

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



Feast of Christ the King | Year A | Sunday 22nd November 2020



Mission Statement:

We the St Mary Queen of Heaven parish, are called to be a strong, loving, caring family united in faith. Guided by the Spirit of Jesus we desire to use our diverse talents to reach out and encourage others. We cherish the living tradition of our Catholic church and will seek to heal misunderstandings and hurt in our midst so that Jesus' prayer may be realised, "Father may they be one, as you and I are one."

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A Message from Fr Joseph

Today's responsorial psalm reminds me of the Sunday School teacher who decided to have his young class memorize Psalm 23 and gave them a month to do so. Little Anthony, one the boys in the class, was very excited about the task but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the whole congregation, Anthony was very nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

In many respects, Anthony got it. All we really need to know is that the Lord is our shepherd. And that he cares for us. The first reading from Ezekiel is filled with words and phrases that exhibit this care: "look after"; "tend"; "rescue"; "pasture"; "give them rest"; "seek out"; "bring back"; "bind up the injured"; "heal the sick". Christ our Lord is

A supreme leader, not only for our personal lives, but also for our social lives and the whole meaning and future direction of the world. The kingship of Christ that we celebrate today is a kingship of care. Care for all but particularly for the least ones: the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, the ones in prison. We, as the disciples of Jesus, are invited to care for these because in doing so we care for Jesus who identifies with these least ones. Today's feast both consoles as well as challenges us. We are consoled by the Lord's care for us, which is indeed comforting during these days of the new start at Advent. At the same time, we are reminded that we are called to care for one another, particularly the least among us.

Today is the last Sunday of that journey for this year. We trust Lord Jesus and surrender everything into His hands. Next Sunday we begin celebrating Advent as we once again begin that journey to remind ourselves who we are and whose we are.

EACH WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

SATURDAY:

Mass // 9am
Reconciliation // 4pm
Vigil Mass (English) // 5pm
Vigil Mass (Vietnamese) // 6.30pm

SUNDAY:

Mass (English) // 8am, 10am, 5pm
Mass (Vietnamese) // 3pm

MONDAY:

Mass // 8am
Prayer Group in the Chapel // 5.00pm

TUESDAY

Holy Hour and Rosary // 5pm
Mass // 6pm

WEDNESDAY

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

THURSDAY

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

FRIDAY

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Saturday 21:

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 22:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday 23:

Saint Clement 1 and Saint Columban

Tuesday 24:

St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Wednesday 25:

St Catherine of Alexandria

Friday 27:

Set up Nativity and Christmas Trees // 6.00pm

Saturday 28:

Blessing of Nativity // 5.00pm

Sunday 29:

1st Sunday of Advent Year B

"Our worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace."

— Jerry Bridges, The Discipline of Grace: God's Role and Our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

Bourke Gibbons
Christina Apolinario
Daniel Matesic, Daniel Clarke
David Sanders, Denis Kin
Eddie Marks, Eileen Ellery
Heather Graham
John Sanders, Kerry Gibbons
Margaret Ward, Marie Reich
Paul Roughley, Phillip Nehme
Romela Onkowitz
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass
Vic Ryan, Warren Clarke

Recently Deceased:

Peter McMartin
Dawn (Lawrence) McHugh
Franco Calligaro
Eunice Davis, Giuseppe Versace
Elaine Boys

Remembrances:

Joseph Webbe
Paul Loc Van Phan
Maria Thi Tuu Nguyen
Rosario Ivan Kucic (2017)
Sylwester Szatan (2019)
Attilio Colussi

Anniversaries:

Gino Zanet, Anthony Graham
Mario Larocca (2010)
Thomas Henry Enright
Stephano Imbruglia
Terese Imbruglia
Travis Xavier Rogers
Teresa Stevenson
Travis Rogers, Kathleen Kelly
Harold Smith, Michael Morgan
Giovanna Zanella
Severina D'amico
Elizabeth Carter, Kathleen Kelly
Harold Smith, Michael Morgan
Giovanna Zanella
Severina D'amico, Paul Boucher
Josephine Bezzina
Elva May Cuneen, Albert Gotz
Romeo Toigo, Giovanni Cuiuli

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.
Amen.



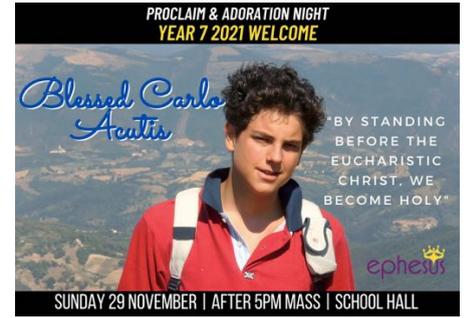
Youth Corner (Ephesus)

Last month, the Church beatified Carlo Acutis, a young Catholic computer programmer who died in 2006 at the age of 15. He is on his way to being the first millennial Saint and is an inspiration to many young Catholics!

On the 29th of November, we'll be looking at the ministry of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

There will also be the opportunity to spend time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

We would also like to invite our 2021 Year 7's to join us for this amazing night!



St Mary's Primary School



Over the last two weeks we have welcomed our 2021 Kindergarten group for a visit to our beautiful school.

The boys and girls visited in small groups and experienced some fun activities such as watering the garden, playing on the playground equipment, dancing, reading and some craft.

We wish our new Kindergarten students every blessing as they start school next year.

Sacraments

- **Baptism:** Any weekend Mass or Sundays at 11am; bookings via Parish office.
- **Marriage:** At least 6 months notice is needed, a preparation course is required.
- **Reconciliation:** Sat @ 4.00pm or by appointment, please contact Fr Joseph.

Family & Faith

LOOK CLOSER... King of Heaven.

Jesus' kingdom is not based on power or control, but loving invitation. Everyone is invited to be part of it but not all will enter it, for our actions towards others will speak of our willingness to live in love and peace in His kingdom.

WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER SPACE?

A Crown.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and bring us to everlasting life in your kingdom Amen.



LAST WEEKEND FOR MILK FOR MATES

We are coming to the end of our collection of 1 litre cartons of long life milk for our mates at the House of Welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

We will be delivering our donations to the Food Bank at Granville next Wednesday.



So far we have collected 1,282 litres!

The students enjoyed a Mufti Day on Friday as a reward for collecting over 1,000 litres.



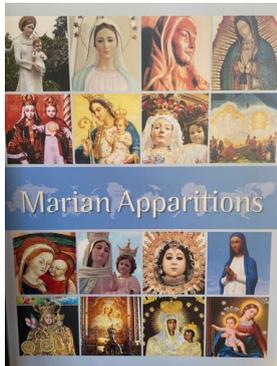
Our lived streamed masses are available from <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>



Parish Notices

Marian Apparitions Display

For three weeks, we have displays around the church of the many apparitions of Mary. You are invited to come, read and reflect on the places around the world where Our Mother has appeared. It is a great opportunity for us to reflect on the presence of Our Lady Queen of Heaven and our spiritual experience.



November Masses

To include your loved ones in the November Mass devotions, envelopes are available in the church and in your set of planned giving envelopes. To include your loved ones name in the Remembrance Book, complete the form in the folder at the back of the church.

Rosters - Altar Linen, Cleaning, Counting

THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers! It's great to see some new faces! Copies of the Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting Rosters for Dec 2020 - Nov 2021 are available for collection at the main door of the church. If you would like an electronic copy please email veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com

Setting up Nativity - 27 November

Come along and help set up the church for Christmas - Friday 27 November @ 6.00pm - join in to set up and decorate the Christmas trees and set up the nativity scene in front of the Altar. Everyone Welcome! Blessing of the nativity will take place on Saturday 28 November during 5.00pm Mass



Online Donations

It is possible to support your parish by making an online donation from the [website](#) - click on the Support Us link and follow the prompts to donate.

Children's Liturgy

This Sunday - the last Children's Liturgy Sunday for 2020 - parents are invited to read the Gospel and discuss its message with their children, the attached activity sheet and questions may assist, have fun! Please click [HERE](#).

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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. Safeguarding resources are available in the sacristy. Enquiries: veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism. It celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. The feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all of creation.



To help mark this feast **Prayer resources** for parishes and families are available on the Archdiocese of Sydney [website](#).

Preparing for Advent

Advent is a time to slow down and contemplate the Mystery of the Incarnation. Some tips to prepare for Advent:



- Prepare your heart – pray, offer each day to the Holy Family as they begin their journey to Bethlehem
- Learn about Advent – what are the origins, why do we celebrate Advent? Check online.
- Create a sacred prayer space – it can be simple - start with an Advent wreath; three purple candles, a pink one and a white one; a nativity scene
- Stop – set aside some time each day – pray and reflect, attend Mass
- Invite – family and friends to join you in prayer.

Go Make Disciples

Sydney parishes and other Eucharistic communities are being invited to participate in a prayer campaign with a new prayer card. The campaign comes ahead of the launch of Sydney's new Archdiocesan Mission Plan, 'Go Make Disciples', to be launched by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 12 December.

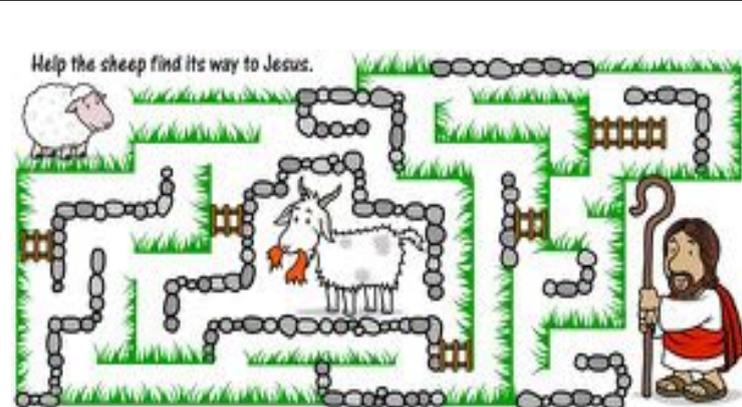


With efforts from the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, 'Go Make Disciples' seeks renewal of all of Sydney's parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ - especially in the Eucharist.

Website: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/>

Prayer Cards have been distributed to all parishes, inviting all to pray for the success of the Mission Plan. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

Children's Corner

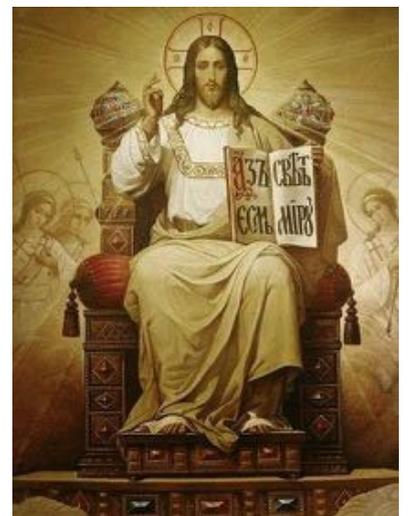


First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Ez 34:11-12. 15-17 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel <i>You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.</i></p> <p>The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.</p>	<p>(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</p> <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)</p> <p>2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)</p> <p>3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)</p> <p>4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. (R.)</p>	<p>1 Cor 15:20-26. 28 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.</i></p> <p>Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.</p>
<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	
<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</p>	<p>1st Sunday of Advent 1st Reading: Is 63:16-17 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9 Gospel: Mk 13:33-37</p>	

Gospel

Mt 25:31-46 - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.