



# Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

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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

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 7 November 2021

### Confirmation 2021

Bishop Terry Brady who will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Saturday 13 November at 11am.  
Please pray for our Confirmation candidates.



### 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 alter 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.**

### 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 the mick crate near the doors.

### Covid-19 Cases in our church last weekend 30/31 Oct.

If you attended the **5pm on Sat.** or the **10am on Sun** and you have had the **two vaccinations**, you should check for any symptoms and go for Covid test if you have any.  
If you attended either mass and are **not vaccinated** you are asked to go for a **Covid test urgently** and **isolate** until you get a negative result.

**Please Note: No Sunday 5.00pm Mass after November**  
From the beginning of December there will **no longer** be Mass at 5.00pm on Sundays.

Sunday evening Masses are held in nearby parishes:  
Christ the King, Bass Hill - 6.00pm  
St Joseph's, Moorebank - 6.00pm Youth Mass  
St Felix, Bankstown - 6.00pm  
Immaculate Heart, Sefton - 5.00pm



### First Holy Communion

The preparation for First Holy Communion for children currently in Year 3 will begin mid-November this year. Parents and carers are invited to an Information Night being held on **16 November at 7pm in the church**. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Term 1 next year.



### 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](mailto: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@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.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-Tariyah 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 Etteridge, Mervyn Thompson and all who have died from Covid-19.

**Anniversary:** Wilfred McHugh, John Tankard, Vera May Morley, Frederico Buoro, Muriel Hishion

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

### 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 commenced on Monday 1 November.  
Interested? please contact **SCECS on 02 9568 8628** or

Email: [scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au)





## Gospel Mk 12:38-44

or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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# The Living Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

7 November 2021

## First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

or

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 9:24-28

*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Alleluia!*