

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



6th Sunday of Easter | Year A | Sunday 17th 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

In the gospel from John, Jesus promises us in these challenging times that, "I will not leave you orphans, I will come back to you" The power of the Holy Spirit is within us and that Spirit will call us together in our daily lives. The best time is now, the Holy Spirit is an encourager in our lives and consoles us during the Covid-19 pandemic so that we feel very well to be a follower of Jesus. We may feel at times like orphans because we separate ourselves from a loving God who waits for us to turn back to His open arms. Pope Francis remind us that, "Spirit blows where it wills, but one of the most common temptations of those who follow Jesus is to bar its path and drive it in one direction or another"

God's love is without any conditions. He has a plan for each one of us as human beings to love others and be filled with gratitude that we want to follow Jesus who is The Way. It is not easy to die every day, to take up our cross and follow him. We need special help from the Paraclete to pray and we invite Him into our lives. 'Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, lay your hands upon us.'

We are like servants, looking forward in our church for the Power of the Holy Spirit; putting the needs of others ahead of our own, reaching out to those in need and becoming more merciful to those around us.

The Holy Spirit will help you to make your heart open for Jesus, to be in His presence in the most difficult moments in your life.

Pope Francis reminds us that, "The Holy Spirit, as Jesus said, will teach us everything" and "is the living presence of God in our Community. We have the power and strength with wisdom and love to transform our lives and help others. In our prayers today let us use the responsorial Psalm "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy".

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday 17th:

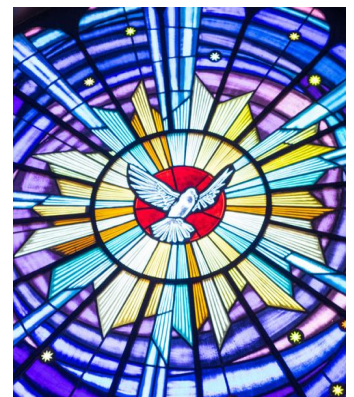
- 10am // Live Streamed Mass (Facebook/YouTube)
- 6pm // Ephesus ZOOM session

Friday 22nd

- Feast of St Rita

Sunday 24th:

- Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians
- 10am // Live Streamed Mass (Facebook/YouTube)



"The spirit is the first power we practically experience, but the last power we come to understand."

~ Oswald Chambers

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

Barbara 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 Onkowidjaja,
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass,
Warren Clarke

Recently Deceased:

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

Anniversaries:

Arthur Falleiro, Jack Mitchell,
Jaroslaw Mantoszko (1994),
Salvador De Guzman Sr.,
Peter Butler, Peter Cleary,
James Brown, George Pinto,
Mary Quinlan,
Mary Semrany (2011),
Mick Carroll, Bernard Cudmore,
Pasqualina Cuiuli,
Thomas Boyle,
Vito Luigina Carlucci (2014),
Victor Ladyga,
Victor Litvensky (2013),
Dennis Lawler (2018),
Ida Wighton (2018),
Manuel Rossi, Erminio Coruzzi,
Ethel Piper, Armando D'Amico,
Jim Clemens,
Antoune Bakhos (2012),
Kevin Davies (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)

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever...

Teens of the Parish are invited to an online Ephesus group session on Zoom - Sunday 17th May @ 6pm

1. Ask permission from a parent (New Safeguarding guidelines outline that permission needs to be recorded, please use the following form: <https://cutt.ly/ephesus-zoom> Or [click here](#) for a printable version which you could return via email to: smghephesus@gmail.com
2. Go to <https://zoom.us/>
3. Meeting ID: 81844761593 | Password: 603074
4. Let your friends know!



St Mary's Primary School



Enrolments close at the end of May. We have already completed many Kindergarten Interviews at this time. I invite you to remind your families that it is important to contact our office very soon to finalise your child's placement for Kindergarten 2021.

Phone: 9727 0000

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:** Please contact the Parish Office to make prior booking. Subject to physical distancing and relevant directives.
- **Marriage:** Six months' notice and a preparation course are required. Subject to physical distancing and relevant directives.
- **Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is currently only available by prior appointment.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Accordance with new Archdiocesan guidelines, please contact the parish office.

Family & Faith

WWJD: What Would Jesus Do?

When faced with moral dilemmas big and small, pause and ask yourself: What would Jesus do? We can be sure that His response would always be based on love, on acting with compassion and generosity towards others. Make a habit of asking yourself this question before you act.



Make it: Make yourself a bracelet, key chain or bookmark with the letters WWJD on it to remind you to stop and think: What would Jesus do?

Jesus, You showed us how to love. We thank you for your example and ask for your help in learning to be more like you. Amen.





Parish Notices

Lay Ministry Roster

Ministries in which all are welcome to serve in our parish:

- 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) to serve on our next Lay Ministry Roster.. 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.

Easing of Restrictions

The NSW Government has now eased some social restrictions. Under these eased restrictions, *“religious gatherings and places of worship can have up to 10 worshippers”*.

In line with the eased Government restrictions, the Archdiocese has issued guidelines to parishes, setting out new procedures that must be put in place before churches can re-open, albeit in a limited capacity.

While the church is not open for general entry yet, we are trialling some new arrangements aiming to fine tune our procedures to meet the Archdiocesan requirements so that we can make the church available in a more open manner for parishioners.

As advised previously by the Archdiocese, parishioners are *“dispensed from attending Sunday Mass”*.

Please continue to check the parish website for information about any permitted gatherings in our parish church, including Mass, other liturgies, other celebrations and private worship.

CyberSafety Survey

The Archdiocese of Sydney recognises the importance of online safety, and the Safeguarding Office has developed a 5 minute CyberSafety Survey for adults and children to complete. This will allow the Safeguarding Office to gain a better understanding about eSafety. All are invited to complete the survey and share with others:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. 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



Faith In Action

There have been many acts of kindness in our parish over the past few months during the COVID19 pandemic. Our wonderful parishioners have been helping each other in many ways: shopping, visiting, making phone calls, delivering food, cooking...

What a wonderful parish!

Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do also to me.

Matthew 25:40b

1st Joyful Mystery: Annunciation



Mary said yes. God was asking a great amount of her. She could face disapproval. Joseph could abandon her. She might not be believed. Mary risked a lot because she had faith in God's goodness. I imagine her kneeling in wonderment at the angel Gabriel, his hands encompassing hers, his forehead pressed against hers as he tells her of God's great plan. She whispers


“yes” knowing that her life is forever changed and possibly going to be much harder. She allows God's will to be done and with that fiat the salvation of the world is set in motion. I pray that I can put God's will before my own.

Children's Corner

The Spirit will keep on living in you

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Accept | Come | Back | Command | Father | Help
Holy Spirit | Love | One | Orphans | People | See | True

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles <i>They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.</i></p>  <p>Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.</p> <p>When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.) 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.) 3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.) 4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.) <p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!</p>	<p>1 Pt 3:15-18 A reading from the first letter of St Peter <i>In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.</i></p> <p>Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.</p> <p>Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.</p> <p>Next Week: The Ascension of the Lord</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11 2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23 Gospel: Mt 28:16-20 Ascension of the Lord</p>

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

Throughout the Gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.