



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8 & 10am

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: 5.30pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm

or by appointment

New year Mass Saturday 1st January Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10am

Let's start the New Year by honouring Mary
for bringing Jesus into our world.

Special prayer intention.

Please pray for those who experience sadness instead of happiness at this time.

Covid-19 is still spreading.

Even though Government regulations have changed, please let us all make a special effort to minimise the risk of infection. You are strongly encouraged to continue to sanitize hands, use masks inside our church, keep safe distance and get vaccinated if you have not already done so.

QR or signing in are still mandatory.

Ministry Rosters

Greeters, Commentators, Proclaimers, Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Hospitality hosts – the current roster runs out at the end of December – if you want to stay on or join this roster, please Email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com Thank you

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Before, afterschool and vacation care is available to our primary school children. To register your child please contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628 or Email: scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au

Supporting our Parish -

Please consider joining the planned giving program –email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com or click on the Support Us link on the website: www.smgh.org.au

+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, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and all infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Guza Avellino, Barry Hishion, Ken Dumford, Ian Urquhart, Rev Mother Sr Carmel Bambridge, John Ball and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Les Best, Moyra McHugh, Mary Cauchi, Attilio Colussi

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

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

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph Year C

26 December 2021

May we all try to live as a Parish Family

Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God, during this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. Amen.



The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was established as part of the Christmas season in 1921 following promotion of the cult in the nineteenth century; it was linked to the octave of Christmas in 1969.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, itself subject to the difficulties and social pressures of its time, is offered as a model for Christian family life.



Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the five parish children who were confirmed last weekend. Please keep our parish children in your prayers.



'Go Make Disciples' The Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan



Gospel Lk 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys.

But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church.

We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

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The Living Word

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C

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First Reading 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. (R.)
- They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)

- O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ

and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us

by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!