



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



Charitable Works Fund Appeal *this weekend.*

Our quota for this appeal is \$4225
(The shortfall will have to come out of our parish savings)
Money raised will assist the many agencies of the Church.
Donations over \$2 are 100% Tax deductible.



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Office hours: Wed: 9.30am-4.00pm

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Streaming: <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>

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

Parish Meeting



Fr Laurie would like to have a general **parish meeting** soon.
We would like to know what the best time and day of the week would be most suitable for parishioners. We hope to have many attending.
Please let us know by email, phone etc asap.

Sacrament of Confirmation



Children enrolled in the Confirmation Program will attend lessons again this week.
Please keep these children in your prayers.
Any enquiries, please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 May 2022



Happy Mother's Day

Thank you and God bless you to all our mums.

A Mother's Day Blessing

Blessed is the mother who lets the Lord be her guiding hand,
whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from
God, and whose children still stand and honour her.

May is traditionally the month of Mary

We will have **Rosary and Benediction on Fridays of May at 7pm**

You are invited to come and honour Mary in a special way.

Free Rosary Beads and prayer cards - available at the back of the church.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say, 'yes' to God." ~ Pope Francis



Musicians and singers needed for our weekend Masses

Petition opposing the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Please help us to protect life 'from womb to tomb'

All human life has an inherent value and must be treated with dignity and respect.

Please sign the PETITION this weekend.

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.

Contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628 or Email: 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 littles, they'll have lots of fun.

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

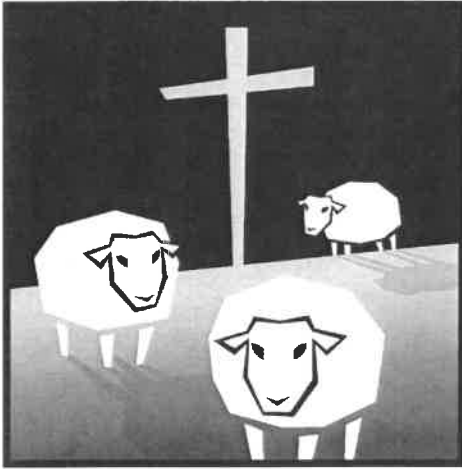
+Please Remember in your prayers:

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Ray Weaver, Gina Simonelli, Roger Boyle, Bourke Gibbons, Elsbeth Costa,
Anniversary: All our deceased mums, Nouhad Khodr-Chah, Vasco Zenera, John Barlow, Harry Nasser, Olga Willoughby, Mary Barlow

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@sydnecatholic.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



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

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Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is

greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

8 May 2022

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'