



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

Bus Trip - Bowral Tulips - 22 September

It's been many months since our last adventure and now, the tulips of the Southern Highlands are waiting to greet you. Thursday 22 September.

Cost \$25 - includes return bus and entry into Corbett Gardens.

Morning tea, lunch and drinks extra. Limited to first 20 guests.

Enquiries: Lorraine Impala.



Change in weekday masses.

Over the **next 4 weeks** the only weekday mass will be on **Fridays at 9am**
Normal weekday masses will resume on **Tues.27 September**

Feast Days this week

29 Aug - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

3 September - Saint Gregory the Great

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. .

Tax Receipts

Please collect Tax receipts from the back of the church.

Planned Giving Envelopes

New sets of planned giving envelopes are available to collect at the back of the church.
Please collect your set . If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please email:

parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

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 - Thursday during school term in the hall, meet at 8.45am out the front of the church near Our Lady's statue. Enquiries: natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Jack Bush, Paul Ahad, Patrick Carroll, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Rosemary Levack, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, Jenny Tankard, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward. **Recently Deceased:** Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Phyllis Santamaria, Stephen Kolodziej, Bev Williamson, Irma Buoro
Anniversaries: Ivan Dening, Noel Sanders, Eugene Bugden, Marwood Moore, Clair McHugh, John Ball, Margaret Fulton

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 August 2022



Parish Feast Day Celebration

Thank you to EVERYONE who assisted and celebrated our parish patron, St Mary Queen of Heaven.
Such a glorious day! The diversity of our parish was acknowledged in the Prayers of the Faithful recited in various languages, the cutting of our Happy Feast Day celebration cake, the surprise cake to celebrate Father Laurie's 45th anniversary of his ordination. After Mass a wonderful morning tea feast provided by and enjoyed by so many parishioners.

Fr Laurie would like to sincerely thank all the well-wishers on his Anniversary.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our parish children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during last week.

Safeguarding our Children

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

COVID-19 is still spreading

Please **use sanitiser** when you enter our church.
Masks are strongly recommended.

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



Gospel Lk 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

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The Living Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

- The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. *(R.)*
- Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. *(R.)*

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!