

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



Pentecost Sunday | Year A | Sunday 31st 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

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, a feast that explicitly acknowledges receiving the Holy Spirit as a guide for our daily lives. In these days when our world is in big trouble, we pray together as one family, to the Holy Spirit. Lord sent us the Spirit as you promised. In our contemporary surroundings we are inheritors of the Spirit's life and love and are blessed to discover the Spirit made manifest to our senses. It is as if the Holy Spirit wants to show us physically who he is and how he loves and cares for us, in our own language, our senses. Can I open myself to see, hear and touch the Spirit's blessings? Can we be open to the call to notice and respond in our lives? Let us pray that Jesus will teach us to recognise the gifts of the Spirit. Sometimes it is a struggle to discover the ways of the Holy Spirit, but the "gifts" of the Spirit are guides for their discovery.

Whenever we experience love, joy, greatness of heart and realization of God's presence, that is the Holy Spirit's work in us. There are many images of the Spirit's presence that help us to find God's Spirit. The Spirit is the promised Advocate on our side, pleading for us. The breath of the Spirit hovers over the chaos that ruled before creation. The Spirit is the breath that animates the clay of earth that becomes Adam. Breath and fire dominate the expressions of who the Spirit is and how the Spirit presents his advocacy on our behalf: dove; tongues of fire; cloud, wind; flame; befriender and deifier. Pentecost is the birth of the Church. After the tongues of fire rest above their heads, the disciples immediately preach to the people: yet each one hears and understands in their own language. The embodiment of the Holy Spirit's primary role in our history begins at that moment and continues till now.

EACH WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

SATURDAY:

Vigil Mass (English) 9am // 5pm

SUNDAY:

Mass (English) // 8am, 10am, 5pm

MONDAY:

Mass // 8am

TUESDAY

Mass // 6pm

WEDNESDAY

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

THURSDAY

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

FRIDAY XX

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday 31st:

Pentecost Sunday
Feast of the Visitation

Monday 1st:

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday 3rd:

Feast of Saint Charles Lwanga
and Companions

Friday 5th:

Feast of Saint Boniface



"When you strip it of everything else, Pentecost stands for power and life. That's what came into the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the day of Pentecost."

~ David Wilkerson (The Cross and the Switchblade)

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,
Lynne Mullins, Paul Roughley,
Phillip Nehme,
Romela Onkowiedjaja,
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass,
Vic Ryan, Warren Clarke

Recently Deceased:

Patricia Merchant,
Angelina Pagura, Peter Baulman,
Joe Feletto, Filippo Scardullo,
Matthew Barrett, Sergio Spada

Anniversaries:

Victor Aquilin, William Ross,
Aileen Murphy
Thomas Cleary (2010)
Maureen Parker (Jeffcoate)
(2017)
Enrico Cabigao, Miguel Damas
T. Bilic, K. Sabic, A. Levarda
Irene Raffin,
Renee Hancock (2017),
Maria Puglia (2018)
Phyllis Hancock, Mary Ward
June Woodbridge
June Anne Sanders
Elsa Commisso (2015)
Pauline Fernandes (2016)
Esma Mangin, Nicola Rega
Ada Frost, Colin Mallia
John Janos

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.



Easing of Restrictions - Registration for Masses



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.”*

Please continue to check the parish website for information about any permitted gatherings in our parish church, including Masses.

To register to attend Saturday 5pm Mass or Sunday Masses at 8am, 10am and 5pm please use the following link:

<https://cutt.ly/SMGH>

*Registration does not automatically confirm your place, a member of the parish council will confirm your position.

*Please assist people around you who may not be able to complete the form or do not have access to the internet.

Youth Corner (Ephesus)



Teens of the Parish are invited - Sunday 31st May @ 6pm to an online Ephesus session.

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: 81571320711
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. We will continue to stream the 10am Mass on Facebook ([link](#)) and YouTube ([link](#)). You can register to attend Sunday Mass using the Form above.
- **Baptism:** 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. 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:** Please contact Fr Joseph

Family & Faith



'Pentecost' means '50th day' in Greek. It marks the end of the Easter season and is often called the birthday of the Church, as it was from this event that the disciples went forth to spread the good news and establish the Church. Do it: Bake a cake to celebrate and create the opportunity to discuss the birthday of the Church, use symbols of the Holy Spirit to decorate (dove, flames) and candles!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.



Parish Notices

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>

Lay Ministry Roster

- 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 today 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.

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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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.

St Mary's Catholic School



The enrollment period for Kindergarten 2021 is closing. Could you kindly ensure that if you know a family that needs to enrol their child into Kindy for next year, that they approach the office or visit our website as a matter of urgency please.

Petition

We ask you to sign the petition below calling on Premier Gladys Berejiklian to grant places of worship equal treatment to other public spaces under COVID-19 restrictions

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/petition/>

Mary Mother of the Church

In 2018, Pope Francis introduced a new feast celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost which honours Mary as the "Mother of the Church". The Gospel reading for the feast is John 19:25-31, which recounts how from the cross Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children.



Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognise his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

3rd Joyful Mystery: The Nativity


Mary and Joseph are far from home and she is about to give birth. They find nowhere to stay. Rather than panicking, they rely on God who leads them to a safe, warm place for his son's birth. I imagine their worry but also their sense of calm. They know God cares for them and he will not abandon them on this holy journey. As the angels announce Jesus' birth and the shepherds come to pay him homage, Mary and Joseph are surrounded by God's love. I pray for the grace to depend on God completely.



Children's Corner

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


Afraid | Appeared | Evening | Forgive | Hand | Happy | Holy Spirit | Leader | Middle | Receive | Sins | Sunday

| First Reading | Responsorial Psalm | Second Reading |
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| <p>Acts 2:1-11 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles <i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.</i></p> <p>When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.</p> <p>Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'</p> | <p>(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.</p> <p>1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)</p> <p>2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)</p> <p>3. May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)</p>  | <p>1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.</i></p> <p>No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.</p> <p>Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.</p> |
| | <p>Next Week: The Most Holy Trinity</p> | <p>Gospel Acclamation</p> |
| | <p>1st Reading: Ex 34:4-6. 8-9 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13 Gospel: Jn 3:16-18 - Jesus tells Nicodemus of the Father's love.</p> | <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!</p> |

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23 - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Vene Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.