

+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: Fr Colin Mason, Fr Anthony Simari, Philip Witheriff, Val Dawson, Margaret Boyle,

Anniversary: Pearl Scott, Walter James, Zofia Ziolkowski, Fr. John McCaffery, Maria Peacock, Alberta McHugh, Melvyn Daly, Wladyslaw Bellach, Mary Elizabeth Hepples, Michael (Mick) O'Neill, Abraham Abraham, Barbara Graf, Peter Corkeron, Arthur Faulkner, Mary Howley, Olga McHugh, Addolorata Rega, Kathleen "Grace" McNamara, Robert James Tankard, Mary Balbi, Sana Akouri



Communion for the Sick or Elderly

Someone you know not able to come to Mass, but want to receive Communion, please tell Fr Laurie.

Christmas In July Lunch has been cancelled.

Support for the house of Welcome

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.

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.

Saint Mary Magdalene - Feast Day 22 July

Witnessed his crucifixion, was present at his burial, and was the first to see the risen Lord.

Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles.

Remembered in the East as the "Apostle to the Apostles".

Catholic Mission: India COVID-19 Appeal

Catholic Mission has launched an urgent appeal to help vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. 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

During these weeks of lockdown, our parish is incurring financial loss (as well as social/spiritual interaction).

Special donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please ring the parish office for some instructions re making a donation.

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
www.stmgeorgeshall.catholic.edu.au
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@svd.catholic.edu.au
*Parents/carers are most welcome to
attend our 9am weekday Mass
after you drop off your children.*



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Georges Hall**

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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 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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 July 2021

Covid Restrictions

The NSW Government has introduced tighter Covid restrictions until further notice.

Under these rules Masses and other meetings are suspended during this time.

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

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

Please let us all give a good example in following Government advice.

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

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)

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

Live streaming of our parish Sunday Mass

We apologise for the poor quality of the audio recently.

The problem has been fixed, so please tune in and encourage others to do so.

(Please let us know if it is not working properly.)



Sacrament of Confirmation

Please note change of date.

Providing we will be allowed; the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on **Saturday 13 November 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 and our website.**

Praying the Word

Week of the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Jer 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

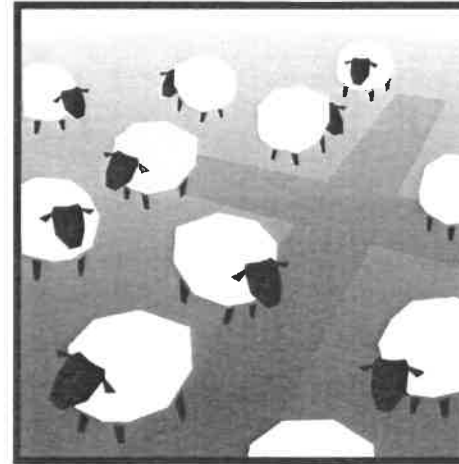
1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

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