



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



Parish meeting - 5 June - 11am in the church.

Fr Laurie invites all parishioners to a general parish meeting.
Please come along and show your interest and support.
Feel free to contact parish office regarding any items you think could be on the agenda.
Morning tea will be provided

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Office hours: Wed: 9.30am-4.00pm

Facebook: fb.me/smgh2

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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



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

St Mary's Primary School - 9727 0000 Principal: Monica palmer

Playgroup - Returning Thursday 21 July Enquiries: natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au

A Welcoming Community

We sincerely hope that any new parishioners or visitors will always feel welcome when they come to our masses.
May they find sincerity among us.

Covid-19

Infections are still happening in the community.
Please use **sanitiser** whenever you enter our church and make special efforts to minimise any chance of infection.
Masks are strongly recommended.

CWF Appeal

Big Thank You to all who contributed.



Musicians and singers needed for our weekend Masses

If you are musically gifted please think about helping.

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariqz Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nelme, Vic Ryan, Jenny Tankard, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward & all infected with COVID-19.
Recently Deceased: Anna Maresso, Judge Peter Zahra, Lucia Vaccaro, Roger Boyle, Bourke Gibbons, Elsbeth Costa, Kevin Byron and all who have died from Covid-19.
Anniversary: Antoune Bakhos, Kevin Davies, Marie Hishion, June Ryan, Eric Milligan

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022



May - the month of Mary - Pray the Rosary

Join us as we pray the **Rosary** and **Benediction** on **Fridays of May** at 7pm
You are invited to come along and honour Mary in a special way.
Free Rosary Beads and prayer cards - available at the back of the church.

Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians - Tuesday 24 May

There will be 9am Mass with our school children and another at 6pm

The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage with the title **Help of Christians**.

We continue to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

Sacrament of Confirmation

will be conferred at 11am next Saturday by Bishop Danny Meagher
Please pray for our candidates.

Children enrolled in the Confirmation Program will attend lessons again this week.

Special session including rehearsal for all candidates this **Fri.27 May at 4pm**

Any enquiries, please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



"Walk with Christ" Procession returns Sunday 19 June

Commencing at 2.30pm from corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place



Gospel Jn 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

22 May 2022

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!