

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



Corpus Christi | Year A | Sunday 14th June 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 Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, honours Jesus substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament. The truth of the Real Presence was confirmed in a passage quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called **transubstantiation**. Jesus gave for us this special meal; the Bread in which he gives himself.

Both the place and the meal are Jesus' gifts for us in the Eucharist. Jesus prepares a place for us here below, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives us birth and rebirth; it gathers us together and gives us strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us a place on high, in eternity, for it is the Bread of Heaven. The Holy Eucharist is our greatest expectation and feeds our final dreams. The Bread of Heaven is the pledge of eternal life; a concrete anticipation of what awaits us there. Amen. Amen.



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
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

FRIDAY:

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Saturday 13th

Feast of St Anthony of Padua

Sunday 14th:

Corpus Christi Sunday
Ephesus Youth Group // 5.30pm

Tuesday 16th:

National Refugee Week

Friday 19th:

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Exposition and Litany to the Sacred Heart
Rosary // 9am

Saturday 20th:

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
First Reconciliation // 1.00pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm

***"Christ has no body now on earth but yours."
- Teresa of Avila***

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

Barbara Kains, Bourke Gibbons
Bronwyn Kolodziej
Christina Apolinario
Daniel Matesic, Daniel Clarke
David Sanders, Denis King
Eddie Marks, Eileen Ellery
Eunice Davis, Heather Graham
John Sanders, Kerry Gibbons
Marie Reich, Paul Roughley
Phillip Nehme
Romela Onkowiedjaja
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass
Vic Ryan, Warren Clarke

Recently Deceased:

Lynne Mullins, MaryZammit
Patricia Merchant
Angelina Pagura, Peter Baulma
Joe Feletto,
Matthew Barrett,

Anniversaries:

Alma Faoro, John Yamin
Sheila Fricot (2012)
Maria Rosenda Fidel
Anne Thompson (nee McNeil)
2018

Wladaslawa Kudrewicz
Robert Gibson, Keith Fraser
Kim Gosling, Cecil Balbi
Karen Shaw, Angelo Faoro
Mary Brown, Therese Darwin
Francis Pullicino
Jordan Cruz Byrnes
Ida King, Bill Corkeron
Margaret Killoran
Thomas Henry King
Terence Mannion
Molly Wilkin

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)



Aah we can finally return! All teens in the parish are invited to join us for a fun evening on Sunday 14th June. Please meet in the Church after the 5pm Mass (approximately 5.30pm).

Stay up to date on Instagram @smghephesus.



St Mary's Primary School



Last week we celebrated World Environment Day. World Environment Day is the United Nations day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment. Year Three planted seeds and spent some time in the garden.

Sacraments

- **Eucharist:** 50 people are currently allowed to gather for public worship. The 10am Mass will continue to be streamed **via YouTube (Link)**. Please note: we will now only be streaming the service on YouTube, though the link will be uploaded to Facebook before the Mass begins.
- **Baptism/Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office to make prior booking. Subject to physical distancing and relevant directives.
- **Reconciliation:** The faithful are advised on the continuing importance of examination of conscience and making an act of contrition; the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available to parishioners by prior appointment. **The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated for candidates enrolled in the 2020 program on Saturday 20 and 27 June. Enquiries please contact Nadia on 0414 849 569 or Veronica 0407 231 262.**

Family & Faith

CORPUS CHRISTI

Today's feast, Corpus Christi, Latin for "the Body of Christ", focuses on the Eucharist as a symbol of unity.

The Eucharist is never a private affair, but always a call to unity. St. Augustine said that we should say a double "Amen" when we receive the Eucharist. "Amen - Yes I believe that this is the living presence of Jesus" and "Amen - Yes I choose to belong to these people, the body of Christ".



Sadly, our playgroup is still unable to be held due to ongoing regulations. Pray to The Holy Spirit that these restrictions will be lifted soon so we can meet up again. You are all greatly missed.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
GEORGES HALL

BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE HOMELESS

#familywintersleepout@home

Support people who do not have access to safe, secure and adequate housing

Experience what it is like on the street. Use cardboard to sit on and drink soup to keep you warm

Make a card, donate a snack, say a prayer and give a donation

June 26, 2020

Upload photos of your sleepout to social media #familywintersleepout@home

Please donate to Vinnies! [CLICK HERE](#)

Parish Notices



Covid Regulations

A reminder that restrictions will allow only 50 people inside the church at any time.

- On each occasion that you visit you are asked to sanitise your hands.
- All people attending a place of worship are required to register their name and contact details for the purpose of contact tracing.
- At this stage, we are operating on a first in first served basis.
- We ask that you kindly do not socialise before or after Mass outside the Church or in the carpark.
- It goes without saying that if unwell or displaying any flu symptoms please stay at home!



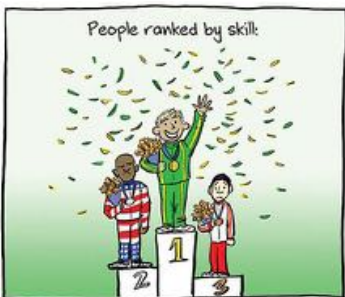
CyberSafety Survey

The Archdiocese of Sydney recognises the importance of online safety, and the Safeguarding Office has developed a 5 minute CyberSafety Survey for adults and children to complete. This will allow the Safeguarding Office to gain a better understanding about eSafety. All are invited to complete the survey and share with others:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

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 support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Pope Francis @Pontifex · Jun 3

We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace.

1.9K

22.2K

92.7K



Catechism para #2258: Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end.

Corpus Christi - 14 June

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, originally called Corpus Christi, arose in thirteenth century Belgium in response to debates about the Real Presence and as a result of an upsurge in eucharistic piety. Its extension to the entire western Church was first decreed by Urban IV in 1264. The feast celebrates the mystery of the nourishing and enduring presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.



Saint Anthony of Padua - 13 June

Pope Francis asked that the world's Franciscans and devotees of St Anthony be inspired by this 13th century saint by being "restless" - to hit the road and share God's love through word and deed. "May his example of sharing in the difficulties of families, the disadvantaged and the poor, as well as his passion for truth and justice, arouse in us today a generous commitment to give of ourselves as a sign of fraternity," the pope said in a written [message](#).



5th Joyful Mystery: Finding in the Temple

After not knowing where he was for three days, Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. I imagine the fear they felt when they realized Jesus was not with them as they returned from Jerusalem. I imagine how scared they felt as they looked for him and the increasing anxiety they experienced as time passed. At last they find him in his father's home. What relief and joy. We look for Jesus too and we can always find him in church. He is there waiting for us. I pray that I will not find reasons to avoid visiting Jesus regularly.




Kinship

Mother Teresa diagnosed the world's problems in this way: "we have just forgotten that we belong to each other." Kinship is what happens to us when we refuse to let that happen. With kinship as the goal, other essential things fall into place; without it, no justice, no peace. With reference to recent current affairs, let us remember in the words of Pope Francis: "We cannot tolerate or ever turn a blind eye to racism of any kind as essentially it abuses the sacredness of human life."

Children's Corner



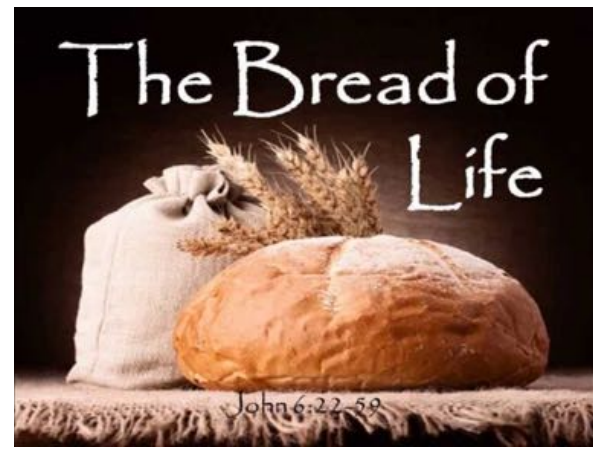
First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Dt 8:2-3. 14-16 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy <i>He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.</i></p> <p>Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.</p> <p>'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'</p>	<p>(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.</p> <p>1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. (R.)</p> <p>2. He has established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. (R.)</p> <p>3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)</p>	<p>1 Cor 10:16-17 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.</i></p> <p>The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.</p> 
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Jer 20:10-13 2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-15 Gospel: Mt 10:26-33 Those who acknowledge Christ will be known to the Father.</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Jn 6:51-58
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Meals are very important events. Not only do we physically need food and drink to keep ourselves alive, but we use meals to mark occasions and celebrate events: birthdays; weddings; dates; achievements; disappointments; reunions. There is a sacredness about gathering with friends and family and sharing a meal together. Stories are told; memories shared; the food is appreciated and more often than not there's a drink to accompany the meal. Treating such occasions with gratitude – as blessed moments of grace – is living out the Eucharistic reality of welcoming Jesus into our lives and seeking to be more like him.

In the Eucharist, we celebrate the 'real presence' of Jesus, understanding that bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. This change does not occur in a physical, observable way. The Church teaches that the 'substance' of bread and wine (what makes them bread and wine in essence) is changed but not the physical attributes. This is known as 'transubstantiation' – change of substance.