



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

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**Sunday Masses:**  
Saturday Vigil: 5pm  
Sunday: 8 & 10am

**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: 5.30pm



**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 4-4.30 pm  
or by appointment

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

19 December 2021



### Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 6pm

Carols 11.30pm

Midnight

Christmas Day 8am and 10am



**Vietnamese Masses**  
Christmas Eve 8.00pm  
Christmas Day 6.30pm

### Reconciliation during Advent

Sat. 18 Dec. 11am to 12 noon and 4pm to 4.30pm

Tues. 21 Dec. 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Thurs. 23 Dec. 7pm to 8pm



### Will you be alone for Christmas Lunch?

St Luke Parish is holding a Christmas lunch on Christmas Day, reaching out to anyone who has no place to go on Christmas Day. It is free event. So, if you're going to be alone - You're invited for lunch on Christmas Day at St Luke Parish Hall, 1 Beaconsfield St Revesby - December 25, 2021 - from 11AM onwards. No Costs. Please

consider joining us for a lovely meal, singing and much more. Individuals and families welcome. No one should be alone on Christmas Day. Want to know more - Call 9773 9065. Bookings Essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/833733>.



This year our Vinnie's Christmas Appeal will be run a differently. To assist, we are asking for **donations of gift cards from Aldi, Woolworths, IGA or Coles (or money so that our members can purchase gift cards)** - please place them into the decorated boxes

at the back of the church. They will then be distributed to local families in the week of Christmas for them to purchase what they will need to have a joyous Christmas.

### Confirmation this weekend

Please pray for five of our parish children who will be confirmed by Father Laurie this Sunday at 10am Mass.



### Covid-19 is still spreading.

Even though Government regulations have changed, please let us all make a special effort to minimise the risk of infection. You are strongly encouraged to continue to sanitize hands, use masks inside our church, keep safe distance and get vaccinated if you have not already done so.

**QR or signing in are still mandatory.**

### Rosters

**Christmas Rosters** - Greeters, Commentators, Readers, Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - if you can assist at any of the Christmas Masses, please put your name on the sheet on the church main door.

**Ministry Roster** - Greeters, Commentators, Proclaimers, Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Hospitality hosts - the current roster runs out at the end of December - if you want to stay on or join this roster, please Email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com) Thank you

### 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, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and all infected with COVID-19.

**Recently Deceased:** Barry Hishion, Ken Durnford, Ian Urquhart, Rev Mother Sr Carmel Bambridge, John Ball and all who have died from Covid-19.

**Anniversary:** Afifeh and Bahij Najm, Dennis Graham, Thomas Bugden, Mary Cauchi

**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)

## 'Go Make Disciples' The Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

### 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.





### Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Lk 1:39-45

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

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.'

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### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This little gospel story tells us that 'the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped' and not merely leaped, but leaped 'for joy'. Is this just poetic hyperbole?

We know that beautiful music can have a wonderful effect on life in the womb. Good vibrations. Here, the presence of Jesus, being carried by Mary in her pregnancy, had a wonderful effect on the life carried by Elizabeth. Very good vibrations.

From the moment of the conception of Jesus, good vibrations reverberated out to all human beings. The good news is that you and I and every human life ever conceived is visited by Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and we receive that visit as Original Blessing.

There is a further and consoling truth. Every mother or father who has lost a baby too early needs to know that the same extraordinary sense of Our Lord's presence was felt by your baby. That Divine Presence conferred a powerful Original Blessing on that little life within the womb, and that same Presence accompanied your baby into the everlasting embrace of Divine Love in Heaven.

We could pause a moment to pray using the very words of Elizabeth, reciting:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

*Blessed art thou among women,*

*and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.*

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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# The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

19 December 2021

### First Reading MI 5:1-4

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon  
them

till the time when she who is to give birth  
gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will  
come back

to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.  
They will live secure, for from then on he  
will extend his power  
to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4**

*(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall  
be saved.*

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have  
chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon  
your name. (R.)

### Second Reading Heb 10:5-10

*I am coming to do your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or  
sacrifices for sin;  
then I said,  
just as I was commanded in the scroll of  
the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey  
your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.