Kolodziej, Johnny Ward, Oreste Azzopardi, Serge Nohra

Sick List - Time to Review

The sick will be 'cleared' after this weekend

To include the name of your loved one on the sick list, please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

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



Silencing our Noisy World

Lord, it seems that our television sets, computers, and radios are constantly blaring. How can we ever hear your voice and guidance when we continuously surround ourselves with so much noise. Remind us to take some time each day to shut off the noise of our world for a while so we can speak and listen to you.



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

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.

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Reflection

What lies do you tell yourself?

What half-truths prevent you from having a richer life in Christ? Turn to God's mercy to find the truth. The truth can be difficult, but it will always give you real freedom and joy.



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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 August 2021

Vale Michael Smith



Michael Smith faithfully served as an Acolyte for over 40 years at Sunday and weekday Masses. He was a member of Georges Hall SVdeP for many years.

He trained our Altar Servers and was on the parish's Liturgy Committee.

He was one of the first in our parish nominated for a Dempsey Award for service to our community. He was a faith-filled, beautiful man, loving

husband, and father. Michael passed away peacefully last Sunday night.

Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

May the angels lead him to paradise, may he rest in peace. Amen

Michael's funeral will be live streamed at 10.30am Wed. 1st September

Covid Restrictions

Masses and other meetings are suspended during this time.

The church is kept closed and no one should enter without permission.

Please think of those who may be very lonely.



New parish office and new presbytery.

A few options are available to us. We value your opinion.

Please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com if you would like to look at and comment on options. A copy of the options will be sent to you.



Humanitarian crises in Afghanistan and Lebanon

In **Afghanistan** half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection. In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals. Please donate to Caritas Australia so that they can respond to crises like these and others across the world. Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

Praying the Word

Week of the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

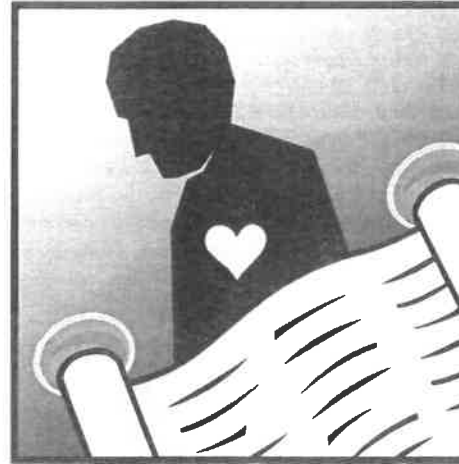
*The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first



sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from anything or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making *them* holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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