

## ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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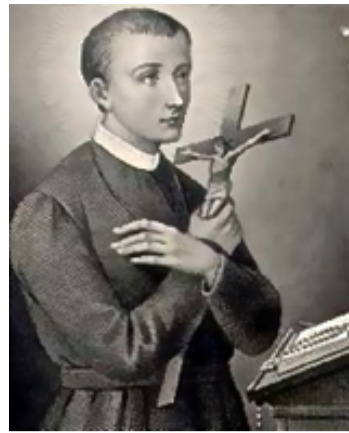
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our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

*"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"*

<https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/>

### **Readings for Mass - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, 1st August, 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

#### **First Reading - Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15**

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

#### **Second Reading - Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24**

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia!*

#### **Gospel Reading - John 6: 24-35**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

## **Daily Antiphons - Monday August 2 to Saturday August 7, 2021**

### **Monday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 2, 2021:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Sing with joy to God our help.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

### **Saint Dominic - Tuesday, August 3, 2021:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** Master, You are the Son of God, You are the king of Israel. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

### **Saint John Vianney - Wednesday, August 4, 2021:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; Your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, remember us, for the love You bear Your people.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when He comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all His property.

### **Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 5, 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

### **The Transfiguration of the Lord - Friday, August 6, 2021:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** This is My Son, My beloved, in whom is all My delight: listen to Him. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

### **Saturday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 7, 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love You, Lord, my strength.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**MASS and INTENTIONS**

**Saturday Vigil Mass, July 31st**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 5:30pm For Holy Souls  
and Gladys Sylvia Fernandez  
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

**Sunday, August 1st**

Mass 8:30am Geraldine Treck  
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo  
Stefania & Anton Los  
(Anniversary & Remembrance)

Mass 5:30pm Fr John Mohandas  
(Recently Deceased)

**Monday, August 2nd**

Mass 9:15am Family of Denise LeGentil  
(Thanksgiving)  
Roland LeGentil  
(Remembrance)

**Tuesday, August 3rd -St. Dominic**

Mass 9:15am Carmello Sanzaro  
(Remembrance)

**Wednesday, August 4th -**  
**St. John Vianney**

Mass 9:15am Jacques Duhau  
(Recently Deceased)

**Thursday, August 5th**

Mass 9:15am Anthony Femino  
(Anniversary of Death)

**Friday, August 6th -**  
**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Adoration to re-commence today until Noon.

Mass 9:15am Jacques Duhau  
(Recently Deceased)  
and Zorica & Max Freeman  
(Thanksgiving -  
Golden Wedding Anniversary)

7:00pm Confirmations

**Saturday, August 7th**

Mass 9:15am Josip Srkulj  
(Remembrance)

**Please remember to pray for...**

**Our sick:** Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher,  
Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, Karen  
Daniells, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Rosemary  
Zaher, Allan Welsh, Vilena Savannah, Kusum  
Wickremasinghe, Carl DeRozario, Anton Jayamaha,  
Joseph Irudairaj, Marie Savannah, Cedric & Deborah  
Rowland

\*Please note that this list has been edited. Should you wish to add a name, please notify the office. Thank you. \*\*

**The recently deceased:** Jacques Duhau, Alfonse  
Hart, Luigi Giudice, Santhampillai Mathaspillai, Mijo  
Vinovrski, Christopher

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:** Maria Gatt, Sr.  
Luisa Farrugia, Stefanija Los and Anton Los

**Reading Roster**

**July/August**

Sat. 31st 5:30pm D. Franklin  
Sun. 1st 8:30am G. Dos Remedios  
10:30am J. Gelderbloem  
5:30pm B. Collins

**August**

Sat. 7th 5:30pm A. Miranda  
Sun. 8th 8:30am I. Mulipola  
10:30am D. Naidoo, Jn  
5:30pm J. Abraham

**Church Cleaning**

**Saturday,**  
**7th August,**  
J. Trissy,  
Linda & family

**Saturday,**  
**14th August,**  
Moses Family,  
Vincent, Mary,  
Rebecca

**Marian Coronavirus Prayer**

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you during this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them all at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue and timely help in all of our needs. You are our Mother -  
Pray for us to your Son, Amen.

**Confirmations Rescheduled**

Confirmations have been rescheduled to Friday, August 6th at 7pm. Due to restrictions, only Confirmands and their parents will be permitted to attend.  
Thank you for your understanding.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CANDIDATES**

We congratulate the following children who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation next Friday, 6th August.

*Abigail Appelman, Isabella D'Costa, Antonette Ivan, Pieta Jada,  
Beyonca Nisanthan, Arielle Punsalan, Kristina Ramos, and  
Raeann Vincent.*

### **Updates regarding re-opening of Church**

You do not need to book to attend Mass on a weekday but we require you to book to attend for the Saturday Vigil and all Sunday Masses.

We will live-stream Mass this weekend, Sunday, 1st August, at 10:30am via this link:

<https://fb.me/e/1EHLZb8Xm>

If you have not received emails from the parish for the last few weeks, please contact the office as we have experienced some technical issues. Please check your spam/junk/promotions folders as many people have found the emails have been redirected there. We will however, now begin updating the parish with all news and links via our website. From Tuesday, 3rd August, we ask you to please visit our website for updates and links to book for all weekend Masses. We will not be sending further correspondence via email until the problem is rectified. We apologise for any inconvenience this might have caused and are awaiting instruction from the IT department.

Please email [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au) or visit our website [stgerards.org.au](http://stgerards.org.au) for more information.

### **Euthanasia Talk Series**

In response to a bill being introduced in September 2021, into the NSW parliament to permit voluntary assisted Euthanasia in NSW, the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta are hosting a series of free talks titled: EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON.

The talks will be held via Zoom on three consecutive Mondays in August 2021. Please register by visiting:

<https://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/>

### **Endurance Test: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading. We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith (Deuteronomy 8:2-3).

As Paul reminds us in this week's Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him (Wisdom 16:20, 26).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that He will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm. This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well (Matthew 6:33).

### **Act of Consecration to St. Joseph**

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

○ 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.

○ 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. ○ Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way.

○ 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.

