

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



Divine Mercy Sunday | Year A | Sunday 19th April 2020



Mission Statement:

We the St Mary Queen of Heaven parish, are called to be a strong, loving, caring family united in faith. Guided by the Spirit of Jesus we desire to use our diverse talents to reach out and encourage others. We cherish the living tradition of our Catholic church and will seek to heal misunderstandings and hurt in our midst so that Jesus' prayer may be realised, "Father may they be one, as you and I are one."

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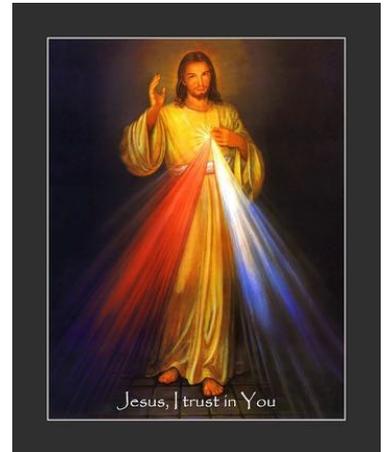


A Message from Fr Joseph

Last week we celebrated Easter Sunday. It was a very difficult moment for our community, with restrictions and struggles, we shared our new life in Jesus' Resurrection. I would like to thank you for your prayers and continued support and assistance for the most vulnerable in our parish community.

Pope Francis asks us to be ready for all challenges and be ready to help those who will come to us for help. In this great battle with an unseen virus, we have, this Sunday, an invitation from Saint Faustina to come and receive extraordinary help and a promise. Jesus told St. Faustina that it was His desire that we celebrate this special Feast of Divine Mercy.

"On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these souls who approach the Fount of My mercy [the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist]. The soul that will go to Confession [an act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like snow] and receive Holy Communion [on that day spiritual] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter."
- St. Faustina's Diary.



This extraordinary promise for our soul brings us all together to Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday is the right time for every family to praise the merciful and gracious Lord.

Jesus I trust in You!

"He KNOWS the way because He IS the way."
- Jeffrey R. Holland

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday 19th

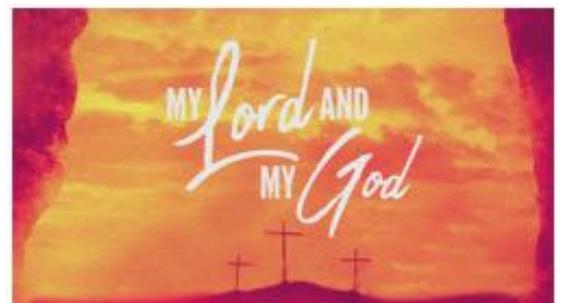
Streamed Mass // 10am
Ephesus Youth ZOOM meeting // 6pm

Saturday 25th

Feast of St Mark
ANZAC Day

Sunday 26th

Streamed Mass // 10am



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

Barbra Kains,
Bronwyn Kolodziej,
Christina Apolinario,
Claudia Tabares,
Daniel Matesic, Daniel Clarke,
David Sanders, Denis King,
Eileen Ellery, Eunice Davis,
Hayleu Murray,
Heather Graham,
John Sanders, Paul Roughley,
Romela Onkowiedjaja,
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass,
Warren Clarke, Eddie Marks

Recently Deceased:

Sergio Spada, Samira Hanna,
Zbigniew Janicki,
Mario Mercandelp,
Mary Grech, Claudia Tabares,
Karl Berner, Fay Frost,
Dominic Nam Nguyen,
Dr. Li. Wienliang,
Piotr Januchta, Joan Pasa,
Halina Donarska, Ryan Lynch,
Elizabeth May Batley

Anniversaries:

Kathleen Mary Connors
(nee Hishion),
Leon Fidel, Caterina Biasi,
William Joseph Bruce Nixon,
Peggy Sproat, Joyce Maunsell,
Mate Orlic, Fr Jeremy Flynn,
John Lozinski, Anna Migus,
William Hancock,
William Edward Moran,
Victoria Busuttill,
Theresa (Gina) Cappello,
Margaret Curran,
Paul Cunneen,
Danica Kliman (2010),
Mary Balbi (2014),
Eric Leo Wilkin,
Irene Best (2010),
Caterina Fraietta (2012)

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Sacraments

- **Eucharist:** All laypeople are dispensed from attending Sunday Mass: the faithful can keep Sunday holy by setting aside some time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day or watching Mass on television or online. We will continue to stream services on Facebook ([link](#)) or YouTube ([link](#)).



- **Baptism:** To be postponed if prudent, unless in the case of an emergency. Please contact the Parish Office to make prior booking. Subject to physical distancing, hygiene and relevant directives.
- **Marriage:** Couples need to provide at least six months' notice and a preparation course is required. During this time, only the couple and 2 witnesses are able to attend. Subject to physical distancing, hygiene and relevant directives.
- **Reconciliation:** The faithful are advised on the continuing importance of examination of conscience and making an act of contrition; the Sacrament of Reconciliation is currently not available to parishioners.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Accordance with new Archdiocesan guidelines, please contact the parish office.

Youth Corner (Ephesus)

Ephesus Youth is connecting on ZOOM on Sunday 19th April @ 6pm.
Get a parent/carer's permission then visit: <https://zoom.us/> and click "join meeting". Use the Meeting ID and Password above to join. Stay updated on Instagram [@smghephesus](#).

Family & Faith

Family Prayer Space

Pray for the World

Equipment:

A map or globe, stickers or post-it notes (heart shaped if you have them)
Set up: You can do this at a table or on the floor.

Instructions:

Look at the map or globe.
Who do you know who lives in a different place or community?
Can you find a place or country that you have heard about on the news recently?
Which country would you like to pray for today?
Place a sticker or a post-it onto the globe or map and pray for God's peace and healing.

Lord Jesus, you came into the world to heal our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. You went about healing all and bringing comfort to those in pain and need... May we join ourselves more closely to you on the cross and in your suffering that through them we may draw our patience and hope.
Amen.



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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Parish Notices



Planned Giving & Collection Donations

A number of people have enquired as to how they can continue their financial support for the parish during this difficult time. We realise that this may not be possible in the light of growing unemployment and financial stress. There is absolutely no pressure on anyone to contribute!

For those who would like to contribute, you can do so by using your credit card or debit VISA. Please email Michael Anderson at mikeando1@optusnet.com.au with the following details:

- Name on card.
- Card number & expiry date (no CVC needed)
- Amount you would like to donate and if it is a one-off donation or a regular, monthly amount.
- Your Planned Giving Number (on the top of your weekly giving envelope). If you do not have a planned giving number, please advise Michael in your email.

Children's Liturgy

This Sunday would have ordinarily been Children's Liturgy Sunday. A huge hello to all of our parish children who regularly attend Children's Liturgy each month. Included in the bulletin email to parents is a Children's Liturgy Activity sheet for this Sunday. Parents are invited to read the Gospel and discuss its message with their children and assist them to complete the activity sheet. Have fun!

Project Compassion Boxes

If you still have Project Compassion Boxes, you can donate online instead at <https://lent.caritas.org.au/> or drop off your PC boxes to the Parish Presbytery.

ANZAC Day - 25 April

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them. Lest we forget!

ANZAC Driveway Commemorations

All states and territories' RSL branches are asking Australians to unite in recognising all armed services personnel by standing on their driveways at 6:00am for a combined dawn service. "Light up the dawn and remember and pay respects from home." This can take several forms, for instance lighting a candle in your driveway or home.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The Feast is based on the private revelations of Jesus Christ to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun and intense mystic who died in 1938.



St Faustina faithfully recorded in her diary Jesus' desire for a feast to be established, devoted to his Divine Mercy to remind people that the floodgates of heaven are open wide, and to draw people back to his forgiveness and mercy. Our Lord said to St Faustina "...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. On this day the very depths of My tender mercy open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy... Let no soul fear to draw near Me, even though its sins be as scarlet".

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. Optional Opening Prayer: You expired, O Jesus, but the Source of Life gushed forth for souls and the Ocean of Mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.
2. Pray x1 Our Father, x1 Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed
3. On the Our Father Beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Bod and blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the x10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for each of the Five Decades
6. Conclude: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world x3
7. Optional Concluding Prayer: *Eternal God, Your Mercy is endless, and Your treasury of compassion is inexhaustible. Look with kindness upon us and increase Your Mercy within us, so that, in difficult moments, we may not despair, nor become despondent, but may, with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen*

Sung Version (YouTube): [Click Here](#)

Children's Corner

U J Z F I N G E R X Q X A P U U
 P B J G T Z R K Z Y O F H H M D
 W C L R P K E Y K D R W I G F C
 N Y U B U J E S R A C S T Y O N
 A Q F J Q N T L I Q K D V A X J
 I P R E Z N E D Y A O Q F T V C
 E D P D B Y D G F U D E N G T H
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 J R B S L R I R E C E I V E D A
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 A I A A G O X D H S V R A E P S
 E X L O F X C E L O X Y L O R E
 B L N Q I D F U I A M L B H V
 T R V X Y Z D T B C F A T H K E
 R K M H A E W J T Z K I S B K P
 N N Q U E V I G R O F Q H N F T

Afraid | Appeared | Doubting | Faith | Finger | Forgive | Greeted | Receive | Scars | Spear | Spirit | Thomas

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Acts 2:42-47 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles</p> <p><i>The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.</i> The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.</p>	<p>(R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.</p> <p>1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)</p> <p>2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)</p> <p>3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)</p> 	<p>1 Peter 1:3-9 A reading from the first letter of St Peter</p> <p><i>He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.</i> Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.</p>
<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>	<p>Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter</p>	
<p>Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia</p>	<p>1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:17-21 Gospel: Lk 24:13-35 (Jesus greets disciples on the road to Emmaus)</p>	

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31 - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. St Thomas Aquinas says, "To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world.