

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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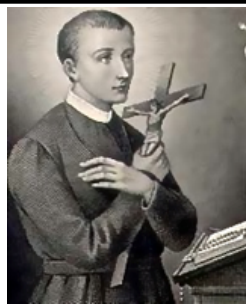
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, please contact the Safeguarding Officer.

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"
<https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/>

Readings for Mass - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th June, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading - Exodus 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live forever. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Volunteers from the Society of St. Vincent De Paul assist the needy in Dandenong and surrounding suburbs with food and various other amenities. Should you wish to donate and help them with their tireless work, please do so by donating to the following:

Account Name: SVDPS Vic. Inc. - SC Gift Funds

BSB: 063 000 Account Number: 106 07556

Description/Reference: Dandenong North 252

Booking for Mass

It is now mandatory to book to attend Mass. Links will be sent via email. We have been sending emails during this current lockdown. If you have not been receiving emails from our parish, please register an email address to receive information. Email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au. If you do not have an email address, please call us on 9792 4422 and we will assist you with booking.

Reading Roster July to December 2021

The updated reading roster has been emailed to all volunteers. Should you have not yet received this roster, please email or call us to send it to you again.

Thank you for volunteering and for your support.

Tree of Righteousness: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasises to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector.

O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as her child: With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve Him faithfully to the end of my life. O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way.

O my spiritual father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings. Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the hour of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen



MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass, June 12th

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Stanley Van Twest Jnr

(Remembrance)

and Ali

(For his soul)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 13th

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Harold Scanlon

(Remembrance)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Cyril O'Shaughnessy

(Remembrance)

Monday, June 14th

Mass 9:15am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, June 15th

Mass 9:15am Noel & Doris Bocks

(Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday, June 16th

Mass 9:15am Elisa Lemos Alfaia &

José da Graça Alfaia

(Remembrance)

Thursday, June 17th

Mass 9:15am Thérèse Rose

(Remembrance)

Friday, June 18th

Mass 9:15am Charles Lovett

(Repose of his soul)

Saturday, June 19th

Mass 9:15am Karl Girauflé

(Remembrance)

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher, Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, William Issaef, Karen Daniells, Annemarie Bonica, Brian Edwards, Francesca Antonucci, Alex Severino, Kees Van Strijp, Debbie Juchno, Solomon, Jude Aldons, Patrick Scanlon, Zac Planko, Sergio Dib, Kurt Nguk Yan, Rosemary Zaher, Elisa, Jacqueline & Priscilla Harrattia, Blanche Bowers, Francis Archer, Irene Young, Doris Mifsud, Fred Beirouty, Dulcie Loyal Selleck, Mary Perera, Sherwin D'Santos, Deborah & Cedric Rowland, Giuseppe Astone, George Borg, Jacqui Carr, Rosaria Biviano, John Hardie

The recently deceased: Marc Savannah, Anton Adolphus, Yvonne Pereira

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Frank Messina

A note from Fr Shanthaiah

Dear Parishioners,

Please be assured I am praying for you all, especially during these difficult times.

We can now only accommodate 50 people for each Mass in the Church. It is also imperative that you book to attend Mass. Links will be sent out to everyone on the email list each week. If you do not receive the email in your inbox, be sure to check your spam/junk/promotions boxes in case it is sent there.

Along with these links, we will also continue sending emails to you with the bulletin and other news as it comes to hand.

For those who cannot attend Mass, please be assured of my prayers.

Take care, stay safe and God bless,

Fr Shanthaiah

Thanksgiving

Please find details below, should you wish to contribute to the Parish of St. Gerard's. We thank you for your generosity and support.

For Parish/Thanksgiving:

Account Name- St. Gerard's Church

BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 53812 1322

For Presbytery/Priests:

Account Name-St. Gerard's Presbytery

BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 669 675878

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

Enrolments for Prep in 2022 are now open, and Parish families are our first category for enrolments. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please contact the School Office (03) 9791 7553 or email

principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and tour with the Principal Mr Paul Cowan.

Please visit our website <https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au>

Daily Antiphons - Monday June 14 to Saturday June 19, 2021

Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 14, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has made known His salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 15, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 16, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them, and We will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Thursday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 17, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 18, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Saturday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 19, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.