

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



5th Sunday of Easter | Year A | Sunday 10th 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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A Message from Fr Joseph

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Today we celebrate Mother's Day. We honour and pray for every mother in our St. Mary's Parish community. We are very lucky to experience true love, protection and guidance in our journey.

Motherhood is the greatest vocation and can be very exciting but sometimes scary and bumpy. We are all blessed to have our spiritual mother, Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, with us. 'And Mary said, 'My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has been mindful of the humble estate of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed.'" - *Luke 1:46-48*. On this day we kneel in prayer and ask for her protection. Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ - pray for us.

We are very touched on this day as Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled". We all hear voices of fear as we endure this global pandemic together and manage the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. During this difficult test for the human family, let us try to be kind to each other and appreciate every moment in our lives.

We must remain hopeful and positive as we are under the protection of our God, who loves us unconditionally. Let us pray the Rosary as a family every day because we are true believers. As Jesus said "Trust in God and trust in me". We pray, as Christians, as we journey together, that Jesus will show for us 'the way and the truth and the life' and our mothers will stay with us and show us the way and teach us how to pray.

Sending warm wishes....Happy Mother's Day.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday 10th:

- 10am // Live Streamed Mass (Facebook/YouTube)
- Mother's Day
- Feast of St Damien of Molokai

Tuesday 12th:

- Feast of Sts Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras

Wednesday 13th:

- Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday 17th

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



"To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war."

- Pope Francis

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:

Filippo Scardullo,
Matthew Barrett,
Sergio Spada, Charlie Smith
Samira Hanna,
Zbigniew Janicki,
Mario Mercandelp,
Mary Grech,
Claudia Tabares

Anniversaries:

Andrew Doan, James King,
James Hepples, Andre Doan,
Bill Kelly, Olga Willoughby,
Teresita Studer,
Agatha Bermingham,
George King, Mary Barlow,
Mimi Ortado, Mary Marjanovic,
Mavis Prothgro, Natalina Toigo,
Ruth West (2016),
Patrick Mulholland,
Eileen May Shannahan,
Jessie Harriet Kerr

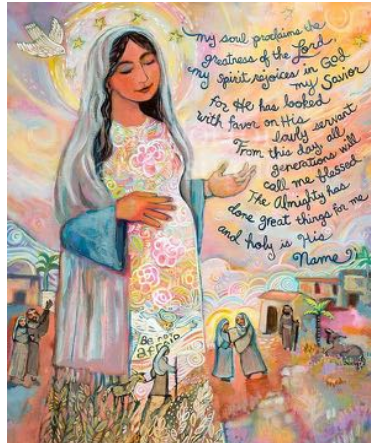
For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

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.



Mary our Mother



In a letter, author John Ruskin wrote "There has probably not been an innocent cottage home during the whole period of Christianity in which the imagined presence of Mary has not given sanctity to the humblest duties, and comfort to the sorest trials of the lives of women."

Jesus didn't just appear as an adult, but was born surrounded by His mother's faith. After his displacement and birth in Bethlehem and his flight into Egypt, Jesus settled and was raised in Nazareth. He worked with human hands, prayed with human words and loved with a human heart. Under the care and teaching of his mother and St Joseph, Jesus' human nature was slowly prepared for his saving mission. Jesus honored Mary as his mother and showed her the love of a devoted son.

On this Mother's Day, we thank God for all mothers, living and deceased, and for Mary, a spiritual mother who is always present and forever available to those who need her. We remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, who care for us, protect us, teach us, and love us. We would like to wish all the mothers in our community a Happy Mother's Day.

St Mary's Primary School

This week we send our warmest wishes to the mothers in our parish.

We hope you enjoy a special day with your family today.

We pray for the mothers who are no longer with us, may eternal light shine upon them.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all of my prayers for you, I pray with joy."

Philippians 1:3-4

We thank Mrs Goetz who has worked tirelessly to mail a special Mother's Day surprise to our school mums.

Happy Mother's Day

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](#)) 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

RECIPE FOR A FABULOUS MOTHER'S DAY

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Homemade card/gift
- Shortbread Biscuits
- 1 Testimonial from a loving child
- 1 Hand pamper (YouTube clip)
- 1 Bouquet of paper flowers

Click each ingredient for ideas for a link to websites for ideas.

* Best served slowly throughout the day.

** Serves a family of any size.

METHOD:

1. Prepare each ingredient with care and love.
2. Layer ingredients gently, one at a time, on a special serving tray.
3. Store in a special place, for at least 24 hours, prior to serving.
4. On the day, garnish with bouquet of flowers and serve.

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. If you need rosary beads or prayer cards on how to recite the Rosary, please email 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

- 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 contribute to the parish, please email Michael Anderson (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.

Ephesus Zoom

A Zoom session for all the teens of the Parish to stay connected will take place on Sunday 17th May at 6.00pm. Password will be published in the next Bulletin. Enquires: Grace on 0449505222.

Bible Bits for Kids

A wonderful reading of Scripture for kids using figurines and easy to understand language. YouTube: Bible Bits for Kids ([link here](#))

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

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



Mother's Day Prayer

I thank you God for my mother.

I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love. Amen

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in our parish

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - 13 May



Between the months of May and October of 1917, our Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, giving them a message for the world which has since become known as the "Peace Plan from Heaven." Part of her message was to be sorry for the things we have done wrong, put God first in our lives, pray the Rosary and to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

The Fatima Prayer

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy. Amen

Children's Corner

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 gate sheep story voice

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Acts 6:1-7 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles <i>They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.</i> About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.</p>	<p>(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.</p> <p>1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)</p> <p>2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)</p> <hr/> <p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!</p> <p>Next Week: 6th Sunday of Easter 1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18 Gospel: Jn 14:15-21 Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete</p>	<p>1 Pt 2:4-9 A reading from the first letter of St Peter <i>You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.</i></p> <p>The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.</p> <p>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.</p>

Gospel

Jn 14:1-12 - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



Reflection by Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Jesus is the way. In him, God comes to meet us, holding back, offering everything of who he is and what he has. Through Him and Him alone, we have access to God to such a degree that we can now call him Abba, Father. Jesus is the truth. He is God's definitive and perfect Word expressing who God is, what He's like, who we are, and what we need to do to be saved from misery and futility. And Jesus is the life. He gives us not only commandments and noble ideals, but also the power to live them out, the power to become new people. That Power is the Lord and Giver of Life Himself, the Holy Spirit, who Jesus pours out on those who accept Him.