



# Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



## Attention: All Art and Craft Lovers

On **Tues. 12 July** we are setting up a space where we can meet, chat and craft. It will be a friendly space where we can share or learn a craft or finish that project that has been hiding in a cupboard. So, bring your sewing, knitting, art etc. as well as some lunch. It will be open to all so bring a friend. Morning tea will be provided just bring your own cup. We look forward to seeing you in the Hall from **10am to 2pm**. **Enquiries: Pauline - 9791 0098**

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Facebook: [fb.me/smgh2](https://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

## 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.

## Ministries within the parish

There are many ways people can be involved in the life of our parish. Please take a ministry sheet and think about how you can be involved. You may then indicate which ministries you would like to take part in and place it on one of the collection plates. Enquiries, please email [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

## 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.

**Musicians and singers needed for our weekend Masses**  
If you are musically gifted, please think about helping.

## Our Prayers at Mass

*Please let us all make a special effort to **slow down** during our prayers or readings at our Masses.*

## 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 - Returning Thursday 21 July** Enquiries: [natalie.goetz@svd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:natalie.goetz@svd.catholic.edu.au)

**+Please Remember in your prayers:**

**Sick:** Paul Ahad, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Christine Hughes, Rosemary Levack, 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:** Rodney Laba, Valerie Ingram, Ivan Colak, Evelyn Garretty, Lester Piggott.

**Anniversary:** Rosario Cappellieri, Mary Barlow, Margaret Wheeler, Giuseppe Sestito, Alan Kurlle, Roger Hogan, Joseph Nohra, Lorna Heredia, Attilio Colussi

## 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)

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 June 2022



## First Reconciliation for Children in Year 3 or above

In Term 4 we hope to have First Holy Communion for those in Year 3 or above after they have received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in Term 3.

**Reconciliation** will be available for children who have completed **proper preparation**.

This will include **attending weekend Masses** and **special classes**.

An **Information Night for parents/guardians** is being held on **Tues. 28 June at 7-pm**.

Parents must attend the meeting. Any issues please email [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

## 2022 World Meeting of Families

The 10<sup>th</sup> World meeting of Families will be hosted in Rome this year from 22-26 June. On **Sat.25 June**, the Sydney archdiocese is hosting a Pilgrimage where families can go to 8 different parishes to visit and pray.

Children can collect stickers to go into their Pilgrimage Passport and show it to the information desk on Sunday's festivities at St Mary's Cathedral to receive a small prize to enter into a lucky draw.

On **Sunday 26 June at 10.30am** there will be a special Mass and blessing of families by the Archbishop.

Afterwards there will be a Festival of Families

beside the Cathedral with free food, coffee, live music and activities for children.

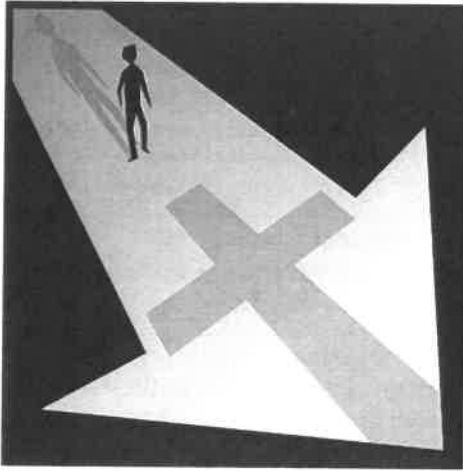
Family Guidebooks and Children's Pilgrimage Passes are available in the church



## Feast Days This Week -

28 June - Saint Irenaeus

29 June - Saints Peter and Paul



### Gospel Lk 9:51-62

*Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jews and Samaritans were of a different ethnic mix and were religious adversaries – a volatile mix. It was not surprising that Samaritans refused Jesus entry to their villages 'because he was making for Jerusalem', the Jewish centre of worship.

What is surprising is that after several years with Jesus, James and John had not absorbed his teaching and practice of non-violence in dealing with enemies. They wanted to annihilate those they considered to be heretics. We are told that Jesus immediately 'turned and rebuked them'.

How many times must the Risen Lord have 'turned and rebuked' Christians for their murderous dealing with religious adversaries over the centuries? How often, in our own time, is He rebuking those seeking to wipe out those of 'heretical' views, either outside or within their own religious tradition? How must He be weeping at the genocidal carnage being wreaked on his own disciples, and those of other faiths, in the religious terror of the Middle East?

We might pause for a moment to seek forgiveness for the times we have wished a personal or larger-scale enemy to be done away with – lest the rebuke of the Prince of Peace ring in our self-righteous ears.

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# The Living Word

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

26 June 2022

### First Reading 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

*Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5**

*(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.*

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize. *(R.)*
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *(R.)*
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. *(R.)*

4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. *(R.)*

### Second Reading Gal 1:13-18

*My brothers, you were called to freedom.*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

### Gospel Acclamation 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life.*

*Alleluia!*