



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

Charitable Works Fund Appeal – this weekend

CWF helps the Archdiocese to fund the many agencies the Sydney Church operates throughout the year. (See special envelope)

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



Tax Receipts

Please collect Tax receipts from the back of the church.

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.



Choir Practice

Choir practice on Thurs 18 Aug. at 7pm in preparation for 10am Mass on Sunday 21 August
New members are always welcome. Please ring Pat Falvy on 0425 219 660.

Craft Group

Next craft group: 10am - 16 August in the Emmaus Room. Enquiries: Pauline 9791 009

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.

De La Salle College Ashfield Reunion

Reunion dinner on 25 Nov. Mass in Chapel 6pm, Dinner \$80 per head.
Call the College - 9707 3200 to purchase tickets. RSVP Friday 4 November

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.

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: Paul Ahad, Patrick Carroll, Kate Cheney, 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, Ross Williamson
Recently Deceased: Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Phyllis Santamaria, Stephen Kolodziej, Bev Williamson, Irma Buoro
Anniversaries: Catherine Kleinman, Julio Rega, Kevin Spencer, Patricia Francis, Anthony Howard, Jack Willoughby, Giuseppe Versace

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 August 2022

Parish Feast Day Celebration at the 10am Mass 21st Aug. (next Sunday)

"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!!

There will be 9am Mass on Monday the 22 Aug. which is the actual Feast Day.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 15 August

This is a Holy Day of obligation.

This feast was called the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God."

It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and renamed "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul.

Mass will be held at: 9am & 7pm

5.30pm in Vietnamese



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. Pleaser 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 Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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The Living Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulfulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.