

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 31st January 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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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES! (AND THE COFFEE!)



EACH WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

SATURDAY:

Mass // 9.00am
 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 // 5.00pm

TUESDAY

Holy Hour and Rosary // 5pm
 Mass // 6pm

WEDNESDAY

Rosary // 8.45am; Mass // 9.00am

THURSDAY

Rosary // 8.45am; Mass // 9.00am
 Nursing Home Mass // 10.00am (fortnightly)

FRIDAY

Rosary // 8.45am; Mass // 9.00am

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday 31:

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 2:

Presentation of the Lord
 Candlemas // 6pm



Thursday 4::

Playgroup in School Hall // 8.30am-10am

Friday 5:

St Agatha

Saturday 6:

St Paul Miki and Companions

Sunday 7:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"In our unity under God lies our strength."

- St Mary MacKillop

**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:

Fr Isidore Anantharaj EV
Archbishop Philip Wilson
Arthur Hodson
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Samira Charbel, Dennis Graham
June Ryan, Eddie Marks
Luisa Ius

Remembrances:

Olive Boyle, Joseph Wehbe
Paul Loc Van, Phan Maria Thi
Tuu Nguyen
Rosario Ivan Kucic (2017)

Anniversaries:

Ruby Cugan
Charles Patrick Ryan
Francis Driessen
Glen Thomas Jago (2017)
Sybil Chamberlain (2018)
Gladys Walker, Bob Manson
Antonio Buno
Frances Kosovich (2013)
Guy Keon (2019)
Catherine Spencer
Carmela Pinna, Joanne Bryant
Montagna Concello
Charles D. Gibbons
Bridget Wilson
Stella Bartlewicz
John Coull, Nancy Tinen
Santa Larocca, Margaret Billett
Brian Sharkey
Maria Rosa Condello
Richard Ward, Dennis Mannion

**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 IS BACK FOR 2021!!!

Join us on the 7th of February for our first night of
the year!

There'll be games, food prayer and an amazing
talk on the 2021 World Youth Day theme:

**"Arise! I have appointed you as a witness of
what you have seen." Acts 26:16**

All highschoolers are welcome to join us after the 5pm Mass in the School Hall.

Thinking of becoming an Ephesus leader? Feel free to come by and find out more!



St Mary's Primary School



St Mary's thank Father Joseph for his humble
leadership, generous support and joyful
evangelisation.

Our faith has been enriched by his actions and
words. We wish him every blessing in his new
parish.

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...

Awesome God!

Jesus is amazing!
He speaks with wisdom and authority. He
does great miracles and has power over
evil spirits! His power comes from His
relationship with His father. Through His
love and obedience to God, God was able
to work great wonders through Him.

Talk About It: Think of someone who
you think is amazing. Say why you have
awe for that person. Discuss what it
means to have awe for God.

**WHAT'S IN YOUR PRAYER
SPACE?**

Symbol - The word "AWE".

Lord God,
heavenly
King,

Almighty God
and Father,

We worship You!

We give You thanks!

We praise You for your glory!

Amen.

AWE



Great news!!

Playgroup is re-starting this Thursday!
8.30am - 10am

In the School Hall.

Please remember to bring a snack and a
drink for your children.

Coffee and tea provided.

See you there!!



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



Parish Notices

New Appointments

Fr. Lawrence Cauchi has been appointed as the new Parish Priest of St Mary's Parish, Georges Hall and will commence this week. His first Mass will be 6.00pm Tuesday evening.

2021 - Year of the Family

To celebrate and promote the importance of families, Pope Francis has announced 2021 will be the "Amoris Laetitia Family Year". Forums and symposiums will be held while resources will be made available for family spirituality and marriage preparation. Beginning March 19, the year of reflection on "Amoris Laetitia" will be an opportunity "to focus more closely on the contents of the document." "I invite everyone to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted during the year and that will be coordinated by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life," he added. "Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to St. Joseph, the devoted spouse and father."



2021 - Sacramental Program

Sacramental dates for 2021 are still being finalised. It is expected that dates will be available in the next week or so. Updates will be available in the parish bulletin and forwarded through all local schools. Any enquiries re the sacramental program please contact the Parish Office.



Supporting your parish

It is possible to support your parish by:

- Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the church
- make an online donation from the [website](#) - click on the Support Us link and follow the prompts.
- Using the cashless tap devices available in the church
- Join the Planned Giving Program - application forms are available in the sacristy

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 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

Presentation of the Lord - 2 February

This Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated 40 days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession. **Tuesday 2 February - 6.00pm - Candlemas - Blessing of the candles prior to Mass.**



Drawn to the Land Down Under



Parish and Vinnies rescued Belgian family stranded in Oz ... The Caron family would like nothing more than to have their "imprisonment" become a "life sentence". Stranded in Australia since March last year due to COVID, the Belgian family-of-four call themselves "willing and grateful prisoners in paradise" and thank the pandemic for finding what they hope will one day be their forever home. Just days into their two-week stay, borders around the world closed due to the coronavirus and they became trapped on the NSW south coast. And what a place to be stuck. Hearing about the family's plight, the tightly-knit Catholic community of St Patrick's in Berry quickly sprang into action and adopted the intrepid travellers as their own. Read [more...](#)



Children's Corner

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

Amazed | Capernaum | destroy | evil | holy | Moses | Nazareth
| powerful | quiet | Sabbath | Shook | teaching

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Dt 18:15-20 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy <i>I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.</i></p> <p>Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'</p>	<p>(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.</p> <p>1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)</p> <p>2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)</p> <p>3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)</p> 	<p>1 Cor 7:32-35 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.</i></p> <p>I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.</p>
	Next Week's Readings	Gospel Acclamation
	<p>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Jb 7:1-4. 6-7 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23 Gospel: Mk 1:29-39 Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law.</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel
<p>Mk 1:21-28 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark <i>This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.</i></p> <p>Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.</p>
Reflection by Fr Michael Tate
<p>The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.</p> <p>'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.</p> <p>Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.</p>