

### +Please Remember in your prayers:

**Sick:** Robert Moran, 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, Annette Simpson, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

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

**Anniversary:** Lawrence Cauchi, Marjorie (Grocott) Eldridge, Kerrie (Walker) Guest, Alma Faoro, John Yamin, Sheila Fricot, Maria Rosenda Fidel, Anne Thompson (nee McNeil), Wladaslawa Kudrewicz, Robert Gibson, Keith Fraser, Kim Gosling, Cecil Balbi, Karen Shaw, Angelo Faoro, Mary Brown, Therese Darwin, Francis Pullicino, Jordan Cruz Byrnes, Ida King

### Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If you know someone is unable to come to Mass, but they want to receive Communion please contact 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** 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

*Would a visitor to our parish feel welcome?*

*Please let us be aware of any new faces and make them welcome.*

### 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

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

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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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/stmshalle>

### Playgroup

8.45am Thursdays in the school hall during school terms.

[natalie.oetz@stmshalle.catholic.edu.au](mailto:natalie.oetz@stmshalle.catholic.edu.au)

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*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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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

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 June 2021

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021.

Let us keep the parish children who have completed the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our prayers as they make their First Reconciliation over the next two weeks.



Reconciliation

### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on **Sat. 28 August 2021**. Children in year 6 or above will be eligible after proper preparation, An information night for parents/carers will be held on **Wed. 14 July** in the church at 7pm. Any issues please contact Father Laurie.



### Save Our Graves

To express your concerns about the Sydney cemeteries takeover by the NSW Government Of Rookwood Catholic, Liverpool Cemetery, Kemps Creek + Macarthur Memorial Parks, we urge you to sign the petition.  
SCAN +SIGN

If it is your custom to stand during mass while others are kneeling, please do not block their view.

### Support

You are most welcome to contact Fr Laurie if you feel a need to speak to someone about recent events.

**First Reading** Ez 17:22-24  
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:  
‘From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a  
shoot and plant it myself on a very high  
mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain  
of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of  
its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that  
I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall  
trees and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. see v.2

**(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most  
High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the  
night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

**Second Reading** 2 Cor 5:6-10  
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from  
it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we  
remember that to live in the body means  
to be exiled from the Lord, going as we  
do by faith and not by sight – we are full  
of confidence, I say, and actually want to  
be exiled from the body and make our  
home with the Lord. Whether we are  
living in the body or exiled from it, we are  
intent on pleasing him. For all the truth  
about us will be brought out in the law  
court of Christ, and each of us will get  
what he deserves for the things he did in  
the body, good or bad.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**God sows the seeds of our faith**

M U S T A R D I N E L A S M E  
A F E O D K H A C B U G O S Y  
N C G S M E J L O P K E T H I  
D A D I S C I P L E S D F A B  
H U T A Y G B V H S I N D G  
S E E D K I F W E T X U W E L  
Z G S L Q V G A R D E N J C D  
B W B A U K O C M U Y O B A S  
T M I J F I N H A V K S I M T  
A D R Z S N A T P C X E Q F O  
U T D P E G W P L A N T L A R  
G S S I H D J I Y U D W O T I  
H E K G D O N F G R O U N D E  
T C I U E M B Q A X H L I Z S  
O A S M A L L E S T S A D E J

**Find these words:**  
birds disciples garden ground kingdom  
mustard plant seed shade  
smallest stories taught

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds,  
grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the  
kingdom of God is like. A man throws  
seed on the land. Night and day, while he  
sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is  
sprouting and growing; how, he does not  
know. Of its own accord the land  
produces first the shoot, then the ear,  
then the full grain in the ear. And when  
the crop is ready, he loses no time; he  
starts to reap because the harvest has  
come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the  
kingdom of God is like? What parable  
can we find for it? It is like a mustard  
seed which at the time of its sowing in the  
soil is the smallest of all the seeds on  
earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the  
biggest shrub of them all and puts out big  
branches so that the birds of the air can  
shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke  
the word to them, so far as they were  
capable of understanding it. He would  
not speak to them except in parables, but  
he explained everything to his disciples  
when they were alone.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Next Week: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Jb 38:1, 8-11  
Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17  
Gospel Reading: Mk 4:35-41

For we walk by  
*Faith*  
not by sight.  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

**Reflection - The Sowing of the Seed**

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a  
return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a  
crop. So when Jesus pictures the  
Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest  
(returning 100:1 as he put it in another  
parable), his peasant listeners would  
envisage a future without hunger, without  
servitude to rapacious landlords and  
money-lenders. A true liberation (such as  
Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know  
when this new way of life, this fulfilling of  
the Kingdom of God, will come about.  
Our Lord replies: ‘Be patient. Your job is  
to sow the seed. Something will happen  
out of all proportion to your part in the  
process, just like the disproportion of the  
mustard seed to a mustard bush’ (which  
he exaggerates into a tree sheltering  
birds).

God’s creative power worked in the  
depths of stony ground of the tomb to  
raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus  
Christ. From that, a community has  
grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and  
just distribution of the world’s resources,  
as Pope Francis insists is a major test of  
authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the  
courage to sow the seed of the Gospel  
whenever an opportunity presents itself,  
and the patience to await the germinating  
power of the Resurrection to create the  
Tree of Life such that all peoples ‘can  
shelter in its shade’. - Fr Michael Tate