



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Monday 8 August Mass at 9am

Mary Mackillop was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children.



Feast of St Lawrence Wed. 10 August Mass at 9am.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 15 August. Masses will be at
9am and 7pm 5.30pm Vietnamese



Craft Group

Next craft group: 10am - 16 August. 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.

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.

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

+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: Eric Sanders, George Kains, George Faulkner, Shirley Barlow, Giuseppe Zamai

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

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Office hours: Wed: 9.30am-4.00pm

Facebook: fb.me/smgh2

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 August 2022

Parish Feast Day - 10am Mass 21st 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 are able to contribute to the morning tea that is great (just bring your donation on the day), but if not - just come along to celebrate anyway.

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.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal - next weekend.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.



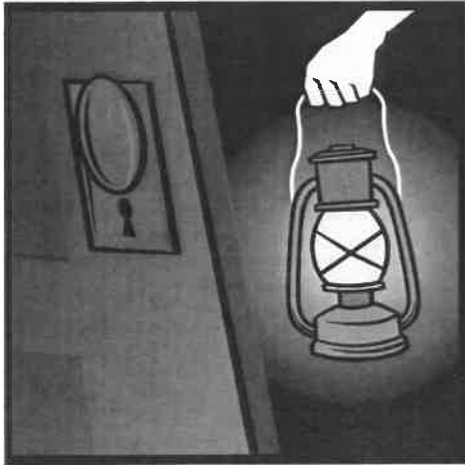
Tax Receipts

Please collect Tax receipts from the back of the church.

COVID-19 is still spreading.

Please **use sanitiser** when you enter our church.

Masks are strongly recommended.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Commonwealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all peoples throughout the world.

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'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Living Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

7 August 2022

First Reading Ws 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.