

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 6th September 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

Happy Father's Day.

This Sunday I would like to refer to the second reading which is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (13:8-10). He points out that all obligations are summed up in a single commandment: love your neighbour as yourself. At times we see this command to love as a single command but Paul in 1 Cor 13:4-7 brings out the complex nature of love.

I suggest that we do an examination of conscience on love today. Love is patient. Am I? Love is kind. Am I? Love is not arrogant. Am I? Love is not irritable. Am I? Love is not boastful. Am I? Love is not resentful. Am I? Love does not rejoice in what is wrong. How do I understand this? Love rejoices in the truth. Do I? Am I capable of selflessly rejoicing in the good fortune of others?

Jesus is gently reminding us that by being members of the church community, we are responsible for one another, and one of our tasks of love may be that of correcting our brother or sister who errs. This is never an easy task in our relativistic times, and our advice risks being rejected. Fraternal correction must always be inspired by real charity - it is one of the spiritual works of mercy. I pray to be given this love and the wisdom to find the right way to carry out this task of love. Because Jesus shares his own spirit with us, the connection between the community of believers and Jesus is very close: whatever we ask in union will be given to us by the Father. I ask for this insight and for a stronger faith in the presence of Jesus in the midst of the Church Eucharistic Celebration.

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
Nursing Home Mass // 10.30am (fortnightly)
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
Nursing Home Mass // 10.00am (fortnightly)

FRIDAY

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Saturday 5th:

St Teresa of Calcutta

Sunday 6th:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day

Monday 7th:

Feast of Bl. Fredric Oznam
Confirmation Lesson // 4.00pm

Tuesday 8th:

Feast of the Nativity of Mary

Friday 11th:

Retreat for First Holy Communion // 3.30pm

Saturday 12th:

First Holy Communion Masses //
11.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm

Sunday 13th:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feast of St John Chrysostom

"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands"
- Frédéric Oznam (Founder of St Vincent De Paul)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

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

Recently Deceased:

Giuseppe Versace
Bruno Riga
Phyllis Totterdell
Cole James
Deidre Prentice
Salvatore Albane
Baby Luca
Dusanka Jurcevic

Anniversaries:

Maria Pagura, Luigino Benedet,
Tina Fabbro, Luigia Fabbro,
Sandra Peresan
Loreto Cabigao
Thea Bos - Driessen
Tamam Nohra
Assunta Bett
Molly Tierney
Robert Marindo
Peter Lim
Peter Gosses
Brian Bishop
Eileen Byrne (2015)
Giuseppe Condello
Fr Tito Cecelia
Anna Cynthia D'Cruz
Sr. Marie Harrison
Leonardo Martingano (2011)
Teresa Ravagnani (2014)
Marjorie Moore (1988)

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.



18 Elements in the Our Father



St Mary's Primary School

We wish Father Joseph, our fathers, guardians and special men in our lives a wonderful day on Sunday September 6, Father's Day. We thank them for being our protectors and for loving us. We also remember our fathers who are now with our Father in heaven, may perpetual light shine upon them.

Happy Father's Day

Sacraments

- **Baptism:** Any weekend Mass or Sundays at 11am; bookings via Parish office.
- **Marriage:** At least 6 months notice is needed, a preparation course if required.
- **Reconciliation:** Sat @ 4.00pm or by appointment, please contact Fr Joseph.

First Communion	Confirmation
First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 12 and 19 September	Lessons for Confirmation for children who do not attend St Mary's Primary school will be held on Monday @ 4pm, and will be celebrated on 26 September

Should you have any other enquiries, please contact Nadia 0414849569

These celebrations will be live streamed for friends and family, please see the links below:

- First Holy Communion (12th Sept, 11am): <https://rb.gy/tprbvr>
- First Holy Communion (12th Sept, 1pm): <https://rb.gy/ts1hni>
- First Holy Communion (12th Sept, 3pm): <https://rb.gy/zkzq6o>
- First Holy Communion (19th Sept, 11am): <https://rb.gy/tzuvjv>
- First Holy Communion (19th Sept, 1pm): <https://rb.gy/sy06kk>
- First Holy Communion (19th Sept, 3pm): <https://rb.gy/m9n0ci>
- Confirmation Mass (26th Sept, 11am): <https://rb.gy/ursnol>
- Confirmation Mass (26th Sept, 1pm): <https://rb.gy/vsn4nn>

Family & Faith

Did You Know...

The Little Red Light.

That little red light glowing near the Baptismal Font tells us that Jesus is present in the Eucharist Bread in the Tabernacle. We acknowledge His presence by genuflecting (touching our right knee to the ground). This is a sign of respect and an act of adoration of Jesus. Catholics usually genuflect towards the tabernacle as they enter and leave the church.



WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER SPACE...

A Puzzle Piece.

Dear Lord Jesus, It is not always easy to follow you. Help us to listen when others challenge us to be better Christians, and keep us close as a family. Amen.





Parish Notices

Child Protection Week 6-12 September

This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is celebrating National Child Protection Week for the fifth year in a row! The week provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for and protect the children and young people in our communities. The Safeguarding Office has developed resources for children and young people available on their website ([link - https://rb.gy/iyxs8s](https://rb.gy/iyxs8s)). You are also encouraged to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring for and protecting our Children and Young People.

Ephesus Update

A big thank you to the teens and leaders who joined us over the last few weeks for our Faith and Arts Series!

We decided to postpone our next night 6th September (Fathers Day) and will be back on the **20th of September**. Stay up to date via our [Instagram @smghephesus](#).



Father's day Appeal this weekend

This Father's Day, please consider donating to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Your donation will assist our retired Priests to live with dignity, and support their basic needs such as meals, accommodation and medical expenses. Please support those who have been there for us and donate today. Envelopes will be left at the back of the church this weekend.



Cashless Donations

There are two tap donation devices at the entrance of the church for people who want to use Credit Cards. Note - donations cannot be refunded and no receipts are issued.

Technology Update

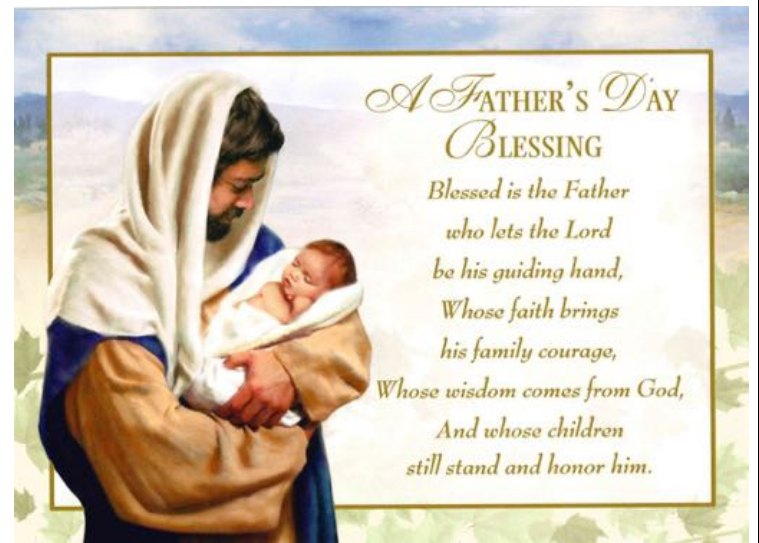
The Church has two new projection screens to replace the faulty monitor. In addition, some work on the wiring has taken place to fix issues with the speakers. The Parish Council are looking at installing a monitor at the back of the Church and the mounted cameras to assist with live streaming Masses and future-proofing our parish. A big thank you to Davide Santolini and Michael Hogan for their work in this space.

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 guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. Safeguarding resources are available in the sacristy. Enquiries:

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Happy Father's Day



Child Protection Prayer

Lord, You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; For it is such as these that the Reign of God belongs. You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith. Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child. We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen


1st Luminous Mystery: Baptism of Jesus

Though Jesus is without original sin, John baptizes him and God announces that Jesus is his son and he is pleased. I imagine standing in that cool river, feeling the water rush past me. The sounds of the crowd are muffled as my head goes below the surface. I imagine hearing God's great voice proclaiming he is pleased with his son. I desire God to be pleased with me too, and pray that I can accept the movement of the Holy Spirit in my life.




Children's Corner



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Ez 33:7-9 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel <i>If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.</i></p> <p>The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’</p>	<p>(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</p> <p>1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)</p> <p>2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)</p> <p>3. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)</p>	<p>Rom 13:8-10 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>Love is the fulfilment of the Law.</i></p> <p>Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.</p>
	Next Week’s Readings	Gospel Acclamation
	<p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Sir 27:30 – 28:7 2nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9 Gospel: Mt 18:21-35 - Parable of the official who, receiving mercy, does not show it to others.</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

<p>Mt 18:15-20 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew <i>If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.</i></p> <p>Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.</p> <p>‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.</p> <p>‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’</p>	
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Reflection by Mary Coloe

The passage gives us a small glimpse into the life of one early Christian community. Obviously, it was a community that had its difficulties and struggles, hence Matthew’s need to offer a way of handling disagreements within the community. Most commentators believe that Matthew’s audience were once Jews who converted to Christianity. Therefore, they were a community who were used to praying in a *minyan* - a group of ten (men), without which the communal prayer could not take place. Now, within a smaller Christian community it may be more difficult to gather such a group so Matthew offers further pastoral advice that Jesus is present when only a small number gather – even just two people. As we glimpse some of the struggles within Matthew’s community this may provide a source of encouragement for our own communities as we face the difficulties of “being Church” in our time. And, above all, remember Jesus’ promise – he is Emmanuel, God with us – even when it might seem God is distant. How much more relevant is this passage during the COVID crisis when we gathered with our families to read the Scriptures or view Mass online. Jesus’ message is for you.... “There I am with you.”