



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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

6 February 2022

Word of God Sunday – 6 February

The Australian bishops have set down the first Sunday in Feb. as **Word of God Sunday**.

Pope Francis, in instituting this event, set it down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time which is close to the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in other parts of the world.

In Australia, however, a date falling at the end of January risked being lost in the summer holidays and preparations for the return to school.



Catechist Sunday – 6 February

This week in all parishes we remember and pray for the Catechists who share their Faith with the children in our State Schools.

Catechists find this work very rewarding and a help to their own Faith.

We can always do with a few more helpers.

If you would like to know more about being a Catechists, please speak with any of us or Fr Laurie
Our Catechists are:

Lorna Basha, Mary Camilleri, Anna Sestito, Brian Kurlle, Joanne Tarabay, Lorraine Corkeron.

Please keep these dedicated parishioners in your prayers.

Covid-19 is still spreading.

QR or signing in, mask wearing, 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.

The Sacraments



First Holy Communion 2022

Children currently in Year 4 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year,

Will be eligible to receive First Holy Communion this year **after proper preparation**. Parents /carers who wish their children to receive this sacrament are asked to attend

An Information Night on Tues 15 Feb at 7pm in the church.

Any enquiries re the sacramental program please contact the Parish Office:

Phone 97273759 or parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

We hope to celebrate this Sacrament in our parish on 28 May.

Please keep an eye on parish bulletin for more information.

Staying away from Mass because of fear of catching Covid?

Why not come along to a weekday mass?

There are certainly fewer people, so risk is very much reduced.

For those who really appreciate the gift of the Blessed Eucharist, this gives you a great opportunity to physically receive Holy Communion.

Feast of Saint Scholastica – 10 February

Character is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

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

Jesus believes a sinner has a future not just a past.

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariyah Haddad, Jennie Falvy, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and all infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Fr Paulino Tui Kolio, Ante Loncar, Dinh Qui Ngo, Aida Camilleri and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Tony Tonna, Brain Sharkey, Domenica Strambio, Carla Strambio

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 Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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The Living Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

8 February 2022

First Reading Is 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

*(R.) In the sight of the angels I will
sing your praises, Lord.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal.
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 (shorter form)

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.'