



# 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

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 October 2022

### All Saints Day Tuesday 1st Nov.

Masses 9am and 7pm (5.30pm Vietnamese)

### All Souls Day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

Masses 9am and 7pm (6pm Vietnamese)

November is the month of the Holy Souls,  
a month in which we pray for our faithful departed.

Please use the November Masses envelopes which will be placed near the altar.

**Tue.8th Nov. 6 pm Mass** will be a *Candlelight Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.*

Please bring a photo of your loved one. These photos will be placed around the altar.

### First Holy Communion

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, please speak to Father Laurie or email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)



**No Vietnamese Masses at St Mary's this weekend.**  
**Marian Feast Day celebrations will be at Bringelly**

### Hospitality next weekend

A chance to catch up after Mass next weekend over coffee and cake. All are welcome to bring a plate of food to share and stay after Mass to catch up. We will have the opportunity to welcome Year 1 families at the 10am Mass.



### Altar Linen, Cleaning and Ministries



The above rosters run out at the end of November. If you can help to wash linen, count the money collected or vacuum and clean our church, please add your contact details to the lists at the back of the church.

### House of Welcome - Milk for Mates

We are collecting 1 litre long life milk for our mates at the House of Welcome who support the refugee families in our area. Please place in the crates at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

### Chat and Craft Day

Tues 1 Nov 10am-2pm in the Emmaus Room. Access via school office. All welcome. Enquiries: Pauline 9791 0098

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Lorna Basha** who has achieved **30 years' service** as a Catechist in our public school. Lorna will attend Mass at the Cathedral next Sunday in honour of our Catechists.

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

### 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 iCentre, 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 Lukaszewicz, Joana Mira, Jack Bush  
**Anniversaries:** Anthony Impala, George McHugh, John Smith, Brenton Dewhurst, Noelene Kachel, Chiarina Strambio

**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 including quarterly newsletters) in the church - parishioners are welcome to view. Enquiries: Veronica via [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)



## Gospel Lk 19:1-10

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character!

'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming.

We could pause for a moment to pray to become more conscious of the gaze of the Divine Seer. There could be 'over-the-top' consequences!

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# The Living Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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## First Reading Wis 11:22-12:2

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1**

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11-2:2

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,**

**that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**