

Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowitz, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Mary Ann Sammut, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Fr Michael McCarthy, Antonia Simeone, George Voss, Fr Reg Wilson and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: All 'who served our country in the armed forces', Anna Migus, Eric Leo Wilkin, Irene Best, Caterina Fraietta, Hugh Fitzpatrick, Anne Venticenne, Reno Caruana, Clarice Lee, Vincent Bradbury, Harry Gibbons, Karen Richards, Bertha Mannion, Rita Linsell, Josef Jungwirth, Alfred Boon, Joseph Charles McNamara, Andrew Nguyen, Janice Carlin, Vasco Zenere, Steven Deegan

PRAYER LIST for the SICK

Is the list above up to date? If your loved one is now well, please let us know by email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com. Thanks.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If you know someone is unable to come to Mass, but they want to receive Communion, please tell Fr Laurie.

Character is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.



Bus trip to Woronora Dam

Join us on **Tuesday 18 May 2021** on a bus Trip to Woronora Dam and surrounding area. A picnic lunch will be provided. If interested please provide details and cost - \$30 in an envelope and place in collection box near the sacristy. Numbers will be limited. Enquiries Lorraine: 9724 9519

Thank you to those supporting our Parish financially.

There are many ways we can support our parish financially:

- (1) Offering envelopes/ Planned Giving Program
- (2) Online Donations via the website.
- (3) Cashless tap devices
- (4) Collection taken up during Sunday Mass.

The 1st collection is to support the priests and the 2nd collection is for our parish expenses.

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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Youth Group: Ephesus

Next Sunday 02 May
6pm - 7.30pm

Join us next Sunday for a night on the Saint of the Year - St Joseph!

Bring a friend or two!

Instagram: @smghephesus

Contact: Grace Mokdassi
gracemokdassi@gmail.com

St Mary's Primary School

Ph: 9727 0000

Principal: Monica Palmer

www.stmgeorgeshall.catholic.edu.au

2022 Enrolments are now open for our school. Tours are held fortnightly, on Tuesdays. Bookings are essential.

Playgroup

8.45am Thursdays in the school hall during school terms

Enquiries:

natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au

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Have you invited someone to join you at Mass lately?



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



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Facebook: fb.me/smgh2

Streaming: <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm
(Preceded by Holy Hour - 5pm)
Wednesday - Friday: 9am
(Preceded by Rosary -8.45am)

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm &
Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:
Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

25 April 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

Go Make Disciples

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese

ANZAC Day – Sunday 25 April

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

We are holding hospitality after the 8am and 10am Masses.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021

There will be a meeting for **parents /carers** in the church on **Tuesday 04 May at 7pm.**

Young people in Year 3 and older may be eligible to receive this Sacrament.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal -15/16 May

Our parish's first Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal for 2021 will be held on the weekend of **May15/16**. The CWF is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish. The CWF supports:

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry; Catholic Care; Chaplaincies - in hospital, prisons and universities; Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD); Ephpheta Centre - services to deaf and hearing impaired and Seminaries..

Donations over \$2 will be 100% tax deductible.



Jesus believes a sinner has a future not jus a past.

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children. and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

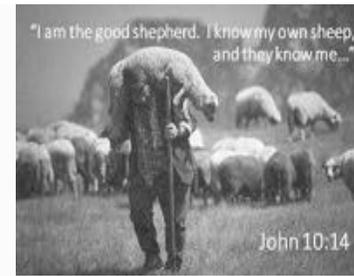
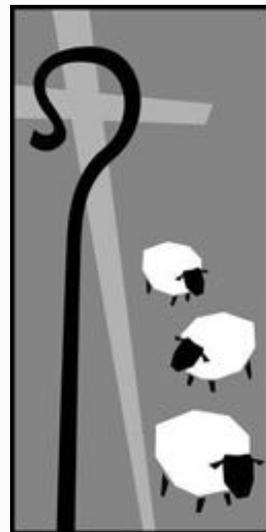
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his
life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the
sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by
my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is "happy sounds". I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.' - Fr Michael Tate

