

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 4 October 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 Friends

Isaiah used the image of the vineyard to represent God's love for his people. Christ used this image to reveal the social mechanisms in which He is a victim.

Jesus does not stop at the fate of the vineyard itself, but at the deals that exist between the owner and the mercenaries and workers. The owner made a deal, the mercenaries signed it and he went far away. However, when the profit was distributed, the employees turned out to be dishonest. Not only did they not stick to the deal, but they hit the owner's son. We can easily apply today's Gospel to our professional systems. As business owners, directors or ordinary employers, do we care about the honesty of the contract itself and its observance?

This question is also valid in the opinion of employers who do not believe in God. Their dishonesty must be taken into account. Jesus does not hesitate to speak of his Father as an employer and sets him as an example for everyone. Another set of questions relates to employees. Are we honest, do we keep the contract, is our relationship with the employer based on wise trust? How often do we face injustice..... Then, as disciples of Christ, do we remember the contract with us and the fact that the employer can fail? But Jesus will never fail; he is present in your life. It is God who will reward the integrity of the service and work. The workplace and the arrangements that prevail in it, should always reflect the Gospel values to which we espouse.

EACH WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

SATURDAY:

Mass // 9am
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:

Tuesday 6th:

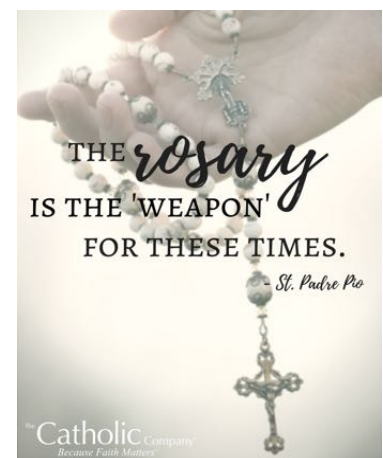
Feast of St Bruno

Wednesday 7th:

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday 9th:

Feasts of St Denis & Companions,
St John Leonardi



"When prayed well in a truly meditative way, the Rosary leads to an encounter with Christ in His mysteries." - St Pope John Paul II

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

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:

Evline Aylie,
Peter McMartin,
Dawn (Lawrence) McHugh,
Franco Calligaro, Eunice Davis,
Giuseppe Versace
Bruno Riga, Phyllis Totterdell
Cole James, Carmel Saleh

Remembrances:

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

Anniversaries:

Souad Abou-Road,
Rodney Lawler,
Antonio & Anna Sergi,
Flora Vella, Norma Heffernan,
Bernard Lozinski,
Gerald Hayes (2011),
Shaun Donahue(2010),
Janice Parkinson (2014),
Vic Dadich (2016),
Antonio D'Amico,
Clement Joseph Ryan,
Joe Ritchie,
Eileen Bugden (1995),
Edolie Carretta, Angelo Zito,
Pearl Eldridge,
Mahab Nohra (2011),
Ian (Imre) Gabor (2014),
George Herzig, Noel Felix D'Cruz,
Marie Siefert, Fred Prothero,
Peter Hurworth

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



Mrs Palmer's School Holiday Writing Challenge

Students are invited to write a story with a moral over the holidays with their family. The top 8 stories will be made into iMovies and shared with the community.

Happy Holidays,
Happy Writing!

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.

Congratulations to the parish children who made their Confirmation last weekend. May you use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God and may your life proclaim the Good News.



Family & Faith

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Statues of Saints.**

Many homes have photos and mementos of loved ones who have died. Catholics do the same with artworks and relics of saints who are our spiritual ancestors. Statues, pictures, relics and devotional prayers are our family heritage and connection with our past.



WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER SPACE?

A Letter.
Father in Heaven,
Send us your Spirit to help us live your message of love.
Amen.



Youth Corner (Ephesus)

Hey guys! We have made the difficult decision to postpone our Ephesus night this week. Our next night will be on the **18th of October** in the [school hall](#). We hope to see you all then! God bless!



Our lived streamed masses are available from <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>

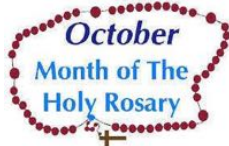


Parish Notices

October - Month of the Rosary

Free Rosary beads and Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

Pray the Rosary at St Mary's - before every weekday Mass and a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before every weekend Mass during October.



New Acolyte and Extraordinary Ministers

If you attend 8.00am Mass on Sunday you may have noticed two new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We welcome Jenny and Bernie Freeburn to this Ministry and to Bernie who will also serve as an Acolyte. God bless you both and thank you for your dedication to your faith.



Cashless Donations

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

Holy Father's Appeal 2020

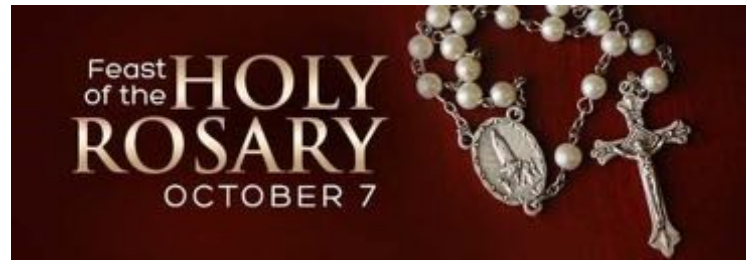
Our Parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal this weekend for which we ask support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you

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

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - 7 October

October is the month of the Holy Rosary which brings great peace and holiness to your life. The Rosary is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured and combines the salutation of the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. It is a powerful instrument for conversion and is the best method of honouring Mary. It protects the Church from false teachings and keeps her safe from the attacks of the enemy. The Church encourages the faithful to pray the Rosary daily during this month. The Church established the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7th) in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto.



Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.

"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening!" - St. John Paul II

3rd Luminous Mystery - Proclamation

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 says that we shall be given God's kingdom if we work hard to do what is right.

With Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith, fill in the other stones with pictures of yourself doing things that make you a good worker for God.

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| <h1>JESUS</h1> | |

| First Reading | Responsorial Psalm | Second Reading |
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| <p>Is 5:1-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.</i></p> <p>Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.</p> | <p>(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.) 2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.) 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.) 4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.) | <p>Phil 4:6-9 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians <i>Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.</i></p> <p>There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.</p> |
| | <p>Next Week's Readings</p> | <p>Gospel Acclamation</p> |
| | <p>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Is 25:6-10 2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14. 19-20 Gospel: Mt 22:1-14 Parable of the Wedding Banquet.</p> | <p>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</p> |

Gospel

Mt 21:33-43
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:
It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?
'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Matthew's whole recount of this parable is dependent upon the hearer's familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognised Jesus' words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.