

+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, Robert Moran, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowitz, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, Eric Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Boyle, David Turley, George Yusef, Neil Pye, Mary Sammut and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Connie Pisani, Antonne Comarmond, Mary Barlow, Maria Hoang, George Margitan, Mary Azzopardi, Elias Awada, Genny Atkins, William Harris, Margaret Wheeler, Giuseppe Sestito, Maria Than, Giovanni Sluga, Patrick Herne, Alan Kurre, Edna Josephine McGauran, Roger Hogan, Laurence McBaron, Joseph Nohra, John Huskinson, Lorna Heredia, Albert Piper



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.

Christmas In July Lunch

Come and cosy up at the historic Robertson Hotel this winter for a wonderful Christmas in July lunch on Tuesday 13 July 2021. Cost: \$75 per person including transport to/from venue and traditional Christmas lunch. Coffee morning tea stop and drinks at lunch - extra.

Place \$75 in and details on envelope and place in collection box near the sacristy.

Enquiries: Lorraine - 9724 9519

Music Teachers Wanted

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for classroom music teachers and specialist tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week. For further information, you can now view the live adverts on our Sydney Catholic Schools website- Amadeus Positions or contact SCS' Recruitment team at: hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au.

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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Youth Group: Ephesus

Ephesus is on a break!
Something exciting is coming
... stay tuned for more!

Instagram: @smghephesus
Contact: Grace Mokdassi
gracemokdassi@gmail.com

See you at the 5pm Mass.

St Mary's Primary School

Ph: 9727 0000
Principal: Monica Palmer
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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

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



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

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Facebook: fb.me/smggh2

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

Sunday Masses:

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

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: 3pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 June 2021

Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021.

Congratulations to our parish children who have celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation over the past two weeks. Thank you to our program leaders and coordinators for the work done to prepare the children. God bless you all.



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Saturday 28 August 2021. An information night for parents will be held on **Thursday 15 July** in the church at 7pm.



Covid Restrictions

The NSW Government has introduced tighter Covid restrictions for one week from 23 June 2021. Under these new rules :

- i) The number of people in a place of worship must not exceed one person per 4 square metres and safe social distancing must be maintained.
- ii) Face masks are mandatory.
- iii) Members of the congregation are not permitted to sing.

Masses will continue weekends and weekdays under the [guidelines](#) listed on our website.
Please let us all respect the rights of others.

Lay Ministry Roster

The new roster for July - December will be emailed out during the week and printed copies will be available next week.

First Reading

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,

in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,

as those who are his partners will discover.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 5:21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At

this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

Subverting the Social Order

Jesus is on his way to fulfil the request of a named male synagogue official who has given voice on behalf of his ill daughter. Jesus is stopped in his tracks by an unnamed voiceless female who has been ostracised from the social and religious life of the town.

Part of her healing is to get her voice back. She tells Jesus everything and he addresses her with the beautiful title, 'Daughter'. Imagine the joy of this woman hearing such a term of affectionate relationship. Jesus went on: '... your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

Jesus did not regard this as an interruption to his journey to heal the daughter of Jairus. Stopping was an absolute priority subverting the expectations and power structures of society. The healing presence of Jesus was, and is, radically egalitarian.

Perhaps we could take a moment to pray that we have the courage to touch the hem of Our Lord's cloak in Confession. There we can tell him everything which has left us ill-at-ease in our relationship with God, our fellow human beings and in ourselves. With confidence in his Divine power, we can ask him to heal the dis-ease in some part of our personality. Hear him respond: "Daughter (or son), your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease". Then, share in the joy of the woman of our Gospel story.

- Fr Michael Tate

Next Week: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ez 2:2-5

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel Reading: Mk 6:1-6