



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

Staying away from Mass because of fear of catching COVID?

Why not come along to a weekday Mass?

There are certainly fewer people, so risk is very much reduced.
For those who really appreciate the gift of the Blessed Eucharist, this gives you a great opportunity to physically receive Holy Communion.

Ash Wednesday will be on 2nd March

Please bring **blessed palms** now so we can burn them in time for **Ash Wednesday**.

COME BACK TO ME: Mercy and Healing Await Lenten Companion 2022

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion *Come Back to Me*. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and spiritual reflections on the Gospels. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. The resource will be in our church, and will also be available for download on the *Go Make Disciples* website at

www.gomakedisciples.org.au

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

13 February 2022

The Sacraments



First Holy Communion 2022

Children currently in Year 4

who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year,

will be eligible to receive First Holy Communion this year after proper preparation.

Parents/carers who wish their children to receive this sacrament are asked to attend an

Information Night on Tuesday 15 February at 7pm in the church.

Any enquiries re the sacramental program please contact the Parish Office:

phone 9727 759 or parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Covid-19 is still spreading.

QR or signing-in, mask wearing, 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.

Jesus believes a sinner has a future, not just a past.

The Catholic Weekly

Please show some interest in what is happening in your Catholic Church around the world and take this Catholic paper into your home.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

We hope to celebrate this Sacrament in our parish on 28 May.

Please keep an eye on parish bulletin for more information

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

+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, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and all infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: John Sanders, Frank Kovacevic, Barry Hishion, Ken Durnford, Ian Urquhart and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Margaret Boyle, Rita Lawler, Fr Kevin English, Karim Hanna, Lima Strambio, Mgr. Ian Burns, Dominic Tiem, Fr Paulino Tui Kolio

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 Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

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The Living Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

13 February 2022

First Reading Jer 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!