

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 28th 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

"Any one who welcomes you, welcomes me and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me"

The church exhorts us to welcome Jesus Christ in others. This is done through the Holy Spirit being present among us. Only if we are sensitive to the needs of others can we make big differences in our community. In the Gospel, Jesus spoke clearly to us on the need to welcome others for His sake. In a special way those who bear the Good News of salvation, do this. Through generosity and hospitality, as in our first reading, families attract God's blessings and happiness. Or do we take everything for granted and are not interested to share the problems of others? We have become so used to one another, and men of God have become so ordinary to us.

Most importantly and sadly, could it be both the so called men of God, as well as the people of God, have lost the sense of the sacred? We have to ask ourselves a few questions. Do we still value the presence of others? Are we sensitive to their needs? Is our presence a blessing to the people we meet? Do we make any difference to other's lives or are we an added burden on the journey?

Jesus' words are very challenging. Each day they help us to make better choices. St. Paul's words are an excellent expression of our relationship with God; of what we are called to be because of our union with Christ through baptism. We are baptised in Christ, so that we can pour out our lives for others as he did. We become one in Jesus so that we will receive and accept the challenge to be like Christ in our world.

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
Rosary // 8.45am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday 28th:

Ephesus Youth Group // 5.30pm

Monday 29th:

Feast of Sts Peter and Paul
Bronwyn Kolodziej Funeral // 10.30am

Friday 3rd:

Feast of St Thomas



"...kindness.....It's not doing something for someone else because they can't, but because YOU can." - Andrew Iskander

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

Barbara Kains, Bourke Gibbons
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 Onkowidjaja
Rosa Agostino, Tamara Kalass
Vic Ryan, Warren Clarke

Recently Deceased:

Bronwyn Kolodziej
Gyula George Kovacs
Lynne Mullins, Mary Zammit
Mary Ann Weir
Patricia Merchant
Angelina Pagura, Peter Baulma
Joe Feletto, Matthew Barrett

Anniversaries:

George Margitan
Mary Azzopardi, Elias Awada
Genny Atkins (2011)
William Harris
Margaret Wheeler
Giuseppe Sestito
Maria Than (2009)
Giovanni Sluga, Patrick Herne
Alan Kurrle
Edna Josephine McGauran
Roger Hogan, Laurence McBaron
Joseph Nohra, John Huskinson
Lorna Heredia, Albert Piper
John Brankstone
Leonard Zappala, Philippe Senar

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 youth group would like to invite all teens to our gathering tonight (Sunday 28th June from 5.30pm). We are going to gather inside the Church. We will be continuing our Encounter series 🔥 from where we left off before the Coronavirus.

Join us for an inspiring night!

St Mary's Primary School



Year Three have been making Wicking Beds with Mrs Fieni as part of their Science and Geography learning. Wicking beds are garden beds that incorporate a drip irrigation system.

School Website
www.stmgeorghall.catholic.edu.au

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 a prior booking. These events are 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 was celebrated for candidates enrolled in the 2020 program last Saturday and will be celebrated this weekend 27 June. Enquiries please contact Nadia 0414849569 or Veronica 0407231262**

Family & Faith

Kindness Magnifies

Today's readings talk about the importance of welcoming God's disciples. Elisha was welcomed by the woman above and beyond her obligations without expecting anything in return and she was still rewarded for her kindness. Jesus also teaches that God sees our kindness to others and magnifies it.
Do it: *Do a simple random act of kindness for someone today.*



First Reconciliation, 2020

Parish Notices

First Reconciliation

30 of our parish children celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last weekend. Another 30 parish children will celebrate the sacrament this weekend. Please continue to pray for these children and their families as they continue on their faith journeys and grow closer to God. Congratulations to all of these children.

Children's Liturgy

This Sunday would have ordinarily been Children's Liturgy Sunday, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic Children's Liturgy is not being held until further notice. Activity sheets are available for this Sunday ([CLICK HERE](#)) as well as discussion questions. Parents are welcome to use them to assist their children's understanding of the Gospel message. A big hello to all the parish children from the Children's Liturgy Team!

Lay Ministry Roster 2020-2021

Thank you to all who serve in any capacity in our parish, the contributions of all build up the Body of Christ. Welcome to those who have recently joined the roster and thank you. The beginning of July next week marks the start of a new roster, copies of which are available at the back of the church, electronic copies have been emailed out, if you didn't receive an email, please email veronica.smgh@bigpond.com



Podcast of Hope

Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady has recorded an eight part podcast series on Soundcloud. Listen to the podcast on [Soundcloud \(click here\)](#). The series, titled 'In Conversation' sends a message of hope during these troubling times reminding us that each one of us is integral and precious members of the community.

Safeguarding our Parish

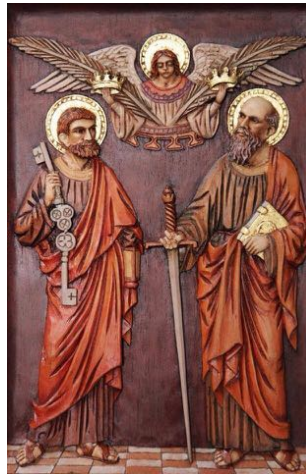
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.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

The Safeguarding Office ([website](#)) recently launched the following fact sheets that provide information on how to safely engage in online communication:

- Information for [employees and volunteers](#)
- Information for [children](#) about online safety
- Information for [Young people](#) about Online safety
- Information for [Parents and Guardians](#)

Can't access the information electronically? There is a folder in the sacristy that everyone is welcome to peruse or contact veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com for copies.

Feasts of Saints Peter and Paul - 29 June



Peter and Paul died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64-67. This preeminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the 'chief of the apostles' and Paul the 'apostle to the Gentiles'. Remembered for their faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the church. St Augustine writes, "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were

one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

2nd Sorrowful Mystery: Scourging

Jesus is brutally tortured to near death. Scourging was more than mere beating; it involved using instruments to inflict the most pain and blood loss possible without actually killing. Jesus was beaten for our sins. His mother watched as her son's blood spilled on the ground. I imagine the horror she felt watching her precious child be brutalized, and how hard it must have been to not run to his rescue. I pray for forgiveness for my sins, the sins that contributed to the torture of my Lord.



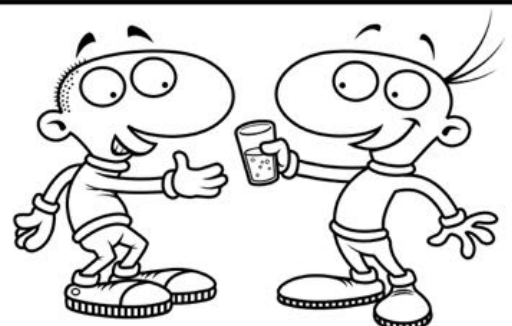
Bishop Survives COVID

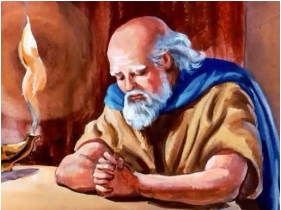
A bishop in northern Italy who had been intubated for 17 days and almost died of COVID-19 celebrated an outdoor evening Mass June 14 with doctors, nurses, hospital staff and Caritas volunteers who have been helping others during the pandemic. Bishop Derio Olivero of Pinerolo said he wanted to show his gratitude by celebrating Mass so that those who care for others could "spend an hour enjoying the care of God, because God always takes care of us... One day all of us will stop breathing," he said, "but our affections will remain, and the care of God will not stop even then." [Catholic Weekly](#)

Children's Corner

Colour in the picture below

Anyone who gives a disciple of Jesus even a cup of cold water, will not lose their reward.



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16 A reading from the second book of the Kings <i>That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.</i></p> <p>One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'</p>	<p>(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</p> <p>1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)</p> <p>2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)</p> <p>3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)</p>	<p>Rom 6:3-4. 8-11 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.</i></p> <p>When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Zec 9:9-10 2nd Reading: Rom 8:9.11-13 Gospel: Mt 11:25-30 Christ will refresh the weary.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Mt 10:37-42
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II gave an example of what it means to be Catholic: he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, and was the first Pope to visit a Mosque. Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.