

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 7th February 2021



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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Welcome Father Lawrence Cauchi

Our new Parish Priest, Father Lawrence Cauchi celebrated his first Mass in our parish on Tuesday night.

A sincere WELCOME, Father Laurie, may God bless and guide your ministry as our Parish Priest.

Father Laurie, was formerly the Parish Priest of St Andrew's Malabar and St Agnes' Matraville, for 16 and 12 years, respectively. Father is keen to be here, having spent his formative years in Bankstown. Yes, he's a local!

The first thing Father Laurie wants to do is to hear from YOU! He wants to know what improvements or suggestions you may have via email:

parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com or write him a note (give it to him or drop it in the letter box).



God bless you Father Laurie and WELCOME to St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall.

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:

Prayer Group in the Chapel // 5.00pm

TUESDAY

Holy Hour and Rosary // 5pm
Mass // 6pm

WEDNESDAY

Rosary // 8.45am; Mass // 9am

THURSDAY

Rosary // 8.45am; Mass // 9am

FRIDAY

Rosary // 8.45am; Mass // 9am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Saturday 6:

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Sunday 7:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ephesus // 5.30pm

Monday 8:

St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

Wednesday 10:

Saint Scholastica

Thursday 11:

Our Lady of Lourdes
Playgroup // 8.30am

Sunday 14:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ." St. Paul Miki, Martyr

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

Bourke Gibbons
Christina Apolinari
Daniel Matesic, Daniel Clarke
David Sanders, Eileen Ellery
Heather Graham, Irma Buoro
John Sanders Kerry Gibbons
Margaret Ward, Marie Reic
Mary Strambio, Paul Roughley
Phillip Nehme
Romela Onkowidjaja
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass
Tony Strambio, Vic Ryan
Warren Clarke

Recently Deceased:

Fr Isidip Wilson, Arthur Hodson
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Samira Charbel, Dennis Graham
June Ryan
Eddore Anantharaj EV
Archbishop Philie Marks
Luisa Ius

Remembrances:

Olive Boyle
Joseph Wehbe
Paul Loc Van
Phan Maria Thi Tuu Nguyen
Rosario Ivan Kucic (2017)

Anniversaries:

Mark Gerard Smith
Iris Stevens
Rupert Joseph Toohey
Domenica Strambio
Joan Ross
Tom Crook
Vincenzo Tripodina
Carla Strambio
Margaret Tierney
Bertha Martin
Peter Comforti
Dennis Regan
Eileen Harris
Margaret Boyle
Bonafacia Mendez

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)

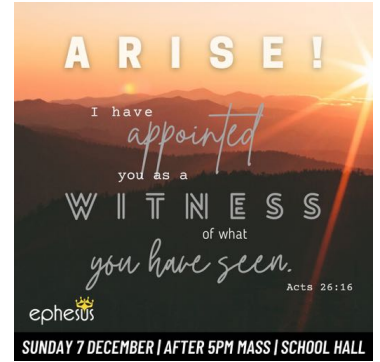
EPHESUS IS BACK FOR 2021!!!

Join us this Sunday after the 5pm Mass!
There'll be games, food, prayer and an amazing talk on
the 2021 World Youth Day theme:

**“Arise! I have appointed you as a witness of what
you have seen.” Acts 26:16**

All highschoolers are welcome to join us after the 5pm
Mass in the School Hall.

*Thinking of becoming an Ephesus leader? Feel free to
come by and find out more!*



St Mary's Primary School



KBlue First Day

We welcome our new Kindergarten students and we also welcome Father Laurie.
We look forward to getting to know the new members of our community.

Sacraments

- **Baptism:** Baptisms will be held at 10am Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month; bookings via Parish office.
- **Marriage:** At least 6 months notice is needed, a preparation course is required.
- **Reconciliation:** Sat @ 4.00pm or by appointment.

Family & Faith

LOOK CLOSER...

Prayers Answered.

When people are sick, we pray for them. Sometimes they get better and sometimes they don't. God always hears and answers a sincere prayer, just not always the way we were expecting.

God knows that the difficult times can be a source of grace and growth in our lives and, just like a loving parent, God wants to be with us and to help us.

Talk about it: Share a time when your parents said 'no' to your request because they knew it would be better for you.

WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER SPACE?

Symbol - A Flower.

Father, we ask you to watch over our family. We know that you hear our prayers. We offer you our joy and our sadness. Amen.



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



Parish Notices



Catechist News

A big welcome back to Brian Kurrle as he joins us again along with Lorraine Impala, Mary Camilleri, Anna Sestito, Lorna Basha, Joanna Tarabay and myself. The children at Georges Hall Public School learn about God's love for them through their parents and family. As catechists we are supporting the families in helping them to grow in their faith and love for God. Catechists are essential to the present life and future of our parish and the church as a whole. "Catechesis" simply means to "Echo down", as St. Paul said "I hand on to you what I have received."



Congratulations and a special thank-you to Lorraine Impala for her 25 years of dedicated service and receiving her Cardinal Freeman Medal and also to Mary Camilleri for her 30 years of dedicated service and her Life Membership Award. We also thank Nhien Nguyen for her 10 years with the Kindergarten children as she is now caring for her parents. Our prayers are with you Nhien. Please speak with any of our scripture teachers or myself if you are interested in becoming a catechist as you would be very welcomed - Lorraine Corkeron Ph. 96448480.

2021 - Sacramental Program

Sacramental dates for 2021 are still being considered as there may be some change to the timing of sacraments this year. Please be patient until these dates are finalised. Any enquiries regarding the sacramental program please contact the Parish Office.

Columban Art Calendar

Make sure you have a copy of the iconic 2021 Columban Art Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information, before it runs out. Order via email: calendar@columban.org.au or phone: (03) 9375 9475



Supporting your Parish

It is possible to support your parish by:

- Offering envelopes are available in the church.
- Make an online donation from the [website](#) - click on the Support Us link and follow the prompts.
- Use the cashless tap devices available in the church.
- Join the Planned Giving Program - application forms are available in the sacristy.

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 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

Saint Scholastica - 10 February

Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480, died near Monte Cassino in the 540s. Like Saint Benedict, her brother and by tradition her twin, she dedicated herself to God through the monastic life. Remembered for her part in establishing Benedictine monasticism. Saint Scholastica is the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, and convulsive children, and is invoked against storms and rain.



The Holy Family

In this year of St Joseph, we consider his role particularly in the holy family. In art, they appear to be simply because not only are they humble, but because holiness is also simple however difficult it is. They do not have complicated agendas to hide from each other, they harbor no ill wills, they do not manipulate others to get their way, and they still to this day serve God by serving His people.



Not every family is perfect, and after the recently passed lively holiday season, our family dysfunctions may be fresh in our minds. We are called *practicing* Catholics because despite any dysfunctions in our families we still keep trying.

Reflection Questions for the Holy Family:



- What about the Holy Family do you wish to emulate?*
- What makes Mary a wonderful mother?*
- What makes Joseph a devout father?*
- Why did God give us this family example?*
- What can you do in your family and around others to promote the importance of the family unit and unconditional love?*
- Why is the family spiritually and societally important?*

"The Charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly" - St John XXIII

Children's Corner

E V Q I Y D B W E L D C M U D L R
 I O Q K X W S H B K A W H Y R E F
 V J A Y S R D Q X C G T D C H M P
 J H M I I M G O O D M T A T L Z G
 Y D I V O E W H L H T M A D L P O
 Y L G D I S E A S E S G N O E L K
 O H O U U H Q H F P I T G O Z G L
 S C Z M Q H C L E M R M T R M A T
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 A F L R J J V Q L B E M I Q S Z P
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 A P R A Y N F O N E P L D D Y G J

Alone | Diseases | Door | Fever | Galilee | Gather | Good |
 House | Meal | Pray | Sick | Simon

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Jb 7:1-4. 6-7 A reading from the book of Job <i>I am filled with sorrow all day long.</i></p> <p>Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.</p> 	<p>(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.) 2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.) 3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.) 	<p>1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.</i></p> <p>I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Lv 13:1-2. 44-46 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1 Gospel: Mk 1:40-45 Jesus cures a leper.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel
<p>Mk 1:29-39 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark <i>He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.</i></p> <p>On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.</p> 

Reflection by Mary Coloe
<p>The Gospel makes a contrast between the religious institutions of the synagogue and later the Temple, and the more domestic scene of the <i>house</i>. Jesus' ministry frequently happens within a house. Jesus breaks through a number of religious taboos in touching a woman and in touching a person who was sick. These actions would immediately make him ritually unclean. But Jesus shows such taboos have no place in the new household that he is forming around him. The early Christian communities continue to function in the first centuries as a network of house-churches, without formal religious buildings.</p>