

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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, Sumitha Moses.

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

Readings for Mass - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, 27th June, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading - Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth;

for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, for You have rescued me.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 8: 7,9,13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His gospel. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Mark 5: 21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Please note

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence after the morning Mass each Friday until 12 Noon.

The Church will be open for private prayer daily between 8am and 3pm.

Please always sign in and wear a mask inside the Church.

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.

SICK LIST

The sick list has not been edited in the last six months. Unless otherwise advised, names will be taken off in two weeks. Please contact the office by either email or phone by Friday 9th July, to advise should you wish a name to remain on this list. Thank you.

Office Closure

The office will be closed Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th June. Therefore, just for next week, the office will only be open on Monday 28th June, Thursday 1st July, and Friday 2nd July.
Mass booking links will be sent on Monday 28th June for the weekend of 3rd and 4th July.

Booking for Mass

Please book to attend Mass for the weekend. You will not need to book to attend on a weekday. Please remember to sign in via the QR code. Links will be sent via email to book for weekend Masses. Please ensure you register each person separately. If you do not have email access, please call us on 9792 4422 and we will assist you with booking.
To attend Mass, please call the office at the latest on Friday, each week, by 12 pm to confirm your booking. *You are more than welcome to attend your preferred Mass over the weekend without a booking but, you may be unable to remain if numbers exceed 175. If numbers permit, you will be able to sign in manually.* As soon as the 175 person limit is reached, we will, unfortunately, be unable to accept any further attendees.

Arise! Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die, we hear in today's First Reading. Death entered the world through the devil's envy and Adam and Eve's sin; as a result, we are all bound to die.

But in the moving story in today's Gospel, we see Jesus liberate a little girl from the possession of death.

On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26). On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ (see 1 Corinthians 15:18).

Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!"—using the same Greek word used to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 16:6). And the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in Him, even though we die, we will live (see John 15:25–26).

We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today—praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Notice the parents follow Him

even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).

Already in Baptism, we've been raised to new life in Christ. And the Eucharist, like the food given to the little girl today, is the pledge that He will raise us on the last day.

We should rejoice, as we sing in today's Psalm, that He has brought us up from the netherworld, the pit of death. And, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gracious act, imitating Christ in our love and generosity for others.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God!

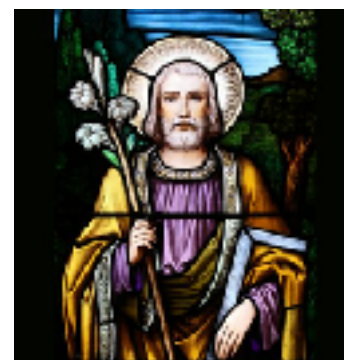
O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary,

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 26th

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Philippe & Marise Gnany &
Jean Latouche
(Remembrance)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 27th

Mass 8:30am Thérèse Rose
(Remembrance)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo -
Baptism Welcome Rite

Mass 5:30pm Conrad Chmielewski
(Remembrance)

Monday, June 28th

Saint Irenaeus

Mass 9:15am Antonietta Morella
(Remembrance)

Tuesday, June 29th

Saints Peter and Paul

Mass 9:15am Sabato Leone
(Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, June 30th

Mass 9:15am John Hardie
(Recently Deceased)

Thursday, July 1st

Mass 9:15am Saturmina de Jesus &
Jeronimo Belo
(Remembrance)

Friday, July 2nd

Mass 9:15am Colleen Baptiste
(Anniversary of Death)

After Mass Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament (until Noon)

Saturday, July 3rd

Saint Thomas

Mass 9:15am Souls of the Pinto Family

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher, Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, 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, June Polglaise

The recently deceased: Marc Savannah, William Issaeff, Anna Vu, John Hardie, Lorenzo Martinelli, John Raymond McIntyre, Jean Alain Rofique, Amrik

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Jessica Cabral, Cynthia Scanlon, Angela Tumino

Reading Roster

June **Please note changes*

Sat. 26th 5:30pm J. D'Souza
Sun. 27th 8:30am R. Noble
10:30am A. Pacifique
5:30pm M. Yallapa

July

Sat. 3rd 5:30pm D. Franklin
Sun. 4th 8:30am G. Markezic
10:30am A. Pacifique
5:30pm M. Yallapa

Church Cleaning

**Saturday,
26th June,**
Moses Family,
Vincent, Mary,
Rebecca

**Saturday,
3rd July,**
Legion of Mary

A note from Fr Shanthaiah

Dear Parishioners,
Please be assured I am praying for you all, especially during these difficult times.
We can now accommodate 175 people for each Mass in the Church. It is mandatory to sign in via the QR code each time you attend Mass and wear your mask inside the Church. Please register each person you book for separately. Links will be sent out 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 re-directed there.
The Church will be open for private prayer between 8am and 3pm weekdays. Please sign in via the QR code. For those who cannot attend Mass, please be assured of my prayers.
Take care, stay safe and God bless,
Fr Shanthaiah

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 28 to Saturday July 3, 2021

Saint Irenaeus - June 28, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and peace, and turned many away from evil.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Remain in Me, as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Saints Peter and Paul - June 29, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.

Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 30, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father gave us birth by His message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of His creation. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 1, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 2, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Saint Thomas - July 3, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: You are my God, and I confess You; You are my God, and I exalt You; I will thank You, for You became my saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.