

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 18 October 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 Sunday Gospel is very difficult for us; many times we want to understand the deep meaning of the words "to put Jesus to the test."

Jesus' teaching is very clear and we can easily adapt it to our requirements or the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Jesus wants to enter into a dialogue with us; he is not discouraged by our falls and rebellions. In these modern times we have a right to our own opinion, just as the Pharisees had a different view of many of the problems that Jesus spoke about.

What is the biggest problem for us that we have to face today?

How can trust in God and allow Him to do work for us in this current situation?

How often do we think that the key to our well-being is money, various material objects and things that we lack? After all, others are so rich, they have so much, why not us? I would use it well!

Lord Jesus, as it seems to You, should it be allowed to pay taxes to Caesar or not?

This wonderful question brings us to one solid answer.

"Give to God what belongs to God".

We are reminded that we bear God's image in ourselves. If we bear God's image, we belong to God and we must give back to God everything; even our lives. We are called to return ourselves to the Creator, whose image we bear, and to help others to return themselves to God, whose image and inscription they also receive.

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Saturday 17:

Feast of St Ignatius of Antioch

Sunday 18:

Mission Sunday
Ephesus Youth Group // 5.30pm



Monday 19:

Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues,
Saint Paul of the Cross

Thursday 22:

Feast of Saint John Paul II
Saint Charbel Healing Mass // 7pm

Friday 23:

Feast of Saint John of Capistrano

Saturday 24:

Feast of Saint Anthony Mary Claret

"I will be kind to everybody, particularly to those whom I find troublesome." - Saint Anthony Mary Claret

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick:

Bourke Gibbons
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

Remembrances:

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

Anniversaries:

Joseph "Joe" Muscat (2011)
Jan Runger (2014)
Salvina Grima
Ronald Moran
Doug Huckle
Kazimierz Kudrewicz
Jim Reardon
George Turner
Mary Ball (2011)
Mick Lawler
Les Best Sr.
Sydney Joyce (2011)
Remo Raffin (2012)
Margaret Roberts
Nazira Safi
Eileen Mitchell
Jean Boon

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)

Hey guys! We're super excited to get back into our Faith and Arts Series this Sunday, 18th of October! We'll be meeting in the school hall after the 5pm Mass. Our night is called Music to my Heart and we'll be looking at the role of music in our faith! What more could you want?! We will also start the night off with pizzas as it is the first time we are able to meet physically again. We hope to see you all there! More information, please contact Grace: 0449505222



St Mary's Primary School

Congratulations to all of the Stage 3 Art students who created artworks for this year's Christmas Story Art Competition. An extra congratulation to our 3 finalists who will be representing St Mary's in the Diocesan Level of the Competition. Good luck Zara, Marcus and Jessica!



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.

Sacramental Photos

First Holy Communion - parents wanting to view/purchase photos may do so on Saturday 17 October at 10.00am - 12.00pm outside the church.
Confirmation - parents wanting to view/purchase photos may do so on Saturday 24 October at 10.00am - 12.00pm outside the church.

Family & Faith

LOOK CLOSER...

First!

We are loved by God who is disappointed when we get off-track by following some "other" god, like money or material things. It is not that God wants to control us. Rather, God knows that we will be happiest if we live according to the divine plan.

WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER SPACE?

A Scroll.

Father in Heaven,
You have created us and you love us. You give us a plan to live by that will make us happy. Help us to keep your commandments. Amen.



We are hoping that playgroup will be back this term on Thursday mornings!! Please watch this space for advice on when it will be starting.

MILK FOR MATES

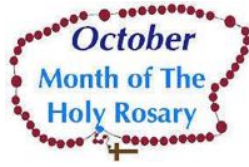
We are collecting 1 litre cartons of long life milk again for our mates at the House of Welcome. Please leave your donations in the milk crate at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



Parish Notices

October - Month of the Rosary

Free Rosary beads and Prayer cards are available at the back of the church. Pray the Rosary at St Mary's - before every weekday Mass and a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before every weekend Mass during October.



Children's Liturgy

This Sunday would have been Children's Liturgy Sunday. Discuss the Gospel message with your children to help them deepen their faith. Discussion starter questions and activity sheets to assist are available [HERE](#). Enjoy!



Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting Rosters

Volunteers are needed for the Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting rosters which run out at the end of November. To volunteer please add your contact details to the lists at the back of the church. If you are already on one of these rosters and want to remain on it, you still need to put your name on the list. Details by 1 November would be gratefully appreciated. Enquiries: Altar Linen: Mary Gibbons
Cleaning and Counting: veronica.smgh@bigpond.com



World Mission Appeal

World Mission Appeal will be held this weekend of 17/18 October.



The Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the International Pontifical Mission Societies. They raise funds and form people for missions which enables them to reach out through heroic missionaries and community leaders to help children and communities in need. Envelopes are available in the church or donate online at: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate>

Cashless Donations

Want to make a donation but forgot to bring some cash - just use the tap donation devices at the church doors.

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

Saint John Paul 11 - 22 October

"Open wide the doors to Christ," urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978. Born in Wadowice (Poland) Karol Jozef Wojtyla had a promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University which was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary. Ordained in 1946, he worked as an assistant pastor and as a university chaplain. In 1958, he was made a bishop of Krakow and attended all four sessions of Vatican II. Upon his Papal election he took the name of his immediate predecessor becoming the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In his 27 year papal ministry, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, encouraged the collapse of communism in Central Europe, began World Youth Day, wrote 14 encyclicals and five books and canonized 482 saints. He died after a struggle with Parkinson's disease in 2005, and was canonised by Pope Francis in 2014.




Security Fencing

The security fencing is a beautiful improvement to the parish site. A big thank you to the many parishioners who helped with the ground work - the coordination made the task look easy. Another big THANK YOU to the NSW State Government who provided a grant through the Community Building Partnership Program, with particular thanks to Ms Tania Mihailuk who encouraged and supported our application for the grant.



Children's Corner

A	P	H	A	R	I	S	E	E	S	PHARISEES	TRAP	DISCIPLES
S	U	I	R	A	N	E	D	E	E	HERODIANS	TEACH	OPINION
N	H	M	A	S	D	E	T	A	L	MALICE	TAX	HYPOCRITES
A	O	R	T	A	T	I	F	M	P	DENARIUS	MONEY	HEAD
I	N	I	E	E	R	R	D	A	I			
D	E	H	N	C	A	R	O	L	C			
O	S	T	O	I	P	C	G	I	S			
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H	R	E	T	S	A	M	X	T	O			

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 45:1.4-6 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.</i></p> <p>Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.</p>	<p>(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.) The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.) Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.) Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.) 	<p>1 Thes 1:1-5 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians <i>We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.</i></p> <p>From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Ex 22:20-26 2nd Reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10 Gospel: Mt 22:34-40 - Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Mt 22:15-21
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

This gospel passage is sometimes interpreted as Jesus' endorsement of the Christian responsibility to state authorities. It has been interpreted as affirming the obligation to pay taxes and participate in the processes of government. In fact, Jesus neatly avoided the direct question put to him and never gave a response to the question of paying taxes. Rather, he made the question a much broader one and reminded people that their first obligation was to God, not the state. It is an excellent example of the need for critical interpretation of scripture. A simple, literal reading of this text leads us to drawing simple, literal conclusions about whether or not we should be paying taxes.