



# 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

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 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

**Commitment Mass and Family Mass at 10am Sunday this weekend.**

We welcome FHC children & their families to Mass this weekend.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated during 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 lessons.**

Parents, if you missed the Information Night during the week, please speak to Father Laurie or email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)



**PRIESTS'  
RETIREMENT  
FOUNDATION**

### Priests' Retirement Fund Appeal this 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. This weekend we have an

opportunity to support our Priest's in retirement. Please be generous **100% Tax Deductible**



### Bowral Tulip Festival

What a day - to start with heavy rain, all aboard the coach with our umbrellas and our Frankie, the best ever driver. Scenery was beautiful and county air - fresh. First stop breakfast for our bacon and



egg McMuffins and cupcakes. We walked around in groups to look at all the beautiful tulips in all their glorious colours. We formed a group around the tulip rock for a photo of us all with our umbrellas. A quick lunch, people everywhere due to the public holiday Thursday. Back on the bus to come home, the rain stopped, and the sun came out for our scenic drive back home. I thank you all for behaving and being such awesome 'little vegemites'.

You are all welcome to come again, next trip Christmas! Regards, Lorraine

**COVID-19 is still around - Please use sanitiser** when you enter our church.

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

### Feast Days this week

17 October - Saint Ignatius

18 - Saint Luke

### Giving Envelopes

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto: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.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au)

### +Please Remember in your prayers:

**Sick:** Paul Ahad, Patrick Carroll, Kate Cheney, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Barbara Kains, 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:** Ron Roberts, Margaret Holmes, Queen Elizabeth II, Jozef Lukasiewicz, Joana Mira, Jack Bush

**Anniversaries:** Maria Binh Nguyen, Mervyn Thopson, Joseph Fitch, Jan Runger, Ronald Moran, George Turner, Mick Lawler, Les Best Snr, Remo Raffin

**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](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)



### Gospel Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is *not* saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus is saying we need to pray like that widow.

Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me.

Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning.

We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

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# The Living Word

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### First Reading Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

*(R.) Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. (R.)

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and  
coming  
both now and for ever. (R.)

### Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

### Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives  
of our heart.*

*Alleluia!*