



# Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



15 Georges Cres, Georges Hall

Ph: 9727 3759

[www.smgh.org.au](http://www.smgh.org.au)

[parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

Office hours: Wed: 9.30am-4.00pm

Facebook: [fb.me/smgh2](https://fb.me/smgh2)

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

## First Sunday of Advent Year C

Sunday 28 November 2021



### The symbolism of The Advent Wreath

The candles and the light remind us of the light Jesus brought into the world. The waiting for the four candles to be lit symbolizes the long years of waiting for the Saviour. The greenery suggests life, growth, and hope.

### The Jesse Tree



Jesse was a shepherd who lived near Bethlehem 1000 years before Jesus was born. Samuel, a prophet, chose one of Jesse's sons, David and anointed him as King of the Jewish nation. With our Jesse tree we are remembering David and other members of Jesus' family, as well as others, who waited for the coming of Jesus the Messiah

### New Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney - Fr Danny Meagher

A priest well known for his success in nurturing vocations to the priesthood as a seminary rector has been named by Pope Francis as the new Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Sydney. [Read more.](#)



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

### Charitable Works Appeal - THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who donated to the CWF Appeal held last weekend. It's not too late to donate - envelopes are available at the church entrances. **Donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.**

### No Sunday 5.00pm Mass after November

From the beginning of December there will **no longer** be Mass at 5pm on Sundays. From **Sun. 5 Dec.**, the Vietnamese Mass will be held at **5.30pm**



### Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 6pm  
Midnight  
8am and 10 am



### Milk for Mates

Last chance to donate to help our mates at the House of Welcome. During November we are collecting 1 litre long life cartons of milk. Please place in the milk crate near the doors. **THANK YOU** - so far we have collected 832 litres, a mammoth effort



### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Before, afterschool and vacation care is available to our primary school children. To register your child please **contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628** or Email: [scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au)

### Supporting our Parish -

Our parish relies on donation to cope financially. Please consider joining the **planned giving program** - email [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com) or click on the **Support Us** link on the website: [www.smgh.org.au](http://www.smgh.org.au)

### +Please Remember in your prayers:

**Sick:** Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Barry Hishion, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Ian Urquhart, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and all infected with COVID-19.  
**Recently Deceased:** Bishop Bill Wright, Bryan Chester, Rev Mother Sr Carmel Bambridge, John Ball and all who have died from Covid-19.  
**Anniversary:** Giovanna Zanella, Jill Newton, Anna Montgomery, Gerald Caruna, Antonio Impala, Giuseppe Strambio

**Sick List** - To include your loved one's name in the sick list, email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

**Anniversary List** - To include your loved one's name in the anniversary list, please email name and date/year of passing to: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

### 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 Email:

[safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**St Mary's Safeguarding Information:** There is a folder of Safeguarding information available in the church - parishioners are welcome to view. Enquiries: Veronica - 0407 231 262.



**Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting Rosters** - from Nov. 2021- Nov. 2022 - are all available from the back of the church - thank you to our volunteers.

*Go Make Disciples, the Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney*



### Gospel Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from The Psalms, A New Translation, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.  
© 2017 Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd  
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.

mtate@bigpond.com

# The Living Word

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

28 November 2021

### First Reading Jer 33:14-16

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow  
for David,  
who shall practise honesty and  
integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be  
called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

*(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who  
stray,  
he guides the humble in the right  
path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant  
and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those  
who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. *(R.)*

### Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

*Alleluia!*