



# 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

## Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

24 April 2022

This Sunday is popularly known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a *Sister of Mercy* in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday of Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy.



Celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Feast of Mercy!

## ANZAC Day Mass – 9am



This day marks the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers at Gallipoli during the Great War of 1914-1918. It has become *National Day of Remembrance* in which we honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The liturgy recognises the sacrifice of the fallen, commends them to eternal life, and prays

that the justice and peace which they sought to defend may dwell in our lands.

**Morning tea will be served after Mass.** Parishioners are invited to:

1. come to Mass, bring a plate of food to share – eg, home-made sweets, ANZAC biscuits, damper...
2. bring photos of loved ones who were veterans, place them in the reflection area
3. volunteer to assist, particularly our Veterans, to serve as Acolytes, Altar Servers, Proclaimers of The Word. Or, can you help to set up and clean up afterwards?

Enquiries - please email [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)



*People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.*

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Parent/carer information night: Tuesday 26 April at 7pm. in the church.

Any issues or enquiries, please email [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

## What are those Easter Envelopes For?

The money from these envelopes goes to a Central Fund that attends to the needs of the priests of the Archdiocese. These include sick priests, priests in special works, migrant chaplains and priests undertaking further studies. Some of these priests are often "out of sight, out of mind" but they need to be supported. Please give them some consideration especially at this time.



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Promote justice  
Uphold dignity

## 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](http://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.



## Vale Roger Boyle

Long-time parishioner, Roger Boyle passed away recently. His funeral will be held on 3 May at 11am at Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood. Sincere condolences to his family.

## Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services operate an OSHC facility to provide before, afterschool and vacation care for our primary school children.

Interested? please contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628 or

Email: [scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au)



## 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@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au)

## +Please Remember in your prayers:

**Sick:** Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, Jenny Tankard, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward & all infected with COVID-19.

**Recently Deceased:** Roger Boyle, Bourke Gibbons, Gina Simonelli, Elsbeth Costa, Kevin Byron

**Anniversary:** Kathleen Connor, Mary Balbi, Irene Best, Reno Caruna, Harry Gibbons, Karen Richards, Vasco Zenere, Clarice Lee

## 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)



'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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# The Living Word

Second Sunday of Easter, Year C

24 April 2022

## First Reading Acts 5:12-16

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v.1**

*(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the true God is our light. (R.)

## Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me;*

*happy those who have not seen me, but  
still believe!*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'