

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



All Saints Day | Year A | Sunday 1st November 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

The Feast of All Saints is a celebration of the Church that lives in glory. A feast of all those believing people who followed Jesus during their lifetime, believed in Him - and now they will experience eternity. They will experience the fulfillment of all promises: the promise of blessing, the happy vision of God, the feeling of being loved and happy. It is All Saints' Day and therefore, we can say, all people are happy. If those who have believed in Christ before us are happy, it gives us courage to let ourselves be drawn to this happiness. Christ is risen - we will also be resurrected. In fact, the feast of All Saints itself has to do with the Resurrection, with the Passover. This is the first reflection of Easter - Christ is risen, and we will also rise again. People today are very sensitive about happiness. Everyone wants to be happy, but few know how to achieve this happiness. Nor can we make happy those who depend on us or those with whom we have relationships. All Saints' Day allows us to think above all about Christ's promises. About how following Him is going towards happiness: but not individual happiness connected with having something, achieving or experiencing momentary satisfaction.

This happiness is associated with fulfillment in the deepest layers of humanity. It is associated with a successful life, with a life that you do not need to be ashamed of. Happy All Saints' Sunday! The next day in the liturgical calendar is a day dedicated to our common prayer for the dead. Our focus here is on another dimension of human life: a life that changes but never ends. Just as All Saints' Day makes us think about heaven, and therefore, about the happy fulfillment of life thanks to Christ, the same day of the dead makes us think that there is such a thing as the need to complete conversion. All people need to complete the measure of their conversion. There may be times when we deserve eternal life, but we will have an incomplete conversion process. It means that the work of truth, justice, honesty and forgiveness will not be completed in our lives on earth - and then we will have to complete it on the other side. The Catholic Church calls such a process purgatory, or - cleansing. The day of the dead is the day when faith in purgatory allows us to express our love for our dead and pray for them that the process of penitential transformation will be completed in them as soon as possible, so that they may be complete in Christ. It also allows us to look at our life, to reflect with God's wisdom and fear at what moment we are at.

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 // 7am, 8am
Prayer Group in the Chapel // 5.00pm
Vietnamese // 6.00pm

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:

Sunday 1:

All Saints Day

Monday 2:

All Souls Day

Tuesday 3:

St Martin de Porres

Wednesday 4:

St Charles Borromeo

Sunday 8:

32nd Week in Ordinary Time



"Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity" - Henry van Dyke

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

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

Peter McMartin
Dawn (Lawrence) McHugh
Franco Calligaro
Eunice Davis, Giuseppe Versace,
Elaine Boys

Remembrances:

Joseph Wehbe
Paul Loc Van Phan
Maria Thi Tuu Nguyen
Rosario Ivan Kucic (2017)
Sylwester Szatan (2019)
Joseph Schembri
Wassim Noujaim (2014)

Anniversaries:

Barry Kline
Leo Denis Cunneen
Syd Ward, Anna D'Amico
Hans Studer, George McHugh
Anna Maria Nation
John Francis Smith
Brenton Dewhirst
Anthony Impala (2011)
Maria Herzig, Marjorie Haren
Patricia Woods
Noelene Kachel
Matthew Jvancich
Chiarina Strambio
Olga Avery, Ellen Smith
Roxanne Hassos
Julito Briones (2008)
Vince Rega, Stan Kos (2015)
Wilfred McHugh, Stan Fahy

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)

Who wants to be instafamous?
How about instaCatholic?
Join us this Sunday 1st November after the 5pm
Mass as we explore our faith and social media!
There'll be food, games and prayer. We may even
have the chance to make a TikTok
#foryoupage #CatholicTikTok #renegade
Bring a friend!



St Mary's Primary School



Congratulations to Marcus in Year 5! He has been officially selected as a finalist in the Sydney Catholic Schools Christmas Story Art Competition and his artwork - "Adoration" It will be on display in the 2020 Art Exhibition.

We are very proud of Marcus' success as he represents St Mary's at such a prestigious level. We wish him luck as the judges select the overall winners and award recipients in the final stage of the competition.

Sacraments

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

Family & Faith

Did You Know...

Heavenly Support.

It is common for Christians to turn to one another for support and encouragement. The Catholic way of 'praying' to the saints is exactly like simply calling on our Catholic brothers and sisters in heaven for help in being a better Christian. Devotion to the saints strengthens our love of God.

LOOK CLOSER...

Eternal Joy.

Jesus challenges us to seek true and lasting happiness. He points to the virtues of gentleness, humility, justice and peacemaking as the way to eternal joy. These are the qualities of the saints who have gone before us.

MILK FOR MATES

We are collecting 1 litre cartons of long life milk again for our mates at the House of Welcome. Please leave your donations in the milk crate at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity. Last year we donated 1,582 litres. Our goal is 1,600 litres. So far we have collected 136 litres!!



WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER SPACE?

A halo.

Lord God,
We rejoice with all the angels and give honour to the saints in heaven. Amen.



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



Parish Notices

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: veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com



Sacramental & Youth Coordinator (Fairfield)

The primary purpose of this full-time role is to serve as an active member of Our Lady of the Rosary's Parish Pastoral Team. This service requires contributing cooperatively and collaboratively with the Parish's clergy, staff and volunteers under the direction of the Parish Priest and Parish Operations Manager. For further information and full position details please contact Priscilla (priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au). Applications are to be submitted in writing to Parish Operations Manager including a CV and cover letter by 16th November 2020.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal this week

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. The last Charitable Works Fund Appeal for the year will be held this weekend to raise money for the six agencies that rely on your generosity. Donations can be made by using the envelopes will be available in the church or by donating online at <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/>. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



Safeguarding our Parish

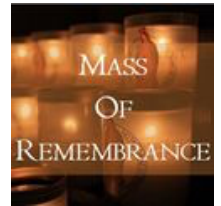
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for adults who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. It is for people who have never been baptised, but it also welcomes baptised members of other Christian denominations. If you will like to learn more about Jesus and our Parish- Contact one of our Ministers or Fr. Joseph

All Saints and All Souls - 1 & 2 November

What is All Souls Day?

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. It is believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."



How can an indulgence be granted?

A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, by visiting a church on 2 November and completing the following conditions:

- 1) Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 2) Receiving the Holy Eucharist
- 3) Prayers for the Pope's Intentions
- 4) Time spent in prayer & meditation for the faithful departed

St Gertrude's Prayer for the Faithful departed

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Remembrance Masses at St Marys

All Masses next weekend will be a Mass of Remembrance - you are invited to bring a photo of your loved ones and place them at the altar prior to Mass.

November Offerings

To include your loved ones in the November Mass devotions, envelopes are available in the church and in your set of planned giving envelopes.

Remembrance Book

To include your loved ones name in the Remembrance Book, complete the form in the folder at the back of the church.

Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests

6 November at 12.00pm at Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. Or, view the Mass online via - https://catholiccemeteries.com.au/cemeteries/special-events/#ch_form

Children's Corner

Complete the Text Maze

"Blessed are the humble, the earth will belong to them."

B	L	E	A	C	M	I	C	E	B
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First Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God forever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thes. 4:13-18

Gospel: Mt. 25:1-13, Parable of the Bridesmaids



Psalm & 2nd Reading

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John
We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.