



# 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

## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

27 February 2022



The  
Season  
of  
Lent

Ash Wednesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Ash Wednesday Masses: 9am and 7pm



Fridays during Lent  
Stations of the Cross: 7pm

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

Let us make the most of this precious Lenten 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 is available in our parish - **please take one home** or download it from the *Go Make Disciples* website at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

The Sacraments



### First Holy Communion 2022

We welcome these children and their families and pray that their faith will be strengthened by our example.

Lessons continue this week: Mon. 6pm, Wed. 6pm, Thurs. 4.30pm.

Parents who missed the meeting on 15 Feb. please contact the 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)

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

+++ BIG THANK YOU +++

to all who are supporting our parish and have remained loyal through our difficult times.

In his famous description of love, St Paul reminds us that:

*“love is...always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope...”*

1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:8

*Please pray for peace in our world.*

*Please pray for our parish family that we develop into a people who really care for each other.*

In the light of this weekend's Gospel, let us **not expect others to be perfect.**

Confirmation 2022 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 in the community.**

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

**We do have a moral responsibility towards others.**

### Schools Open Day

LaSalle Catholic College Bankstown Wed.9 March 3.30pm -5.30pm  
St Mary Queen of Heaven Tues 15 March 9-10.30am

+Please Remember in your prayers:

**Sick:** Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariq 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:** Maree Fenech, Kevin Byron, John Sanders, Frank Kovacevic, Barry Hishion, Ken Durnford, Ian Urquhart and all who have died from Covid-19.

**Anniversary:** Ennio Fattore, Steve Folkes, Ted Faulkner, Francis Neville, Giuseppina Caliguiri, Jeanette Trevor, Edmond Ashkar, Marie Goetz, Carlo Pianta

**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

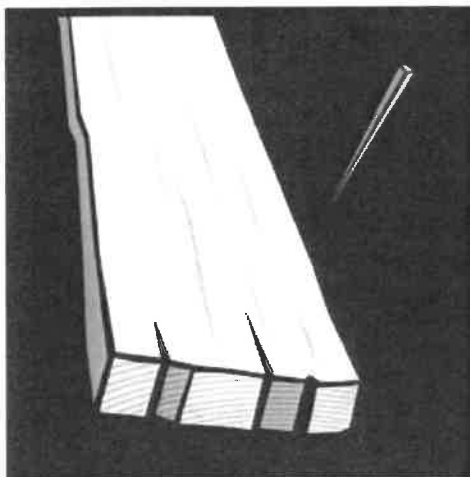
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

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.

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splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts our vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

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# The Living Word

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 February 2022

## First Reading Sir 27:4-7

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. See v.2**

*(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

## Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 6:39-45

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the