

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 27th September 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

This Sunday we are encouraged to make good decisions. For us the greatest decision is to follow Jesus, to believe in His words and to seek God.

In the first reading we hear about choice, about making decisions in our earthly lives, which have an impact on the future; eternal life. 'Is my course wrong, or is your course perverse?'

The prophet Ezekiel addresses these words to the People of Israel but we too are able to draw the correct conclusions from them.

In the letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul clearly states what we should remember to make the right decisions. Everyone should keep an eye on not only their interests, but also those of others. Let this striving animate you, it was also in Christ Jesus (Phil 2:2-6). It is certainly true that the Lord's ways are not our ways.

The Psalm today reminds us that we so often think that God will be pleased with us if we try to live upright lives, but we don't always follow through with that. And even when we do, that leads us to worldly pride, and it makes us judgmental of others. That leads us away from God. Instead we are to acknowledge our own failures and remain humble in following the Lord's ways. That leads us to be compassionate to others, just as the Lord is compassionate to us. In the New Testament reading, we see that following Jesus is about learning how to live humbly, regarding others as more important than ourselves, and to do nothing out of selfishness. We are to look out for other's interests and not our own. Today let us pray that the Lord knows us by the way we follow him.

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 XX

Rosary // 7.45am; Mass // 8am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Saturday 26th:

Confirmation Masses // 11.00am, 2.00pm

Sunday 27th:

Feast of St Vincent De Paul

Tuesday 29th:

Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Wednesday 30th:

Feast of St Jerome

Thursday 1st:

Feast of St Therese of Lisieux

Friday 2nd:

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

Sunday 4th:

Feast of St Francis of Assisi

"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands"
- Frédéric Ozanam (Founder of St Vincent De Paul)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

Christina Apolinario
Daniel Matesic, Daniel Clarke
David Sanders, Denis Kin
Eddie Marks, Eileen Eller,
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
Bruno Riga
Phyllis Totterdell
Cole James

Remembrances:

Rosario
Ivan Kucic (2017)
Sylwester Szatan 2019
Joseph Schembri
Wassim Noujaim (2014)

Anniversaries:

Sylwester Szatan
Rosaria Mazzitelli
Molly Caldwell
Robert Peter Sanders (2014)
Magdalena Fidel
Diane McCroary
Leslie Smith
William Hepples
Rodney Lawler
Faustina Franco
Josip Veljacic (2012)
Anne Owens
Ivy Hurworth
James Murphy
Rosina Rigo
Thomas Roberts (1972)

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.



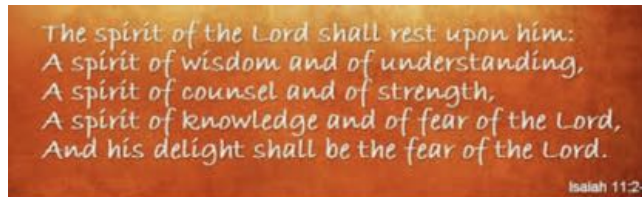
Youth Corner (Ephesus)

A big thank you to all the teens and leaders who have been joining us over the last few weeks online! Our next night will be on the 4th of October! Stay tuned via our instagram (@smghephesus) for more details!



St Mary's Primary School

We send our joyful blessings to our Confirmation Candidates who celebrated this Sacrament over the weekend. May the Holy Spirit be with them and renew and strengthen their commitment to follow Christ. We thank Bishop Brady, Father Joseph, parents and the wonderful volunteers who strive to support candidates to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit with an open heart.



Sacraments

Baptism: Any weekend Mass or Sundays at 11am; bookings via Parish office.

Marriage: At least 6 months notice is needed, a preparation course if required.

Reconciliation: Sat @ 4.00pm or by appointment, please contact Fr Joseph.

Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Brady on Saturday 26 September at 11.00am and 2.00pm. Should you have any other enquiries, please contact Nadia 0414849569

These celebrations will be live streamed for friends and family, please see the link below: <https://rb.gy/dsh1jh> or <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>

Congratulations to the parish children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. May your love for the Eucharist grow ever stronger on your life's journey.



Parish Notices



Online Streaming



Our parish has new streaming hardware which allows us to better stream Masses and other services. Streamed Masses will be available via our YouTube: St Mary Georges Hall (direct link: <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>)

Parish Security Fencing

Access to the parish site from Georges Crescent for parking will be restricted over the school holidays to allow for work to commence on the security fencing. We appreciate your patience while this work is being done

Cashless Donations

There are two tap donation devices at the entrance of the church for people who want to use Credit Cards. Note - donations cannot be refunded and no receipts are issued

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 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

Feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus - 1 October

Prayer to St. Therese

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus,
Please pick a rose for me
From the heavenly gardens
And send it to me
As a message of love.

O little flower of Jesus,
Ask God today to grant the favors
I now place with confidence
In your hands.

(Mention your specific requests)

St. Therese,
help me to always believe,
As you did,
In God's great love for me,
So that I might imitate your
"Little Way" each day. Amen



Confirmation Prayer

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
COME, HOLY SPIRIT,
FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL.
AND ENKINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND WE SHALL BE CREATED.
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

O GOD, WHO INSTRUCTED THE HEARTS OF THE
FAITHFUL BY THE LIGHT OF YOUR DIVINE SPIRIT,
GRANT US BY THAT SAME HOLY
SPIRIT TO BE TRULY WISE AND TO REJOICE IN
YOUR CONSOLATION THROUGH THE SAME
CHRIST, OUR LORD.
AMEN.





Children's Corner

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

Try to find these words:


- Baptism
- before
- believe
- father
- obeyed
- older
- ton
- has
- vineyard
- woman
- work
- younger

| First Reading | Responsorial Psalm | Second Reading |
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| <p>Ez 18:25-28 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel <i>The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.</i></p> <p>The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?</p> <p>When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'</p> | <p>(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.</p> <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)</p> <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)</p> | <p>Phil 2:1-11 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians <i>In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.</i></p> <p>If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</p> |
| Gospel Acclamation | Next Week's Readings | |
| <p>Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!</p>  | <p>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Is 5:1-7 2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9 Gospel: Mt 21:33-43 Parable of the tenants.</p>  | |

Gospel

Mt 21:28-32
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Reflection by Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'. That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span! At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.