

### +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 Onkowiedjaja, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

**Recently Deceased:** Mary 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:** John Henry Barlow, John Vassallo, Harry Nasser, Andrew Doan, James King, James Hepples, Andre Doan, Bill Kelly, Olga Willoughby, Teresita Studer, Agatha Bermingham, George King, Mary Barlow, Mimi Ortado, Mary Marjanovic, Mavis Prothgro, Natalina Toigo, Ruth West

### 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](mailto: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.

### Foster Carers Needed

Can you picture yourself being foster carer? Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To learn more about becoming a carer register for their next online information session on Wednesday 26 May, 6.30-7.30pm. Enquiries: [connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org) or 13 18 19.

### 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. Interested please provide details and - \$30 in an envelope and place in collection box near the sacristy. Enquiries Lorraine: 9724 9519



### Supporting our Parish

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 for Archdiocesan priests and the 2nd collection is for our parish's 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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### Youth Group: Ephesus

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week! Our next night will be on 16 May. Instagram: @smghephesus Contact: Grace Mokdassi [gracemokdassi@gmail.com](mailto:gracemokdassi@gmail.com)  
See you at the 5pm mass.

### St Mary's Primary School

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Check out what is happening in our St Mary's Primary School, visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmgeorgehall/>

### Playgroup

8.45am Thursdays in the school hall during school terms.  
[natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au)

*Parents/carers are most welcome to attend our 9am weekday mass after you drop off your children.*



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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

## 9 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

### Happy Mother's Day

Thank you and God bless you to all our mums.

A Mother's Day Blessing

Blessed is the Mother, who lets the Lord be her guiding hand, whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God, and whose children still stand and honour her.



### May - the month of Mary

May is traditionally the month of Mary. We will be honouring Mary by having Rosary and Benediction Fridays of May at 7.00pm.



**Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021.** If you missed the information night on Tuesday evening, please contact Father Laurie asap. Children must attend Mass every weekend during the program.

### National Count of Mass Attendance

We will be counting the congregation again this weekend during the second collection.

This will be done for statistical purposes throughout Australia for future planning.

### Charitable Works Fund Appeal -15/16 May

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal for 2021 will be held on the weekend of May 15/16. The CWF is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. **Donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.**



## First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**The Word of the Lord.**



*Jesus believes a sinner has a future not just a past.*

## Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John  
*God is love.*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Please pray for the parents of children preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation. May they help their children understand that we believe in a very forgiving God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends,

because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



## Reflection

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend' ... this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child.

Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, *catholic* and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation...

- Fr Michael Tate

*You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.*

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*Let me never become so absorbed in myself, that I become insensitive to others.*

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*Love begins when a person feels another person's need to be as important as his own.*

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*Love is a*

*fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.*

Mother Teresa

**Next Week: The Ascension of the Lord**

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel Reading: Mk 16:15-20