

+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 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: Val Dawson, Margaret Boyle, David Turley, George Yusef, Neil Pye and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Rae Mary Watties, Adelina D'Alessandro, Jose Heredia, Bill Grech, Terry Neville, David John Huskinson, Cliff Tierney, Eddie O'Reilly, Jules Menson Stanislas, Spero (Charlie) Wallace, Edward W Rout, Mary Donovan-King

Support for the House of Welcome (HoW)

HoW works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen and HoW's Emergency Living Package program rose by 216%. If you can assist, please contact HoW: office@houseofwelcome.com.au or Ph: 02 9727 9290.

Catholic Mission: India COVID-19 Appeal

Catholic Mission has launched an urgent appeal to help vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. Over 300,000 people have died from the illness in India and hospitals have been struggling to cope. Can you help? Please donate online via Catholic Mission website: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>.

Supporting our Parish

Please keep in mind that during these weeks of lockdown our parish is incurring some financial loss (as well as the usual social/spiritual interaction).

Special donations will be much appreciated.

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

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

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.



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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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 July 2021

Covid Restrictions

The NSW Government has introduced tighter Covid restrictions until **at least Fri 16 July**. Under these rules Masses and other meetings are suspended during this time.

The church is kept closed and no one should enter without permission.

People are not allowed to go into the church for private prayer.

Please listen carefully to the news on TV or radio for updates.

For more information see our parish [website](#).

Please think of those who may be truly isolated.

Keep in touch with them through phone, text messages or emails.

(They may appreciate some human contact or need some shopping etc)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Providing we will be allowed; the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on **Sat. 28 August 2021**.

An information night for parents will be held 7pm in the church as soon as we are able. **Please keep an eye on the bulletin or our website.**



Christmas In July Lunch

Come and cosy up at the historic Robertson Hotel this winter for Christmas in July lunch on **Thurs.29 July**. \$75 per person including transport to/from venue and Christmas lunch. Morning tea and drinks at lunch - extra. Place \$75 in and details on envelope and place in collection box near the sacristy. Enquiries: Lorraine - 9724 9519



Praying the Word

Week of the Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Am 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

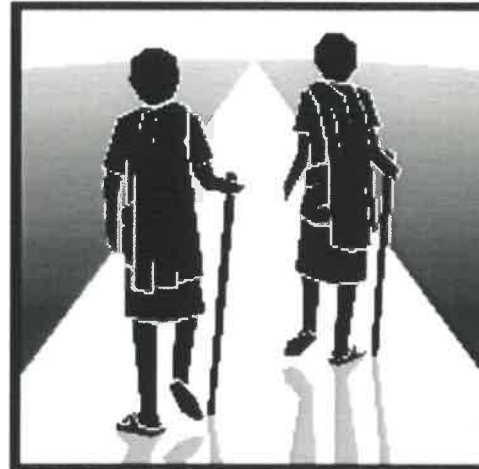
Second Reading Eph 1:3-14

or shorter form Eph 1:3-10

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual

blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.



Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

*Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, God conceived of you, 'God chose you in Christ'.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: 'take no purse, no haversack' because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.

You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

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