



# 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

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time this weekend. We pray for these children that their love of Jesus will be strengthened by this sacrament.



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



End poverty  
Promote justice  
Uphold dignity

## 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).

## Caring Young Parishioner

Rebecca, a young girl from our primary school, with the help of her family, held a lemonade stand after 10am Mass last weekend. An impressive \$1007.20 was raised and will be donated to the Diocese of Lismore 2022 Flood Appeal account. Thank you to all the parishioners who supported this cause. Congratulations Rebecca on such a great effort!



## Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

20 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).

## 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.
- +How about receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation?  
+Praying the Rosary
- +Connect with people who may be lonely. (A phone call might be enough)

## 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.

*Jesus believes a sinner has a future, not just a past.  
We think about the story of the fig tree in this week's Gospel.*

**St Mary's Primary School** 97270000 Principal Monica Palmer  
Playgroup - Thursdays in the hall at 8.45am - bring your littlies, they'll have lots of fun  
Please meet at front of the church Enquiries: [natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au)

## The Catholic Weekly

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

## Parish Council

Fr Laurie is keen to refresh and expand our Parish Council.  
Please give some thought as to who you think should be nominated to be on it.

## +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:** Robert Lawler, Eileen Regan, Heather Bellach, Mary Bentley, Silverio Toigo, Eilee Pullicino, Iris Caruana

**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 Acclamation Mt 4:17

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### Gospel Lk 13:1-9

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything they did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished

so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by:

watering us with the waters of baptism;

pruning us, especially during Lent;

nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

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# The Living Word

Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

20 March 2022

### First Reading Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.