



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.

May they join us every weekend.



Palm Sunday is next weekend 9 and 10 April

Palms and Olive Branches

Palms and olive branches are needed for Passion/Palm Sunday. If you can donate some, please bring them to the church on Friday 8 April and place them in the chapel. You are welcome to bring some for personal use on Palm Sunday.



Rosters for Holy Week

If you can assist with any of the ministries, please write your details on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you

Preparing church for Easter Vigil

We need volunteers to help set up the church for the Easter Vigil Mass.

Please come and help at 10am on Sat. 16 April

† Holy Week Ceremonies †

Holy Thursday

7.30pm - Mass of Last Supper

Including washing of feet and procession with the blessed sacrament.

Good Friday

10am - Stations of the Cross

Procession around the parish grounds

3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday

7pm - Easter Vigil

Including blessing of the fire, blessing of the Paschal candle

Easter Sunday

8am, 10am - Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tues 5 April after 6pm Mass. Fri. 8 April 7.30pm

Holy Thursday 14 April after the evening Mass.

The Season of Lent



Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C

3 April 2022

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*. 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

What are you doing for Lent? Some suggestions:

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

+You could attend an extra Mass on a weekday.

+How about making the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

+Praying the Rosary

+Connect with people who may be lonely. (A phone call might be enough)



Project Compassion

Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

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.

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.

Covid 19 is still spreading.

Please sanitise hands when coming into church.

You are encouraged to wear masks if able.

Choir Practice

There will be choir practice on Thurs 7 April at 7 pm in preparation for the Easter Vigil Mass 16 April. New members are always welcome. Please ring Pat Falvy on 0425 219 660

St Mary's Primary School 9727 0000 **Principal** Monica palmer

Playgroup - Thursdays in the hall at 8.30am - bring your littlies, they'll have lots of fun.

Please meet at the church. Enquiries: natalie.goetz@svd.catholic.edu.au

+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.

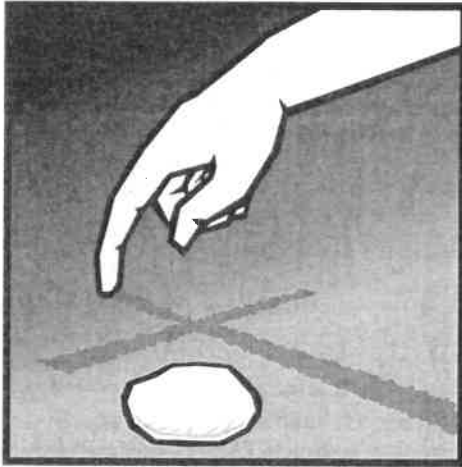
Recently Deceased: Elsbeth Costa, Kevin Byron and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Pope John Paul II, Emma Falconer, Barbara Evans, George Abel, Umberto Busuttil,

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

*Jesus believes a sinner has a future, not just a past.
In the Gospel Jesus does not condemn the sinful woman.*



Gospel Jn 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in full view of everybody.' She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust.

It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour.

Up till now, *no-one* has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future.

We could pause for a moment to allow Jesus the time to look at us, talk to us, in that way. Do you have the courage to 'lock eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences?

'The eyes have it.'

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The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

3 April 2022

First Reading Is 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears

will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation JI 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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