



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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 July 2022

Parish Feast Day - 10am Mass 21 August 2022

We are going to come together at the **10am Mass** to celebrate our **parish feast day "Our Lady Queen of Heaven"**. A special day for all - please try to come and celebrate. Bring flowers to present to Mary if you are able and enjoy a **morning tea** afterwards to celebrate together. If you can bring something for the morning tea that is great, but if not - just come along to celebrate anyway.

Our faith is more important than Covid!!

We all need to nurture our faith and the faith of our families.

ALL WELCOME



First Reconciliation for Children in Year 3 or above

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

Any issues please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne - 26 July

Joachim and Anne are names of Mary's parents in a late second century tradition.

Churches dedicate to **Saint Anne** are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century. The Feast of **Saint Anne** was kept in Rome by the eighth century and that of **Saint Joachim** from the fifteenth century.



The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

COVID-19

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

Masks are strongly recommended.

Craft Group

Our next craft group on **16 August** at 10am. Enquiries: Pauline 9791 0098

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.

Enquiries, please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Safeguarding our Children

Please let us all be aware about the safety of our children at all times. If you notice something that may be harmful, please report it.

CatholicCare

Did you know that CatholicCare are the social services agency of the Catholic Church in Sydney?

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.

Musicians and singers needed for our weekend Masses

If you are musically gifted, please think about helping.



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

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Paul Ahad, Patrick Carroll, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, 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: Stephen Kolodziej, Bev Williamson, Irma Buoro, Patricia Kriss, Tony Corkeron, Garry Wheeler,

Anniversary: Robert Tankard, Ottavino Fomer, Giovanni Porreca, Greg Willoughby, Emma Götz, Elizabeth Neville

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

+ Funeral for the late Irma Buoro will be on Friday 29 June at 10.30am.+



Gospel Lk 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in
debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'

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The Living Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

24 July 2022

First Reading Gn 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v.3

*(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have received the Spirit which makes
us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!*