

# St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



4th Sunday of Easter | Year A | Sunday 3rd May 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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## Parish Website:

[www.smgh.org.au](http://www.smgh.org.au)

## Parish Facebook:

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## Parish School:

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## A Message from Fr Joseph

In today's Gospel Jesus presents himself as the true shepherd of God's people. He speaks of the relationship that binds Him to the sheep of the flock; that is to say his disciples. He is the one who knows us and cares for us and gives us hope in this world. As many of us feel unsettled, at best, in the Covid-19 pandemic, away from friends and loved ones. He says "My sheep listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they will not be lost." The Good Shepherd dies for you and puts his life on the front line on the cross. He speaks, He knows, Jesus gives eternal life, Jesus guards and never forgets anyone who calls His name.

Jesus is attentive to each one of us, He seeks and loves us, He addresses us through His words, knowing the depths of our hearts, our desires and our hopes as well as our failures and our disappointments. He welcomes us and loves us as we are, with our strengths and weaknesses. For each one of us He unites us in the Kingdom to come. He protects us and guides us with love, helping us to cross sometimes risky roads that arise in the path of life. "They listen to my voice; They follow me." Listening and recognising His voice in fact implies intimacy with Him who is joined with us in prayer; in the heart to heart encounter with the divine master and pastor of our souls. This intimacy which opens us to speak with Jesus strengthens in us the desire to follow Him coming out of the labyrinths of wrong paths, abandoning selfish behaviour to set out on the new paths of brotherhood and the gift of ourselves in imitation of Him.

Don't forget that Jesus is the one Pastor who speaks, who knows, who gives life eternal and who guards us. We are the one flock. We are strengthened by listening to his voice in the sincerity of our hearts, and we continue this intimacy with our pastors. This helps us to enter into the fullness of life eternal. Let us turn now to the Good Shepherd invitation to be His missionary and evangelising community and collaborators in the proclamation of the Gospel.



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

### Sunday 3rd:

- 10am // Live Streamed Mass (Facebook/YouTube)
- 6pm // Ephesus Youth Group ZOOM

### Sunday 10th

- Mother's Day

***"Jesus came that we might have abundant life. What is life-giving for me? Whatever it is, that is where I will find God"***

**- From Sacred Space**

**[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)**

**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:**

Antonia Sluga, Robert Picone,  
Enid Hancock, Dawn Sestito,  
Leslie Stephens, Eileen Stephens,  
Shirley Moses, Dot Mitchell,  
June Woodbridge,  
Carmela Catalano,  
Domenica D'Allura, Maree Cox,  
Marlene Shannon (2015),  
Verita Agnes Boon,  
Kevin Toohey,  
Primo Toigo (2009),  
Patrick King,  
John Henry Barlow,  
John Vassallo,  
Harry Nasser (2016)

**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.



**Youth Corner (Ephesus)**



**Teens of the Parish** - You are invited to join  
Ephesus Youth Group on Zoom!

Sunday 3rd May @ 6pm

1. Ask permission from a parent
2. Go to <https://zoom.us/>
3. Meeting ID: 81844761593  
Password: 603074
4. Let your friends know

**St Mary's Primary School**



**Kindergarten Enrolment for 2021**

Please pick up and return enrolment forms as soon as possible. These can be collected from the office or located on the school website

<https://www.stmgeorghall.catholic.edu.au/enrolment>

Once the enrolment form has been presented to the office, we will book you in for an interview.

**We are presently completing interviews for 2021 Kindergarten.**

**Sacraments**

- **Eucharist:** All lay people 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](#)) and 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 prior appointment.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Accordance with new Archdiocesan guidelines, please contact the parish office.

**Family & Faith**

In response to the challenges of the COVID19 Pandemic, The Parish Volunteer Program is an initiative developed by the Archbishop and CatholicCare designed to assist the most vulnerable across the Archdiocese. The program will assist the most needy to access groceries, medicine, meals and other support as requested. If you are interested in being a volunteer to help local parishioners, please email Natalie ([natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au)). Volunteers will then be guided by CatholicCare on how to assist members of the community.

**ANZAC Day Photos**



Have you joined our Facebook page: [fb.me/smgh2](https://fb.me/smgh2)

# 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](mailto:veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com).



## Lay Ministry Roster

Our parish Lay Ministry Roster runs out at the end of June and May is the month when we ask out volunteers to sign-up to assist on the next Roster. We do not know when we are able to celebrate Mass together again but having the Roster in place will make the transition easier to manage.

### Ministries in which all are invited to serve:

- Greeter
- Commentator
- Proclaimer of the Word (Reader)
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Acolytes (Instituted by a Bishop)
- Hospitality Hosts

All parishioners are invited to volunteer (particularly first time volunteers). Please email the following details to Veronica by the end of May at: [veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com)

- Your name
- Your mobile number and email address
- The Mass at which you want to serve
- The Ministry in which you want to serve.

## Planned Giving & Collection Donations

For those who would like to contribution to the parish, please email Michael Anderson ([mikeando1@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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 donation.
- 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

You can support the CWF, the Centralised Archdiocesan Fund online at [www.donatesydneycatholic.org](http://www.donatesydneycatholic.org). Phone 1800 753 959 for enquiries.

## 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](mailto:veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com)

## Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



## Vale Father Patrick McAuliffe 24.4.2020

Father Mac, as he was affectionately known, was the Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Church at Cabramatta for over 42 years! Some of you may have known him when you were living in his parish. After his retirement, he continued to support the Parish, local schools and parishioners. On 24 July 2016, he celebrated 60 years in the Priesthood. He was diagnosed with a brain tumour in January this year; he accepted his fate and was appreciative of a long and fulfilling life. He can be described as a man who gave his all in the service of God and his people.


*May he rest in eternal peace. Amen.*



## Children's Corner

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

Fence | Follow | Gate | Life | Name | Sheep | Sheepfold | Shepherd | Story | Stranger | Thief | Voice

| First Reading  | Responsorial Psalm  | Second Reading  |
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| <p><b>Acts 2:14. 36-41</b><br/>A reading from the Acts of the Apostles<br/><i>God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.</i></p> <p>On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'<br/>Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.</p> | <p><b>(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</b></p> <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)</p> <p>2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort (R)</p> <p>3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)</p> <p>4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)</p> | <p><b>1 Pt 2:20-25</b></p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St Peter<br/><i>You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.</i></p> <p>The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.</p> |
|    | <p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7: Stephen is chosen as the first deacon.<br/>2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9<br/>Jesus, a living cornerstone.<br/>Gospel: Jn 14:1-12<br/>Jesus the way, truth, and life.</p>   | <p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;<br/>I know my sheep, and mine know me.<br/>Alleluia!</p>   |

## Gospel

**Jn 10:1-10** - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's responsorial psalm uses Psalm 22 (sometimes referenced as Psalm 23), 'the Lord is my shepherd'. It is a very popular psalm and is often reproduced on Christian posters and other artworks. It was also a popular psalm and image at the time of Jesus. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that *the Lord* is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.