



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

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



This weekend we extend a very sincere **welcome** to the children, families, from **Kindergarten** at St Mary's Primary School - they will be joining us at 10.00am Mass.

Let us pray that God's blessings will be with them and that they will always feel welcome at our parish masses.

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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

*Please pray for peace in our world.*

*We pray also for all those who are suffering from recent floods.*

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

**Covid-19 is still spreading . Please think of others,**

## Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal



Crises like the one unfolding in Ukraine put a spotlight on the critical need for ongoing assistance and development work around the world for vulnerable communities. Caritas is currently working on the ground providing emergency support to internally displaced persons. To provide support to Caritas Ukraine please visit: [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine).

## Choir Practice

There will be choir practice on Thursday 17 March at 7.00pm in preparation for 8.00am Mass on Sunday 20 March 2022. New members are always welcome. Please ring Pat Falvy on 0425 219 660

## The Catholic Weekly

keep up to date with the Catholic news from around the world - take a copy into your home.

## +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:** Elsbeth Costa, Kevin Byron, John Sanders, Frank Kovacevic, Barry Hishion and all who have died from Covid-19.

**Anniversary:** Lisa Kains, Donald Jeffcoate, Malcom Gibbons, Cardinal James Freeman, Luigina Fabbro, George Stevenson, Bishop Patrick Murphy, Peter Hunt, Eric Willoughby

**St Mary's Primary School** 97270000 Principal Monica Palmer

**Playgroup** - Thursdays in the hall at 8.45am - bring your littles, they'll have lots of fun

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

## 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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## Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

13 March 2022

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



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

Reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion *Come Back to Me*. Have you picked up your free booklet? Spiritual reflections on the Gospels during Lent to assist with individual or group prayer, either in-person or online.

Please take a copy home or download it from the *Go Make Disciples* website at

[www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

## First Holy Communion 2022

We welcome these children and their families and pray that their faith will be strengthened on this journey.

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

The Sacraments



## Project Compassion

The 2022 theme of Project Compassion is "For All Future Generations". It challenges us to venture into a new experience of compassion. Please collect Project Compassion boxes or envelopes from the church.

## What are you doing for Lent this year? Some suggestions:

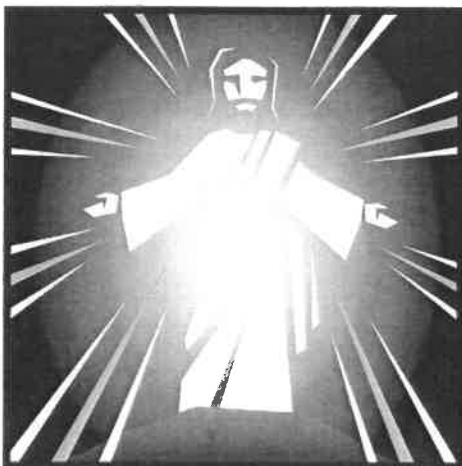
+Stations of the Cross: 7pm Fridays during Lent.

+You could attend an extra Mass on a weekday. Tues - 6pm, Wed, Thurs, Fri - 9am

+How about making the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Sat. 4pm or by appointment.

+Praying the Rosary - join us before every weekday Mass.

+Connect with people who may be lonely - phone that friend you haven't seen for some time.



### Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:*

*this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### Gospel Lk 9:28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *bodysoul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

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# The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

13 March 2022

### First Reading Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

*'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1**

*(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' (R.)

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

### Second Reading Phil 3:17 – 4:1 or Phil 3:20 – 4:1 (shorter form)

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.