

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 11 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

We like to attend parties, be treated to treats and have fun while listening to good music. Jesus explained for us the Kingdom of God with an analogy of a wedding reception in which we are invited to participate. Speaking about the king inviting his son to the wedding feast, he tells us the truth about God's Kingdom.

The king is God, the feast is the salvation brought to us by the Son of God, and the servants are the prophets and apostles. Generous God has an open invitation for all of us; his son is in love, 'Come and share my joy. Everything is ready.' But they didn't want to join the celebration, because they considered other matters more important. But refusing the invitation, they rejected God's love. Jesus is reminding us that in life we don't have to go alone.

Salvation is so close. Come! The invitation is renewed and God speaks today to you. Come!

Jesus is calling us today and during the week to share the wedding. But we need to have a wedding dress in order not to be thrown outside in the dark. It is true that this 'garment' is more internal than external. It is given by God Himself, the Creator of grace and all goodness in the human soul. But everyone who is invited must say "yes" to the Lord, must accept His law and fully respond to the requirements of Christian life.

Are we ready to accept the "wedding attire"?

Meditating on today's Word of God with the greatest humility, let us be of good cheer and accept now the Lord's invitation to the Eucharistic 'Banquet'.

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 XX

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Tuesday 13:

6th Apparition of Fatima

Wednesday 14:

Feast of St Callistus

Thursday 15:

Feast of St Teresa of Avila

Friday 16:

Feasts of St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saturday 17:

Feast of St Ignatius of Antioch

Sunday 18:

Mission Sunday
Ephesus // 5.30pm



"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything" - St Teresa of Avila

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 Onkowiedjaja,
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:

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

Anniversaries:

Abelardo Ramos, John Hishion,
Joanna Sestitio (2017),
Robert Herzig, Ronald Balbi,
Norman Avery, Henryk Anders,
Nevin Cary (2013),
Beryl Spencer,
Americo Molinari,
Youseff Warden Laba,
Antonietta Di Legge-Ranalli,
Ilene Bayada, Enid Foley,
Jean Howley, Margaret Brady,
Vivienne Brown,
Dominico Vu (1993),
John Reardon, Jean Mitchell,
Joseph Fitch,
Joseph "Joe" Muscat (2011),
Jan Runger (2014)

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

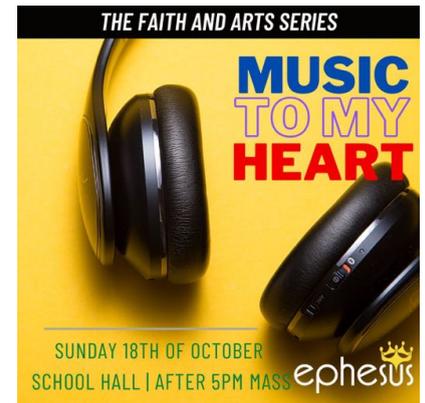
Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Youth Corner (Ephesus)

Hey guys! We're super excited for our next Ephesus night on the **18th of October!** It'll be our first night back in the **school hall** after a few months of Zoom meetings. Our night is called Music to my Heart and it'll be following our Faith and Arts Series. Join us after the 5pm Mass! Bring a friend!



St Mary's Primary School



St Mary's Gold Medal Winning Aerobics Team
We are proud to announce that our school aerobics team came first in their division for the Virtual School Aerobics Competition.

Congratulations Lana, Eliana, Stephanie, Giaan, Sienna, Isabella and Zoe for your wonderful commitment to the practice sessions at lunch times. Thanks sincerely to Mrs Cramp, their dedicated coach.

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.

Family & Faith

LOOK CLOSER...

The Wedding Feast.

Throughout the scriptures, the image of marriage and weddings is often used to describe how God loves us. The Church tells us that if we want to know about how Jesus loves, we should look to passionate, committed married couples - as they are an image (and a sacrament) of Christ's love for the Church. **Talk about it:** Think of a committed married couple. What are some of the characteristics of their love (eg. forgiving, caring, etc.)?



WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER SPACE?

Wedding Rings.

Lord Jesus,
You are our beloved bridegroom.
You call us into a deep and loving relationship with you.
Teach us how to love.
Amen.



We are hoping that playgroup will be back this term on Thursday mornings!! YAY!!! Please watch this space for advice on when it will be starting.



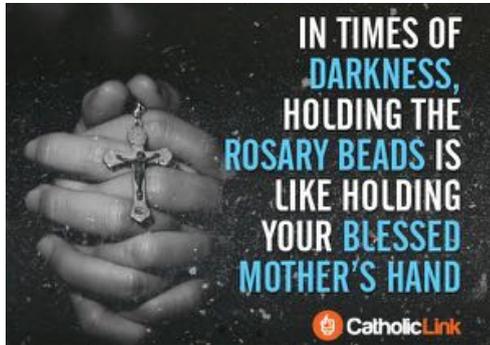
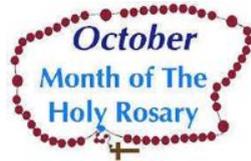
Our lived streamed masses are available from <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>



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.



Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting Rosters

Volunteers are needed for the Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting rosters which run out at the end of November. To volunteer please add your contact details to the lists at the back of the church. If you are already on one of these rosters and want to remain on it, you still need to put your name on the list. Details by 1 November would be gratefully appreciated. Enquiries: Altar Linen: Mary Gibbons Cleaning and Counting: veronica.smgh@bigpond.com



World Mission Appeal

World Mission Appeal will be held on the weekend of 17/18 October. The Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the International Pontifical Mission Societies. They raise funds and form people for missions which enables them to reach out through heroic missionaries and community leaders to help children and communities in need.

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

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 St Teresa of Jesus - 15 October

Born at Avila (Spain) in 1515, she died at Alba de Tormes in 1582. She left her aristocratic family for the Carmelite monastery in Avila at the age of twenty, but only after two decades of dryness in prayer felt an inner conversion to Christ. Honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described the life of prayer. Remembered as a strong, practical reformer who restored the strict Carmelite observance of poverty, solitude, and austerity.



Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was a Catholic Italian teenager who died in 2006 from leukemia and will be beatified October 10 in Assisi. He was born in 1991 and from a young age seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. He loved to pray the Rosary and make Holy Hour, he designed a website devoted to documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. It can be accessed here: http://www.miracoli_eucaristici.org/.

Carlo was also known for defending kids at school who were picked on, for gaming, designing movies and soccer. On the young Saint, Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi stated "Carlo is a boy of our time. A boy of the internet age, and a model of holiness of the digital age."



On his website he states, "The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

Children's Corner

A graphic for a word game. At the top is a cartoon angel with brown hair and wings, peeking over a blue banner that says "BANQUET" in white capital letters. Below the banner is the text: "How many words can you make from the letters in the word BANQUET?". There are five horizontal lines for writing answers.

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 25:6-10 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.</i></p> <p>On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.</p>	<p>(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.</p> <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)</p> <p>2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)</p> <p>3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)</p> <p>4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)</p>	<p>Phil 4:12-14. 19-20 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians <i>I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.</i></p> <p>I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>
<p>Next Week's Readings</p>		<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
<p>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Is 45:1.4-6 2nd Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5 Gospel: Mt 22:15-21 Render to Caesar what is Caesar's.</p>		<p>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel
<p>Mt 22:1-10 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew <i>Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.</i></p> <p>Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'</p>
<p>Reflection by Greg Sunter</p>
<p>This gospel parable is a reflection of the way in which the message of God has been extended to people through time. The first invitation was extended to the Israelites who initially accepted the message of God but in time lost the focus. Jesus further extended the invitation to the Gentiles, viewed by the Jews as unworthy of such a relationship with God. Finally, within the early Christian communities there were some who, despite belonging to the community, failed to live appropriately and demonstrate their acceptance of the message of God.</p> <p>This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society?</p>