

# St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 15th November



## 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

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King. These past Sundays in Ordinary Time have presented the Gospel of Matthew and his way of presenting Jesus as a teacher who is explaining for us the Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus has lived in His human clothes, invested Himself in our flesh, making that flesh important and precious. In two weeks, we will begin praying with the reflections of Advent, preparing to celebrate God's presence among us 'Emmanuel'. The First Reading for today's Eucharistic liturgy is a picture of a wonderful woman and wife who is celebrated for all the wonderful things she does for her husband and family. Her value is not what she does, but who she is. We pray with her, being loved by God, parents, siblings, friends and her husband, all of which creates 'family' as a basic foundation.

Today's Gospel is quite clear as Matthew draws near to his presentation of Jesus. God is making an investment in each human person with specific and personal gifts. One person receives five, one three and the third, one.

The master made an investment to increase his number of gifts with great interest. Two traded well and did something profitable with what they had received. The fearful person figured out that he/she had been given less and thought better of trading and so buried it in the ground. Now was the master so self-interested that he became angry when he got back only the one talent he had given first. Was the third person wise, because of fear of being punished for losing it? Was the master known to be harsh, selfish and punishing?

The parable does not reflect exactly everything. It has one strong message and minor aspects can distract from appreciating what Jesus is offering. The Spirit moves to form our interiors, as the woman was formed from the interior. So she lives who she knows and perceives herself to be. We do not put Jesus on as we put on shirts and pants. Jesus invests Himself in us and we then give Him exterior expression in all we do. We keep His grace which keeps all our graces ongoing. He has buried Himself in us that we might continually give Him flesh. God is ever in-fleshing with divine love, as an eternal dressing of humanity.

## 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:

### Sunday 15:

Ephesus Youth Group

### Monday 16:

St Margaret of Scotland  
St Gertrude the Great

### Tuesday 17:

St Elizabeth of Hungary

### Wednesday 18:

Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul

### Saturday 21:

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### Sunday 22:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

***"Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love. Let my heart be united with Yours"***

**- St Gertrude the Great**

**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 Onkowitz  
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:**

Mark Fussell  
Joyce Vella (2013)  
Carl Bahri  
Bishop Barry Francis Collins  
Mihson Yamin  
Elizabeth Kathleen Toomey  
Renis Pesc, Pietro Strambio  
Mark Radi, Marge Gong  
Gino Zanet, Florence Gosling  
Alan Rowan  
Gino Zanet (1999)  
Assunta Ingenieri (2012)  
Sam Gernfa, Fredrick Boon  
Hugh Enright  
Jules Menson Stanislas  
Roberta McLeod  
James Hepples, Veronica Finn  
Henry Joseph Goetz (2009)  
Margaret Howard

**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 this Sunday 15 November in the school hall after the 5pm Mass. There'll be food, games, and prayer, and we'll be looking at different Marian Apparitions! And looking more closely at the Marian panels around the Church.

Join us and bring a friend!  
Instagram: smghephesus



**St Mary's Primary School**



This week we celebrated NAIDOC Week. We are on the front cover of the TORCH.

<https://www.localnewsplus.com.au/torch-canterbury-bankstown/>

We also acknowledged Remembrance Day with a service form Year 5.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10pRCYgoi7pTLIOQ-0chDjM1imyClgxMI/view>

**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**

**LOOK CLOSER... Faithful Servant.**

The coins are a symbol of our talents. God gives every person gifts and talents. Our talents are not given for our own enjoyment alone. God wants us to use those talents to do good work and bring people closer to Him.

**Family Activity:** Choose one family member to be first. Spend 2 minutes telling that person everything that you love and admire in them. Move to the next person. At the end, spend some time praising God!

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

**A List of Talents.**  
Father in Heaven,  
We praise you for the many gifts that you have given us. Amen.



**MILK FOR MATES**

We are coming to the end of our collection of 1 litre cartons of long life milk for our mates at the House of Welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project. Please leave your donations in the milk crate at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

**So far we have collected 725 litres and have promised the students from our school that they will get a Mufti Day if we reach our goal of 1,600 by this weekend. Can you help?**





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



## Parish Notices

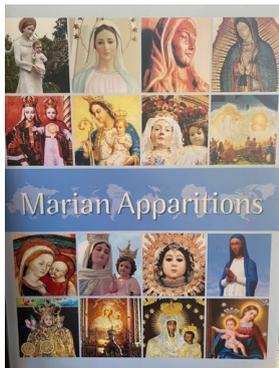


### Marian Apparitions Display

For three weeks, we have displays around the church of the many apparitions of Mary.

You are invited to come, read and reflect on the places around the world where Our Mother has appeared.

It is a great opportunity for us to reflect on the presence of Our Lady Queen of Heaven and our spiritual experience.



### Charitable Works Fund

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. If you missed the appeal last weekend, it's not too late. Donations can be made by using the envelopes available in the church or by donating online at <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



### Rosters - Altar Linen, Cleaning, Counting

THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers! It's great to see some new faces! Copies of the Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting Rosters for Dec 2020 - Nov 2021 are available for collection at the main door of the church. If you would like an electronic copy please email [veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com)

### Setting up Nativity

Come along and help set up the church for Christmas - Friday 27 November @ 6.00pm - join in to set up and decorate the Christmas trees and set up the nativity scene in front of the Altar. Everyone Welcome  
Blessing of the nativity will take place on Saturday 28 November during 5.00pm Mass



### Online Donations

It is possible to support your parish by making an online donation from the [website](#) - click on the Support Us link and follow the prompts to donate.

### 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

## November Masses

### 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.

*Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when the Son of Man is coming (Mt 25:1-13)*

## St Elizabeth of Hungary

St Elizabeth of Hungary was the daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary. In 1221 she married Prince Louis of Thuringa at the age of thirteen. She built a hospital and cared for the sick herself, despite opposition from her family and the royal court. A legend arose that once when she was taking food to the poor, her husband stopped her and looked under her mantle to see what she was carrying, only to find that the food had miraculously been changed to roses. After the death of her husband, St Elizabeth was driven from the court by her brother-in-law after she refused to marry again. In 1228 she became a Franciscan tertiary and continued her work with the poor and sick, but after only a few years of austere living, she died at the early age of 24.



## NAIDOC Week Prayer

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming. You have spoken to us through our beliefs. You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus. We thank you for your care. Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask you to help people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture. Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people so that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land. Amen.

## Children's Corner

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)

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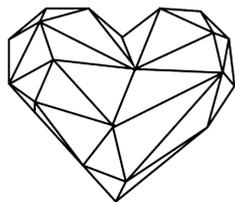
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### First Reading

**Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31**

A reading from the book of Proverbs  
*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.



### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
- Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)



### Second Reading

**1 Thes 5:1-6**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

### Next Week’s Readings

**Feast of Christ the King**  
**1st Reading:** Ez 34:11-12.  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 15:20-26  
**Gospel:** Mt 25:31-46

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mt 25:14-15. 19-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he



set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

## Reflection by Mary Coloe

The parable is unsettling. It's not as if the servant stole the money or squandered it recklessly, he just didn't do anything with it. In the introductory rites of the Eucharist, we ask forgiveness 'for what I have done, and what I have failed to do'. This last phrase is the point of the parable. What have I failed to do? I was in Berkeley, California, during the time of the Occupy Wall Street movement. For some it was deeply unsettling and even frightening; for others, it was an opportunity to join in solidarity with others to protest the enormous gulf between the rich and the poor. When the movement came to the major port city of Oakland, a few kilometres away, people had to make a choice; they could no longer be spectators, watching on from afar. The parable reminds me of real-life choices that Christians need to be making today. Living Christianity is not simply avoiding evil; there is the demand on us that we actually contribute, that we act in ways that promote Gospel values. Did we help out someone in need? Did we make a stand for justice; did we write a letter about an injustice? Did we put the gifts we have been given at the service of Jesus? What will the Master say to us when he returns?