

# St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 14th 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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## A reflection

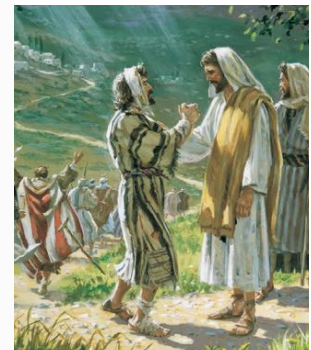
Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived.

He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'. ~ Fr Michael Tate



## 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 // 5pm

### 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:

### Sunday 14:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Wednesday 17:

#### Ash Wednesday

English Mass // 8am  
English Mass // 9am  
Vietnamese Mass // 5.30pm  
English Mass // 7pm

### Thursday 18:

Playgroup // 8.30am

### Friday 19:

Stations of the Cross // 7pm

### Sunday 21:

First Sunday of Lent



***"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." ~ Pope Francis***

**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 Onkowitz  
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass  
Tony Strambio, Vic Ryan  
Warren Clarke

**Recently Deceased:**

George Voss, Fr Isidip Wilson  
Arthur Hodson  
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson  
Samira Charbel, Dennis Graham  
June Ryan

**Remembrances:**

Rodney Lawler  
Olive Boyle  
Joseph Wehbe  
Paul Loc Van  
Phan Maria Thi Tuu Nguyen

**Anniversaries:**

Joseph Nguyen  
Rita Mary Lawler  
Lilian Fitzgibbon  
Michael Pace (2014)  
Domenico Vigilant  
Fr Kevin English  
Dennis John Cochrane (2017)  
Karim Youssef Hanna (1999)  
Lina Strambio  
Monsignor Ian Harding Burns  
Sapienza Fama  
Walter Charlesworth  
Dominic Doan Duc Tiem  
Muriel Mary Rochester  
Raymond Williamson (2012)  
Beryl Cohen  
Robert Collier  
Magdoi Morvai  
Joseph Webb (1989)  
Rosario DiGiorgio

**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)**

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week for our first night of the year!  
As we begin Lent, we will be journeying through our Lenten series.  
Our next night will be on the **21st of February**, and we'll be looking at the three pillars of Lent - prayer, fasting and almsgiving.  
Bring a friend!



**St Mary's Primary School**



Last week we celebrated Creativity Day. Each child in the school dressed up in an outfit that represented an occupation that utilises creative thinking. We had architects, designers, builders, surgeons, cooks and many other jobs. Students engaged in many activities to experience the dispositions of creativity including accessing our knowledge, problem solving and learning from mistakes.

**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...*

**Compassion.**

In the time of Jesus, people believed that disease was a punishment from God. Compassion means to feel sorry for the suffering of others and to want to help them. Jesus had compassion for the people who were sick and suffering and healed them.

**Make it:** Trace an outline of your hand. Write on it the name of a person you know who is suffering. How can you respond with compassion?

*WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER SPACE?*

**Symbol - A Hand.**

God our Father,  
You have promised to be with us forever. Help us to have compassion for each other. Amen.



St. Mary Queen of Heaven

**PLAYGROUP**

Every Thursday morning 8.30am-10am  
in the School Hall.

Meet outside the church & we will all walk to the hall as a group.  
Bring a snack for your child.  
Tea and coffee provided.

Please do not come if you or your child are feeling unwell.

We welcomed our playgroup back since Term 1 last year! We had a fun morning playing together and parents getting to know each other.



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



# Parish Notices



## COVID Reminders!

- Register your attendance at Mass by using the QR Code or sign-in sheets
- Adhere to physical distancing guidelines
- Use hand sanitiser when entering/leaving the church and prior to serving Holy Communion
- Practice good hygiene e.g. cough into your elbow
- Avoid touching statues or other fixtures in the church
- Move forward in the Holy Communion aisle in SINGLE FILE in the centre of the aisle
- Holy communion should ONLY be received in the hand
- Take home your bulletin, please do not put it back in the pile for reuse
- If you are sick with cold or flu-like symptoms, stay home and get tested
- While masks are no longer compulsory to wear, the church still highly recommends them to be worn

## 2021 - Sacramental Program

Dates for the Sacramental Program for 2021 are still being considered. Any other 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 before it runs out. It is well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information.

Order via phone: (03) 9375 9475 or email: [calendar@columban.org.au](mailto:calendar@columban.org.au).



## 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.

*The 1st collection (for Archdiocese priests) will be taken up after the Homily and the 2nd collection (for parish expenses) will be taken up after Prayers of the Faithful.*

## 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 email [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com)

## Ash Wednesday - Lent

Lent begins on Wednesday 17 February.

All are encouraged to attend Mass:

- 8.00am - English Mass
- 9.00am - English Mass
- 5.30pm - Vietnamese Mass
- 7.00pm - English Mass

*The Lenten Program for Sydney is titled Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion*



This week, parishes will receive copies of a Lenten program for use by individuals and parish groups. It is a tool to assist with meditating and aims to bring about a spiritual renewal for individuals and communities. It is also a practical resource which includes the Sunday Gospels, reflection questions and devotional resources such as the Stations of the Cross.

Reflections have been contributed by Prof Tracey Rowland, Peter Holmes, Fr Chris Ryan MGL, Mother Hilda Scott OSB, Fr Kelvin Lovegrove, Fr David Braithwaite SJ and Dr Paul Morrissey.

- The Archdiocese will also be hosting a weekly online Lenten group. Further details about this group and how to join will be provided in coming weeks.
- The Lenten Companion will also be made available online soon at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).

## 7 Facts about St Joseph

As we continue to celebrate the Year of St Joseph and the Month of the Holy Family, here are 7 fun facts about the foster father of Jesus:

1. He has no recorded words in Scripture!
2. His exit from the Gospels is left unexplained, with tradition saying he died sometime before Jesus' public ministry.
3. He has two feast days: March 19th and May 1st.
4. He is Patron of a happy death, as tradition states he passed away in the company of Mary and Jesus.
5. He is also the patron of fathers, families, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, craftsmen, workers, Americas, Canada, China, Croatia, Mexico, Korea, Australia, Belgium, Peru, The Philippines and Vietnam.
6. An early title for St Joseph was "nutritor Domini" meaning "guardian of the Lord"
7. Josephology is the study of St Joseph

## Children's Corner

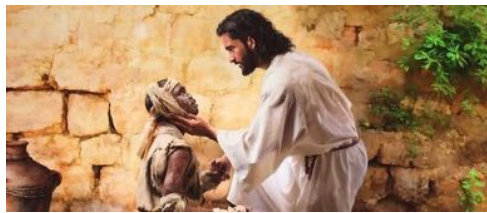


Begged | disappear | everywhere | gift | hand | kneel | leprosy | priest | sorry | tell | temple | towns

Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus  
*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'



**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

### Next Week's Readings

**1st Sunday of Lent**

**1st Reading:** Gen 9:8-15

**2nd Reading:** 1 Pt 3:18-22

**Gospel:** Mk 1:12-15

After forty days in the desert, Jesus proclaims the reign of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Verse 41 of this week's reading begins, 'Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.' This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, 'Feeling sorry for him' seems like a weak translation. Jesus' reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus' humanity.

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!