

# St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 21st June 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 Parishioners,  
Do not be afraid! We are back together in Ordinary Time of Year A with extra-ordinary living with Covid-19. We pray for our family members and those who have died. May God rest them all in His Kingdom.

Mathew's Gospel this week is about the formation and sending out by Jesus of His closest students or disciples. A summary might be that as He was the *Pain of Truth* in the sides of the religious leaders of Israel, so will His "Sent-Ones" also be. But they are not to be afraid. All that they have learned while in hiding they will bring out into the light, which will, in turn, bring them treatment for the lost.

This weekend we celebrate First Reconciliation. We pray for our students with our community. The pandemic is allowing us to be together but only in small groups. This reminds me of the words of Jesus when He sent his disciples to proclaim. Our children are learning how to live free from the virus of sin, and to be obedient - just like Jesus. Parents, your mission is to continue with all your strength to give a good example.

We do pass on the virus by reckless living these days. We pass on sin in a similar manner. Jesus, the "New Adam" is constantly overflowing with that saving grace. He heals us so as to enter again and again into that creating love with which the Eucharist heals us and sends us. As His new apostles, we are sent to live, as the real presence of the *One Sent to Heal*, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

## EACH WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

### SATURDAY:

Mass // 9am  
Reconciliation // 4pm  
Vigil Mass (English) // 5pm;  
Vigil Mass (Vietnamese) // 6.30pm

### SUNDAY:

Mass (English) // 8am, 10am, 5pm  
Mass (Vietnamese) // 3pm

### MONDAY:

Mass // 8am  
Prayer Group in the Chapel // 5.00pm

### TUESDAY:

Holy Hour and Rosary // 5pm  
Mass // 6pm

### WEDNESDAY:

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

### THURSDAY:

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

### FRIDAY:

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am  
Rosary // 8.45am

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

### Saturday 20th

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
First Reconciliation // 1.00pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm

### Sunday 21st

Feast of Aloysius Gonzaga

### Monday 22nd

Feasts of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

### Wednesday 24th:

Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist

### Friday 26th:

Vinnies Family Winter Sleepout @ Home  
(see Family & Faith Section for details)

### Saturday 27th:

First Reconciliation // 1.00pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm

### Sunday 28th:

Ephesus Youth Group // 5.30pm

***"The feeling remains that God is on the journey too."  
- St Teresa of Avila***

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Sick:**

Barbara Kains, Bourke Gibbons  
Bronwyn Kolodzie,  
Christina Apolinario  
Daniel Matesic, Daniel Clarke  
David Sanders, Denis King  
Eddie Marks, Eileen Ellery  
Eunice Davis, Heather Graham  
John Sanders, Kerry Gibbons  
Marie Reich, Paul Roughley  
Phillip Nehme  
Romela Onkowidjaja  
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass  
Vic Ryan, Warren Clarke

**Recently Deceased:**

Gyula George Kovacs  
Lynne Mullins, Mary Zammit  
Mary Ann Weir  
Patricia Merchant  
Angelina Pagura, Peter Baulma  
Joe Feletto, Matthew Barrett

**Anniversaries:**

Giuseppe Costa  
Mary Ann Toohey  
Margaret Mulholland  
Eileen Roberts (1963)  
Estelle Wright (2016)  
Amy Ryan, Patrick Mangan  
Josef Mansour  
Giuseppe Imbruglia  
Lillian Cordeiro  
Nabiha Hanna (2017)  
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Lillian Cordeiro  
Nabiha Hanna (2017)  
Leo Metcalf, Leslie Eldridge  
Connie Pisani  
Antonnie Comarmond  
Mary Barlow, Maria Hoang

**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)**



Last week, we were finally able to meet in the Church!  
Thank you to all the teens who joined us for our trivia night!  
Our next night will be on **Sunday, 28th of June**. Please  
meet at the Church after the 5pm Mass (approximately  
5:30pm). Keep an eye out on our Instagram for more  
details @smghephesus.

**St Mary's Primary School**

*Taste Testing New Canteen Snack Items at St Mary's School.*



**Sacraments**

- **Eucharist:** 50 people are currently allowed to gather for public worship. The 10am Mass will continue to be streamed **via YouTube (Link)**. Please note: we will now only be streaming the service on YouTube, though the link will be uploaded to Facebook before the Mass begins.
- **Baptism/Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office to make prior booking. 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 available to parishioners by prior appointment. **The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated for candidates enrolled in the 2020 program on Saturday 20 and 27 June. Enquiries please contact Nadia on 0414 849 569 or Veronica 0407 231 262.**

**Family & Faith**

**Why Do We Do That?**

**The Pope.**

In any organisation, community or family, there is a person that gives the group cohesion and direction. For Catholics, the Pope fulfills a unique role as a sign and guardian of the unity of our faith community. The title "Pope" comes from the Greek word "papas" and Latin word "papa" meaning father. He particularly represents Christ, the Good Shepherd, leading His flock.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
GEORGES HALL

**BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE HOMELESS**

**#familywintersleepout@home**

Support people who do not have access to safe, secure and adequate housing

Experience what it is like on the street. Use cardboard to sit on and drink soup to keep you warm

Make a card, donate a snack, say a prayer and give a donation

June 26, 2020

Upload photos of your sleepout to social media  
#familywintersleepout@home

Please donate to Vinnies!  
[CLICK HERE](#)

# Parish Notices



## Covid Reminders

A reminder that restrictions will allow only 50 people inside the church at any time.

- On each visit - sanitise your hands.
- All people attending a place of worship are required to register their name and contact details for the purpose of contact tracing.
- We are operating on a first in first served basis.
- We ask that you kindly do not socialise before or after Mass outside the Church or in the carpark.
- If you are feeling unwell - please stay at home!

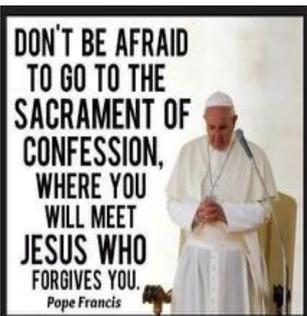


## Covid Notice from Parish Pastoral Council

It's great news that slowly as we come out of COVID 'lockdown, we are able to increase the number of parishioners being seated during Mass. It has also been encouraging to see the number of parishioners now attending the weekly morning masses. These are all good signs that we are slowly returning to normality post COVID.

There is further good news ahead and by July 1st we may be able to increase our numbers even more as long as we continue the social distancing requirements between individuals/families sitting together. Unfortunately, until then, we will need to keep the seated numbers to 50, which may mean we need to ask parishioners not to enter the church once we're at that capacity. This isn't an easy task, given we're all part of the community here at St Mary Queen of Heaven, but it is a necessity.

Please understand if you're asked not to enter, that this is a government requirement and the Parish Pastoral Council members at the doors are just trying to ensure we are compliant with government regulations. There is sunshine on the horizon and we look forward to a time when we are all able to celebrate Mass together again! Thank you for your understanding.



## First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated over the next two weekends for 60 of our parish children. Please pray for these children and their families as they continue on their faith journeys and grow closer to God. Congratulations to all of these children.

## 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](mailto: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.

## The Immaculate Heart of Mary - 20 June

This commemoration celebrates Mary as the model of ready acceptance of God's will in all life's circumstances. It was instituted by Pius XII for the octave day of the Assumption and was moved by Paul VI in 1969 to the Saturday after the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



## The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - 24 June



This feast was observed on this date in the fourth century. It celebrates the holy birth of 'the greatest of all the prophets,' the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb, who prepared the way for Christ, announced his presence, and baptised him in the River Jordan.

## 1st Sorrowful Mystery: Agony in the Garden

Jesus knows torture and death lie ahead and he prays that the cup will pass. He also prays God's will be done. In his agony, he carries the weight of our sins so that we may be saved. I imagine the courage it took to give himself to God's plan. We too suffer and while we may pray the suffering will end, we are given support from Our Lord to endure, as Jesus received strength from the angel in the garden. I pray for the courage to conform to God's will especially when it may be difficult.



## Safeguarding Information

Would you like to know more about Safeguarding children in the parish? What does the Archdiocese say and do to protect our children? Find out more - search the Archdiocese website for more [information](#). The Safeguarding Office recently launched the following fact sheets that provide children, youth, parents, guardians, employees and volunteers with information on how to safely engage in online communication:

- Information for [employees and volunteers](#)
- Information for [children](#) about online safety
- Information for [Young people](#) about Online safety
- Information for [Parents and Guardians](#)

## Children's Corner

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H	S	O	U	S	A	N	Y	F	D	CLEAR
G	E	W	L	D	N	D	R	O	E	DARK
I	D	H	O	E	A	A	A	W	S	DAYLIGHT
L	E	I	P	R	I	F	E	L	T	WHISPERS
Y	C	S	K	D	R	L	L	L	R	KILL
A	L	P	I	N	L	A	C	I	O	SOUL
D	A	E	H	U	F	E	P	K	Y	DESTROY
A	R	R	O	H	R	A	P	S	T	SPARROWS
S	E	S	P	I	H	W	O	S	E	PENNY
										HEAD
										HUNDREDS

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Jer 20:10-13</b> A reading from the prophet Jeremiah <i>He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.</i></p> <p>Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'</p> 	<p><b>(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.</b></p> <p>1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)</p> <p>2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)</p> <p>3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)</p>	<p><b>Rom 5:12-15</b> A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.</i></p> <p>Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.</p>
	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p>
	<p><b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>1st Reading:</b> 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Rom 6:3-4. 8-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Mt 10:37-42 Take up your cross.</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!</p>

## Gospel

<p><b>Mt 10:26-33</b> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew <i>Do not fear those who can kill the body.</i></p> <p>Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.</p> <p>'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'</p>	
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## Reflection by Laurie Medina

Fear is the result of distrust in God and is a natural part of being human on this side of heaven. Remember Adam and Eve in the garden? They were afraid, so they hid from God. They believed the lie that God was withholding goodness and knowledge from them, and they feared his wrath. Just like Adam and Eve, when we are afraid, we believe some lie about who God is, and therefore, believe lies about who He says we are. When we're afraid we doubt that God sees and knows our situation. We doubt His all-consuming love for us. We're afraid of being vulnerable with Him because we're afraid that if we open our hands He'll take from us what we're not ready to give, or we're afraid He'll fix things we don't want to be fixed. He desires union with us more than anything else. He longs to console us and wants our trust. His heart breaks when he says to us, "Who said that? Who said that I would not provide for you? Who told you I wasn't enough?" If we really knew how GOOD the Lord is, we would never be afraid to follow Him wherever He leads us.

After reminding ourselves the truth about who God is and who He says we are, we need just to breathe and abide in His love. We surrender and trust that when we ask the Lord to stretch us, in His gentleness He will do just that. We pray for His peace, and His guidance, and He gives us Himself – because only He can truly transform our fears and calm our inner storms.