



# 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

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

20 February 2022

### The Sacraments



## First Holy Communion 2022

Children currently in Year 4

who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year,

have enrolled in the First Holy Communion program and are attending Mass with us.

We welcome these children and their families and pray that their faith will be strengthened on this journey. **Lessons commence this week: Mon. 6pm, Wed. 6pm, Thurs. 4.30pm.**

**Parents who missed the meeting on Tues. night 15 Feb. please contact parish office asap.**

Any enquiries re the sacramental program please contact the Parish Office:  
phone 9727 3759 or [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

## 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 by Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. The resource is available in our parish - please take one home of download it from the *Go Make Disciples* website at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).

**Ash Wednesday will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

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

**Ash Wednesday Masses: 9am and 7pm**

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

### 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.

### 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.

**Covid-19 is still spreading.**

**Mask wearing, sanitizing hands are still mandatory.**

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

### 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.

### Supporting our Parish -

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)

*Are we teaching our children to do the best they can?*

*Or the bare minimum?*

*What example are we giving them?*

**+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 & all infected with COVID-19.

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

**Anniversary:** Antonia Simeone, Frank Kovacevic Max Graham, Lamaa Sassine, Bernard Barlow, Neal Hancock, Hazel Faulkner

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

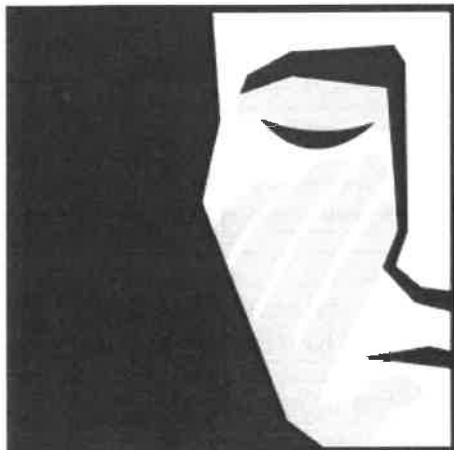
**Anniversary List** - To include your loved one's name in the anniversary list, please email name and date/year of passing to: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

### 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.

**Our parish has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church** - parishioners are welcome to view. Enquiries: Veronica via [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)





## Gospel Lk 6:27-38

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus is the Word of God in human history. Jesus is the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become really tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but comunicado, holy comunicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day.

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# The Living Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20 February 2022

## First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai. Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!*