



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services have taken over the OSHC facility to provide before, afterschool and vacation care to our primary school children.

This new service will commence on **Monday 1 November**.
Interested? please contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628 or

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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

Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting Rosters

All rosters (although mainly not used this year) are due for renewal at the end of November.

If you would like to serve (continue to serve) on any of these rosters please email:
parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com by 5 November. Thanks.

First Holy Communion

The preparation for First Holy Communion for children currently in Year 3 will begin mid-November this year and will be celebrated in Term 1 next year.

Choir Practice

There will be choir practice on Thursday 4 November at 7.00pm in preparation for the 8.00am Mass on Sunday 7 November 2021. New members are always welcome. Please ring Pat Falvy on 0425 219 660.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31 October 2021

Monday 1st November **Feast of All Saints: Mass 9am** (Vietnamese 6pm)
Tuesday 2nd November **All Souls Day: Mass 9am & 7pm** (Vietnamese 6pm)

November Masses

November is the month for special prayers for the Faithful Departed. November Mass Envelopes are in our church so that Masses can be offered for our deceased loved ones. Throughout November the envelopes will be placed near the altar to remind us that Masses are being offered for our deceased.

No need to put your details on the envelopes, just the names of the deceased.

20 & 21 November - all Masses will be celebrated as a Mass of Remembrance for deceased family and friends. Please bring a photo of your deceased loved one to place at the altar. **May they rest in peace.**

'Halloween'

Did you know that it means 'hallows evening' (saints evening)?
It refers to the vigil (night before) of All Hallows Day i.e. All Saints Day
Hallows is an old English word for saint.

Milk for Mates

Helping our mates at the House of Welcome
During November we are collecting **1 litre long life** cartons of milk.
Please place in milk crate near the doors.

Confirmation 2021

Please pray for our parish children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation



Supporting our Parish -

Our parish relies on donations to cope financially.

The parish has incurred substantial financial loss, yet the bills still need to be paid.
Please think about how you can help. *Special donations will be greatly appreciated.*

Please click on this link to [Support Us](#) or ring the parish office re making a donation. OR
Please consider joining the **planned giving program** - if you'd like a set of envelopes, please email
parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

For those already registered - new sets of envelopes for 2021-2022 are available to collect from the church.



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 Email: safeguardingenquiries@svdneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

St Mary's Safeguarding Information: There is a folder of Safeguarding information available in the church - parishioners are welcome to view. Enquiries: Veronica - 0407 231 262.



+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Ian Urquhart, Cecil Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Bryan Chester, Rev Mother Sr Carmel Bambridge, John Ball, Terry Webster, Robert Moran, Peter Peitos, Ray Eteridge, Mervyn Thompson and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Anthony Impala, George McHugh, Brenton Dewhirst, Noelene Kachel, Chiarina Strambio, Vince Rega

Sick List - To include your loved one's name in the sick list, email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Anniversary List - To include your loved one's name in the anniversary list, please email name and date/year of passing to: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Please pray for guidance for the **Plenary Council** members.



Gospel Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself?

Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way.

Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour.

We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

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The Living Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

31 October 2021

First Reading Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
(R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.*

Alleluia!