



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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

16 January 2022



Feast of Saint Anthony – 17 January

Born in 251 in upper Egypt, he died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.

*They say courtesy is contagious.
So why not start an epidemic?*

Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose.
Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>.
Talk with Fr Laurie our Parish Priest.



'Go make Disciples' is the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

Covid-19 is still spreading.

QR or signing in, mask wearing, and sanitizing hands and social distancing are still mandatory.

Please think of others and get vaccinated if you have not already done so.

We do have a moral responsibility towards others.

New Year's Resolutions

What about giving some of your time to some of our parish ministries?

Please, if you can play a musical instrument, we would love to hear from you.

There are some lonely people in our parish who would appreciate a visit or phone call.

What about coming to a weekday mass if you are retired or simply have the time?

Catholic Mission: India COVID-19 Appeal

The aid agency, Catholic Mission, has launched an urgent appeal to provide immediate help for vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. Well over 300,000 people have died from the illness in India and hospitals have been struggling to cope. Through donating to Catholic Mission, you will be playing a key role in supporting the valuable work of mission hospitals in the country. Donate online via the Catholic Mission website

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>

Ministry Rosters

Lay Ministry Roster - the new roster (Jan-June 2022) has been emailed to our volunteers and copies are available in the church - if you didn't receive an electronic copy, but want one, please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

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-Tariaz 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: Frank Kovacevic, Barry Hishion, Ken Durnford, Ian Urquhart, Rev Mother Sr Carmel Bambridge, John Ball and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Hilary Lawler, Kathleen Evans, Elena Raymont, John Knight, Leslie Raymonth

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.

Our parish has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church - parishioners are welcome to view.

Enquiries: Veronica via parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com





Gospel Jn 2:1-11

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory be seen.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status.

But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment.

The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster.

We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naive trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen.

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The Living Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16 January 2022

First Reading Is 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. *(R.)*
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. *(R.)*

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. *(R.)*

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!