



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



Working Bee - 17 December
BIG THANK YOU to those who came along and helped.
Your contribution of time and effort are truly appreciated.
It is a wonderful thing when parishioners work together.

Good News

The Archbishop has given the parish permission to borrow \$600000 for the construction of our Parish Centre.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to those who donated.
Donations over \$2 are 100% Tax deductible.



Christmas Rosters - shown on the back of the church main door.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you for your donations of long-life food and gifts.

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Office hours: Wed: 9.30am-4.00pm

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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 December 2022



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 6pm

Carols 11.30pm

Midnight

Christmas Day 8am and 10am

(Vietnamese 5.30pm Christmas Day)

Reconciliation during Advent.

Tues.20 Dec. 6.30pm to 7.30pm Sat.24 Dec. 11 to 12noon and 4 to 4.30pm



Christmas Eve 6pm Mass

6pm Mass on Christmas Eve children are invited to dress up as shepherds and angels.

Jesus is the reason for the season.

STAY AWAKE! Prepare for the Coming of Christ - Advent Companion 2022

advent is here. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Pick up your free advent Companion at the back of the church or download on the

Go Make Disciples website at www.gomakedisciples.org.au

Please note: No 9am Mass this Wed.21Dec.

Altar Server Training

Children in Year 3 or older who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to volunteer to be trained as Altar Servers. Parents, if your child is interested, please contact: Bernie (8am Acolyte) on 0412 227 554

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



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 the OSHC on 0438 118 864 or veenita.chand@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

+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 Levack, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Margaret Rixon, Vic Ryan, Jenny Tankard, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward, Ross Williamson, Sandor Toth

Recently Deceased: John Kolodziej, Michael Slattery, Elizabeth McVean, Hilda Freeburn, Margaret Holmes

Anniversaries: Gordon King, John McHugh, Ellen Neville, Dennis Graham, Thomas Bugden

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 including quarterly newsletters) in the church - parishioners are welcome to view. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



Gospel Mt 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him.

If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!

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The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

18 December 2022

First Reading Is 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:
'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the
patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

*(R.) Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.*

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the
Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure
heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel:
God is with us.*

Alleluia!