

# St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 20th 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

In Luke's passage for this Sunday, Jesus Christ warns us against the well-known sin of jealousy. One of the owners of the vineyard goes to the market five times to hire labourers to harvest the vine.

Although these workers started to work at different times, in the evening, when paying their wages, the last workers received the same amount as those who had worked since the morning. Let us try to imagine the joyful faces and the happiness of some, and the sadness and envy of others. Was it about being seen as overly generous to those who worked later in the vineyard?

So what is jealousy? On the one hand, it is sadness at your neighbor's success, and at the same time joy at his misfortune. A jealous person wants evil for others, and he craves someone else's good for himself.

The root of jealousy is putting oneself at the centre, the inability to desire good for others. Let us reflect on our lives are we stimulated and encouraged by jealousy, presenting sick ambitions as healthy competition.

The Christian spiritual tradition recommends some interesting solutions to those who wish to overcome jealousy. For example someone might make a selfless gesture and please someone. Another is to read the New Testament and writings of the Fathers of the Church and the biographies of saints to experience how beautiful selfless love is. It is worth doing an examination of conscience today.

Remember that God gave me talents and gifts which I am to constantly develop with the help of His supporting grace.

## 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

### FRIDAY

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

### Saturday 19th:

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

### Sunday 20th:

Feast of St Andrew Taegon and Companions

### Monday 21st:

Feast of St Matthew

### Tuesday 22nd:

Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz

### Wednesday 23rd:

Feast of St Padre Pio

### Thursday 24th:

Feast of St John Henry Newman

### Friday 25th:

Feast of Sts Louis and Zelig Martin

### Saturday 26th:

Confirmation Masses //  
11.00am, 2.00pm

### Sunday 27th:

Feast of St Vincent De Paul

*"Envy can be like a tiny devil that sits on your shoulder and whispers words into your ear, gnashes on your soul and makes life into something that is often filled with suffering and much negativity." Henrik Edberg*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Sick:**

Bourke Gibbons  
Christina Apolinario  
Daniel Matesic, Daniel Clarke  
David Sanders, Denis Kin  
Eddie Marks, Eileen Eller,  
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:**

Peter McMartin  
Dawn (Lawrence) McHugh  
Franco Calligaro  
Eunice Davis  
Giuseppe Versace  
Bruno Riga  
Phyllis Totterdell  
Cole James

**Remembrances:**

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

**Anniversaries:**

Tunsa Damit, Margaret Crook  
Violet Galea  
Robert Gooley  
Elizabeth Stanton (2008)  
Stephen Bruce (2014)  
Liberato Gobo  
Katelinh Nguyen (2009)  
Peter Curic  
Emil Steffek  
Elizabeth Francis  
Granville Swift (2011)  
Epitacia Miranda  
Betty May Kable

**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.



**St Mary's Primary School**

This term all classes have engaged in weekly music lessons to learn to read musical notes and also play percussion instruments. Below is a link to Year 3 playing a peaceful tune:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIMjK6bsXuQ&feature=youtu.be>



In addition, St Mary's offers private music tuition on keyboard or band instruments. Contact the office if you would like more information about how your child can enjoy this extra curricular activity.

**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
Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Communion last weekend. First Communion will also be celebrated this Saturday 19 September at 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm.	Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Brady on Saturday 26 September at 11.00am and 2.00pm.

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> or <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>**



**Family & Faith**

**WHAT'S IN MY PRAYER SPACE?**

**A 1st Ribbon**  
Father in Heaven,  
You love all of your  
children equally.  
Help us not to be  
jealous of one another.  
Amen.



**GOD'S GENEROSITY**

This week's Gospel is not about fair wages; it's about the Kingdom of Heaven. The message is this: Some will hear God's call as children, young adults, or in old age. No matter when a person hears the call, if they respond, their reward is the same; eternal life in Heaven.

# Parish Notices

## Online Streaming



Our parish has new streaming hardware which allows us to better stream Masses and other services. Thank you to the Chalouhi family for their donation in this regard. Streamed Masses will be available via our YouTube: St Mary Georges Hall (direct link: <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>)

## Ephesus

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!! We'll be having our first ever Online Games Night on Zoom this week!

**Meeting ID: 880 7416 0811**

Don't forget to ask your parents for permission - [cutt.ly/ephesus-zoom](https://cutt.ly/ephesus-zoom)

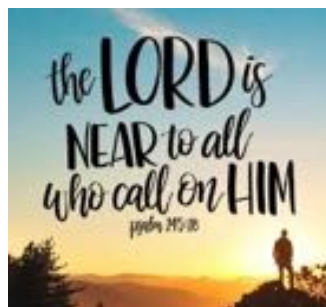


## Parish Security Fencing

As mentioned last week, work will commence over the school holidays to remove the old wire fence that surrounds the parish site. We will also be digging up part of the driveway on the Georges Crescent entrance - this will mean that access to the parish car park from Georges Crescent will not be available from Monday 28 September for 3-4 days. We appreciate your patience while this work is being done.

## Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is postponed until further notice. But, we want the children to continue experiencing the Gospel in a fun way. For this Sunday's Children's Liturgy activity please print the activities available [HERE](#) as well as the discussion questions. Parents are encouraged to read the Gospel and discuss its message with their children and assist them to complete the activity sheet. Have fun!



## 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 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](mailto:veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com)

## Vale - Eunice Davis

Eunice Davis and her husband Ray have been parishioners at St Mary's for decades, raising their two sons here. When the boys, Chad and Ronan started school, Eunice offered her services to the Parish. She became a Catechist, teaching Kindergarten at Georges Hall Public School. In addition, she worked and cleaned the Church and washed the Altar Linen for many years. Eunice was active in the St Vincent de Paul Society, holding many positions in the local and regional conference. Local clients would look forward to a visit from Eunice as she always had time to listen. She was also highly thought of at St Brendan's School, Bankstown too, where she worked with the young children. After her retirement, due to ill health, she was greatly missed. Eunice passed away last week and her funeral will be held at St Mary's next Monday 21 September at 11.00am. As numbers in the church are limited, anyone wishing to attend Eunice's funeral are requested to email Chad Davis: [chad@musicland.com](mailto:chad@musicland.com) to book. The Mass will be live streamend - tune into by [clicking this link](#) just before 11am. *Family have requested that donations to St Vincent de Paul may be made at the funeral, in lieu of sending flowers.* May the angels lead her to paradise and may she Rest In Peace. **Amen.**

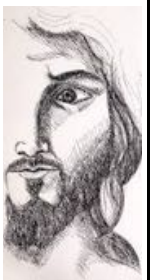
## First Holy Communion Prayer

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.

## 3rd Luminous Mystery: Ministry of Jesus

Jesus went about the land preaching the coming of the kingdom of heaven. He healed the sick and cast out demons. I imagine the awe of the people watching this man proclaim the importance of repenting of our sins as he healed people of their paralysis or leprosy. He preached about love and forgiveness. We too need healing and repentance. I pray for the ability to be humbly and genuinely sorry for my sins against others and against the God who loves me and made me.





## Children's Corner

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.

SELFISH CARING  
VAIN GREEDY KIND  
GENEROUS  
SHARING CARELESS  
JEALOUS

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Is 55:6-9</b> A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>My thoughts are not your thoughts.</i></p> <p>Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.</p> 	<p><b>(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.</b></p> <p>1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)</p> <p>2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)</p> 	<p><b>Phil 1:20-24. 27</b> A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians <i>For me to live is Christ.</i></p> <p>Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.</p>
<b>Next Week's Readings</b>		<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>
<p><b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>1st Reading:</b> Ez 18:25-28 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Phil 2:1-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Mt 21:28-32</p>		<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!</p>

## Gospel

**Mt 20:1-16** - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



## Reflection by Mary Coloe

The parable is only found in Matthew's Gospel and its place in the Gospel narrative is important. At the start of chapter 19, Matthew records that Jesus left Galilee and crossed into the Southern region of Judea, heading towards Jerusalem. Galilee has been a place where Jesus' teaching was generally welcomed. In Galilee he found both men and women prepared to become his disciples. Heading to Jerusalem though, is a journey into the centre of Jewish religious authority. It will be, for Jesus, the centre of conflict. There is a cost in this journey, for Jesus it will ultimately cost him his life. Some of us reading this, or sitting at Mass are cradle Catholics (akin to the Galileans). Others here are converts. Others here may have been born into the faith, but only recently came to accept God. Some of you here have never missed their Sunday obligation. Others, this may be your first time at a Mass. Still others, you may have wondered here by accident or brought here by a family member. The parable today is for you. "I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay [the early-comer]." God is good and generous.