

+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, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Novella Ukmar, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Jean Graham, Philip Witheriff and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Jan Lozinski, Emilio Nohra, Margaret Tankard, John Neville, Thomas Long, Josephine Smith, Douglas Gibson, Ramza Tannous, Robert Costantini, Martha Coorey, Marie Ducasse, Giuseppe Denichilo, Louisa Smith, Remo Strambio, Jean Turnbull, Joseph Nguyen, Joseph Sanders, Serverina Zamai, Anthony Ungaro, Georgette Laba, Gregory Ryan, Gloria Boon, Vivienne Unitts, Joseph Farrugia, Bernice Boyce, Arthur Boyce, Clementina Vigilante, Jan Gorak, Michael Byrne

Sick List - Time to Review

If you or your loved one on the sick list is now well please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com
The sick list will be 'cleared' at the end of August.

Keeping in touch

If you can drop the bulletin into other parishioners' letter boxes when going for some exercise, please pick up some bulletins from the front of the church. We will print extra ones if needed, just let us know.

Please remember not all parishioners have access to the internet.



Supporting our Parish -

During these weeks of lockdown, our parish is suffering from lack of social/spiritual interaction. Please make a genuine effort to connect with others and offer support.

Share with others some of the beautiful prayers you come across.

Encourage each other to read the scriptures that are on the bulletin every week.

The parish is also incurring financial loss, yet the bills still need to be paid.

Special donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please click on this link to [Support Us](#) or ring the parish office for information re making a donation



Tax Receipts If you require receipts for tax deductible donations, please contact: Michael Anderson: 0414 889 731 or email: mikeandol@optusnet.com.au

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.

St Mary's Safeguarding Officer: Veronica Denning - 0407 231 262



This week's online addition of the Catholic Weekly is free due to COVID lockdown. Check out the [online Catholic Weekly](#)



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National Day of Prayer for COVID-19 Crisis

10:30am Mass this Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral, [live-streamed](#) on the cathedral's YouTube channel. The theme is 'Lord Have Mercy', recognising the tremendous impact this crisis is having on our nation.



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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 August 2021

Hail Queen of Heaven

This Sunday is celebrated as the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time,

but for our parish it is also the

Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please pray for all members of our parish community.

Happy Feast Day everyone.



Covid Restrictions

Masses and other meetings are suspended during this time.

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

Please think of those who may be very lonely.



Anniversary of Ordination Congratulations

Fr Laurie celebrated his 44th Anniversary of Ordination on 20 August

He expresses deep gratitude to Almighty God for such a privilege.

Please pray for Fr Laurie in his ministry as our Parish Priest.

New parish office and new presbytery.

A few options are available to us. We value your opinion.

Please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com if you would like to look at and comment on options. A copy of the options will be sent to you.

Sincere Thank You.

Tony Corkeron has recently resigned as auditor for the parish. Our parish family wishes to express **sincere thanks** to Tony for serving the parish in that capacity (and many more) for many years.

Tony has kindly offered to continue to be on the parish finance committee and support the parish in other ways. God bless you Tony.

Praying the Word

Week of the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from
the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. *(R.)*
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(R.)*

4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. *(R.)*
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.



Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But *our* ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries.

Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

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