



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven

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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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 October 2022



October - the month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is a particular month in our Catholic church when we honour and pray to Mary.

Let us pray the Rosary together on Tuesday at 5.30pm and a decade of the Rosary before every Mass during October.

First Holy Communion

**An Information Night for parents/carers is being held on
Thursday 13 October at 7pm.**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Term 4 for children in Year 3 (or older) who have completed proper preparation which includes attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis and attending at least 4 sacramental lessons.



Priests' Retirement Fund Appeal next weekend

The Priest's Retirement Foundation of the Archdiocese of Sydney ensures all priests can receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement. Next weekend we have an opportunity to support our Priest's in retirement. Please be generous. **100%tax deductible.**

**PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION**

Tax Receipts and Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect Tax receipts from the back of the church. New sets of planned giving envelopes are available to collect at the back of the church. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Safeguarding our Children

Please let us all be always aware of the safety of our children.

If you notice something that may be harmful, please report it immediately.

Read the Catholic Weekly: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

Please keep in mind that no matter what many in our modern society say, we believe that abortion kills human babies.

Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

COVID-19 is still spreading

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

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.



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@svd.catholic.edu.au

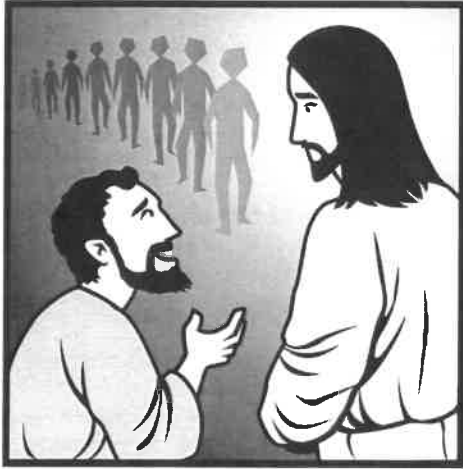
+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Paul Abad, Patrick Carroll, Kate Cheney, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Barbara Kains, Rosemary Lewack, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, Jenny Tankard, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward, Ross Williamson

Recently Deceased: Ron Roberts, Margaret Holmes, Joana Mira, Jack Bush, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Phyllis Santamaria, Stephen Kolodziej, Bev Williamson

Anniversaries: Ray Dean, John Hishion, Joanna Sestito, Yasmin Hanna, Youseff Laba, Youseff Hanna, Denis Buckley

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 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you *salvation*.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is diseased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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The Living Word

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First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!