



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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

30 January 2022

Welcome Back

*We welcome back all staff and students as they commence
the 2022 Academic year at our parish primary school.*

Let's support them with our prayers and example.



Feast of Saint John Bosco – 31 January

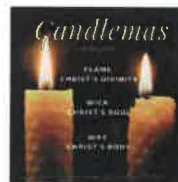
Born in Piedmont< Italy in 1815, he died at Turin in 1888. He grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founder the Salesians, men and women who continue this work throughout the world.

Remembered for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.

Presentation of the Lord – 2 February

Celebrated 40 days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites.

Wed. 2 Feb. 9am - Candlemas - Blessing of the candles prior to Mass.



The Sacraments



2022 - Sacramental Program

Sacramental dates for 2022 are still being finalised. Updates will be available in the parish bulletin and forwarded through all local schools.

Any enquiries re the sacramental program please contact
the Parish Office: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Covid-19 is still spreading.

QR or signing in, mask wearing, and sanitizing hands and social distancing
are still mandatory.

Please think of others and get vaccinated if you have not already done so.

We do have a moral responsibility towards others.

They say courtesy is contagious.

So why not start an epidemic?

Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022



"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose. Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out

activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>. Talk with Fr Laurie.

'Go make Disciples' is the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

Supporting our Parish -

Please consider joining the **planned giving program** -email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com
or click on the **Support Us** link on the website: www.smgh.org.au

Character is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and all with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: John Sanders, Frank Kovacevic Barry Hishion, Ken Durnford, Ian Urquhart

Anniversary: Charles Ryan, Francis Driessen, Guy Keon, Catherine Spence, Carmela Pinna, Charles Gibbons, Santa Larocca

Sick List - To include your loved one's name in the sick list, email: 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

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.

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

Our parish has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church - parishioners are welcome to view.

Enquiries: Veronica via parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com





Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

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The Living Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

30 January 2022

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) *I will sing of your salvation.*

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)

4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.