

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



3rd Sunday of Easter | Year A | Sunday 26th 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

John's Gospel brings us a wonderful story for the Third Sunday of Easter. We reflect as a human family on the Resurrection story about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We are prepared to encounter a familiar pattern with his followers: they don't recognize Jesus, but he opens their eyes with the breaking of the bread. This reminds me of the Holy Eucharist as we worship every Sunday offering the Word of God and Body and Blood of Christ. This is what true Easter is about. But we have been hit very hard just like the disciples. We can't attend Mass or receive Holy Communion. However today's gospel is about us, about every human on the road where Jesus is present. Jesus' appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus reminds us how important His presence is in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Our deep calling is to recognise Jesus as the disciples recognised Him. In this moment, in our Body of Christ (spiritual communion), but also in the near future when receiving His Body and Blood to seal this connection and our identity. The Holy Eucharist unites us and makes us aware that Christ is alive. Jesus is always with us. In this time of separation, help us to increase our charity and love in our parish community. In this difficult moment as the coronavirus is testing our family, let us bring the true identity of the Body of Christ until the doors open again.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday 25th

Feast of St Mark
ANZAC Day

Monday 27th:

Feast of St Louis de Montfort

Tuesday 28th:

Feasts of St Gianna Molla
& St Peter Chanel

Wednesday 29th:

Feast of St Catherine of Sienna

Friday 1st:

Feast of St Joseph the Worker

Saturday 2nd

Feast of St Athanasius

Sunday 3rd:

Ephesus Youth ZOOM //6.00pm

"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring"
- St Catherine of Sienna



**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Sick:

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

Recently Deceased:

Sergio Spada,
Samira Hanna,
Zbigniew Janicki,
Mario Mercandelp,
Mary Grech,
Claudia Tabares

Anniversaries:

Hugh Fitzpatrick,
Anne Venticenne,
Reno Caruana (2011),
Clarice Lee,
Vincent Bradbury,
Harry Gibbons,
Karen Richards,
Bertha Mannion,
Rita Linsell,
Josef Jungwirth (2012)
Alfred Boon,
Joseph Charles
McNamara,
Andrew Nguyen,
Janice Carlin,
Vasco Zenere,
Steven Deegan (2012),
Owen Moon (2010)
Joseph & Dominic Vu
Dominic & Maria Dinh
**For the Souls of the
Faithful Departed:**

Eternal rest grant unto
hem 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.



St Mary's Primary School

THE PLAN FOR TERM 2, 2020

**27-28 APRIL
PUPIL FREE DAYS**

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL
Learning from home recommences
for all students.

FROM 29 APRIL-8 MAY
Students will be learning at home.

FROM 11 MAY
Some students will attend school on specified
days as determined by the school.

Youth Corner (Ephesus)



Last Sunday we held our first Ephesus Night on ZOOM which was lots of fun! Join us next Sunday (3rd May @ 6pm) when we connect again while in iso.

1. Ask permission from a parent
2. Go to <https://zoom.us/>
3. Join meeting using ID and password (Published via Bulletin & Instagram)
4. Let your friends know

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 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 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 unless by appointment.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Accordance with new Archdiocesan guidelines, please contact the parish office.



Family and Faith

What is Eastertide?

For many, Easter is simply the weekend that begins with Good Friday and ends on Easter Monday (simply due to when public holidays happen).

It is often forgotten that the full Easter period begins with Easter (Resurrection) Sunday and ends with Pentecost Sunday, lasting 50 days in total. It is the time of new life. The Fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday."



LET'S DECORATE TO COMMEMORATE

With marches and public gatherings cancelled, it is important that we still honour and remember those who have bravely served, and continue to serve, our country.

**ANZAC DAY
2020**

#stand4them

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE WITH POSTERS, FLOWERS, FLAGS AND SYMBOLS OF ANZAC DAY.

THEN, ON SATURDAY APRIL 25, STAND IN FRONT OF YOUR DECORATIONS AND OBSERVE A MINUTE'S SILENCE. TO REMEMBER, HONOUR AND GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PROTECTED OUR FREEDOM.

LEST WE FORGET.

Be sure to take a photo and upload it to social media #stand4them

Please post your photos on our online gallery: padlet.com/stand4them/au

Parish Notices



May is the month of Mary

The month of May is when the faithful are encouraged to dedicate their piety to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration." Examples of Marian devotions that are encouraged in May: the Rosary, the Memorare, the Regina Coeli/Angelus, Mary's Litany. If you need rosary beads or prayer cards on how to recite the Rosary, please email veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com.



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.

The Charitable Works Fund

Is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney (including ministries: CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Ephpheta Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Seminaries and Chaplaincies), You can support the CWF Online: www.donatesydneycatholic.org. Phone 1800 753 959 for enquiries.



ANZAC Day - 25 April

'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!'



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. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Enquiries:** please contact Veronica on 0407231262 or email: veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com

Poem

This poem was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara and reprinted in 1919 during the Spanish Flu Pandemic but I believe it is still relevant 151 years later:

*And people stayed at home, And read books,
And listened And they rested,
And did exercise, And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened, More deeply.*

*Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow,
And people began to think differently, and people healed.
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
the earth also began to heal,
And when the danger ended and people found themselves,
they grieved for the dead, and made new choices*

*And dreamed of new visions, and created new ways of living,
And completely healed the earth, just as they were healed.*

Saint Joseph the Worker - 1 May

Saint Joseph is venerated in the Catholic Church and is regarded as the patron saint of workers. He has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19 Joseph - the Husband of Mary and the second is May 1 - Joseph, the Worker.



"Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God" - Pope John Paul II

Children's Corner

Draw yourself walking beside Jesus as you try to find the way to Emmaus. As you pass through the letters along the correct path, write them down in the boxes below to discover what the disciples learned at Emmaus.



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Acts 2:14, 22-33 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles <i>It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.</i></p> <p>On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'</p> <p>'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'</p>	<p>(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' 2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. 3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. 4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. <p>Next Week: 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 2:14. 36-41 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:20-25 Gospel: John 10:1-10 (Jesus the sheepgate)</p>	<p>1 Pt 1:17-21 A reading from the first letter of St Peter <i>The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.</p> 

Gospel
<p>Lk 24:13-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke <i>They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.</i></p> <p>Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'</p> <p>Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.</p>