

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 13th 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

Dear Parishioners,
In our church we have many celebrations, the greatest is Holy Eucharist. During the next two weeks we will gather together with our children in communion with Jesus Christ. At the last supper, Jesus described the bread that he shared as food for everlasting life. He said "Take and eat, this is my body". This means that Jesus himself is the nourishment we need for our soul, for our inner self, because the soul also needs food. During baptism you promise that you will grow in the faith together with your children, all the time. These days we need God's friendship, which helps us to make the right decisions. We need to mature as human beings and to have a life in him.

Last Sunday we joined together in the Holy Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith; it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the 'Sacrament of Love' In fact, from this 'Sacrament of Love', flows every authentic journey of faith, forgiveness and communion. Jesus speaks to us in the same way as he spoke to his disciples, "I am the bread of Life, he who comes to me shall not hunger. He who believes in me shall not thirst" As we celebrate this Eucharist today, as we come face to face with this extraordinary mystery, I hope that for each one of us, God in Jesus becomes present and helps us to transform. The more God changes us, the more we become like Jesus in our family and community.

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 12th:

The Most Holy Name of Mary
First Holy Communion Masses //
11.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm

Sunday 13th:

5th Fatima Apparition

Monday 14th:

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Tuesday 15th:

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday 18th:

Feast of St Joseph Cupertino

Saturday 19th:

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

Sunday 20th:

Feast of St Andrew Taegon and Companions

***"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason:
Holy Communion"
- St Maximilian Kolbe***

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 Onkowitz
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass
Vic Ryan, Warren Clarke

Recently Deceased:

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

Remembrances:

Ivan Kucic (2017)
Sylwester Szatan 2019
Joseph Schembri
Wassim Noujaim (2014)

Anniversaries:

Agnes Merle Corkeron
Mary Gili
Mary Isabel Kurrle
Georgett Nouné
William Moore (2014)
Judith Anne Hurworth (2015)
Andrew Howley
Angelina Micallef
Maria Gatto (2014)
Marlene Lee (2014)
Olga Wilkin
Rod Simpson
David Fitch (2012)
Benjamin Bonnici (2014)
Illuminada Fidel
Arthur Cordeiro
John Di Giordio
James Hoken
Alexander Kerr
Milka Gobo

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)

Join us next Sunday as we continue our Faith and Arts series with Music To My Heart!

Meeting ID to come.

Don't forget to ask your parents for permission to join us online cutt.ly/ephesus-zoom



St Mary's Primary School



May God's blessings, love, and grace be showered upon the First Communion Candidates on the joyous occasion of their Holy Communion over the next two weekends.

We thank Father Joseph and the wonderful volunteers who spend their time ensuring our children have a deep knowledge and love of the Sacraments.

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 Holy Communion | Confirmation |
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| First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 12 and 19 September | Conformation: 26th September 11am and 2 pm |

Should you have any other enquiries, please contact Nadia 0414849569

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

- <https://rb.gy/dsh1jh>

Family & Faith



Let's normalise changes in mental health! Some have heavier crosses to bear than others, but it has the potential to touch each of us at some point in our lives. Supporting someone who is struggling is also a heavy cross. Let us pray for those struggling, that they get the help that they need and for those supporting them too.

FORGIVENESS



What a beautiful gift to forgive and to be forgiven.
Just as we are forgiven by the Father, so too should we forgive others. Forgiveness allows us to restore broken relationships and let go of resentment. Forgiveness frees us to love and live joyfully.

Parish Notices

Parish Security Fencing

Some months ago the parish applied for funding under the Community Building Partnership Program to assist meeting the costs of installing security fencing around the parish site. Our local member, Ms Tania Mihailuk, advised back in March that we were successful in obtaining funding to assist meet the costs. We are grateful to the NSW State Government for their support. Work will commence over the school holidays to remove the old wire fence that surrounds the parish site.

Father's Day Appeal

Thank you to those who donated to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal last weekend. Your donation will assist our retired Priests to live with dignity, and support their basic needs such as meals, accommodation and medical expenses. It's not too late to donate and envelopes are available 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.

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: veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com

THE Catholic Weekly

Pick up a copy of the latest Catholic Weekly from the piety stand.



Archbishop honours Catholic school students: Archbishop Fisher exhorted 50 Year 12 Catholic school students to "be ready to speak to a post-COVID world with new vision and hope" as they complete their schooling ([link](#))

Archbishop Fisher: Let's not create an ethical dilemma: Most religious believers are not anti-vaxers... I, for one, don't think it would be unethical to use this vaccine if there is no alternative available. ([link](#))



A call too strong to ignore: Catholic parishes across the Archdiocese of Sydney welcome four new priests ordained at St Mary's Cathedral ([link](#))

Our Lady of Sorrows - 15 September

This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross.



First Holy Communion Prayer

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.



2nd Luminous Mystery: Wedding at Cana

It is here Jesus' public life is put into motion. I imagine Mary noticing that the wine is running out and hearing her ask Jesus for help, confident in his assistance. His respect for Mary is so high, he performs his First miracle at her request. Her command, "Do whatever he tells you" is for us too. The wine stewards listen and water is turned into wine. When we pray the Rosary she intercedes with her Son on our behalf. I pray to grow closer to Jesus with Mary's help.

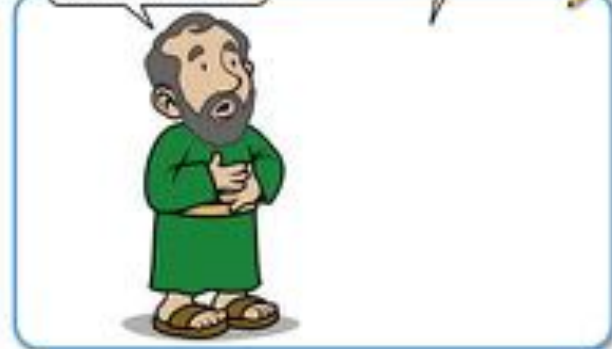



Children's Corner

Draw a picture of Jesus talking to Peter about forgiveness.

Lord, if someone sins against me, how often should I forgive them? As many as seven times?

Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.



| First Reading | Responsorial Psalm | Second Reading |
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| <p>Sir 27:30 – 28:7 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus <i>Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.</i></p> <p>Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.</p> <p>If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?</p> <p>Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.</p> | <p>(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.</p> <p>1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)</p> <p>2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)</p> <p>3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)</p> <p>4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)</p> | <p>Rom 14:7-9 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.</i></p> <p>The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.</p>  |
| | <p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Is 55:6-9 2nd Reading: Phil 1:20-24. 27 Gospel: Mt 20:1-16 - Parable of the workers in the vineyard.</p> | <p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!</p> |

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The parable sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison 'until he paid back the debt'. This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone's debt was to 'redeem' them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a 'Redeemer' were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.