

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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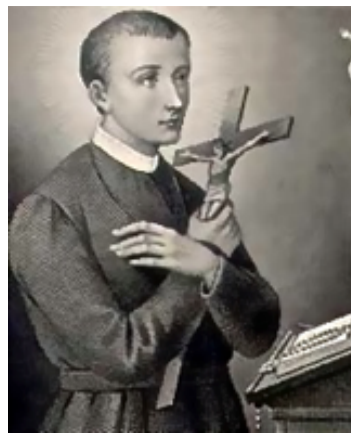
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our 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 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, 4th July, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading - Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Mark 6: 1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Stewardship Collection: *Covering church and parish expenses.*

Presbytery Collection: *For the domestic needs of the priests and for the support of retired clergy.*

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.



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. Please contact the office by either email or phone by Friday 9th July, to advise should you wish a name to remain. Thank you.

Attending Mass

You will not need to book to attend Mass on either a weekday or weekend. Please remember to sign in via the QR code and ensure you register each person separately.

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. As soon as the 175 person limit is reached, we will, unfortunately, be unable to accept any further attendees.

Son of Mary: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead.

But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognise Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God.

All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbour, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham (see Romans 9:3, 7).

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master (see Matthew 10:24). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offence in Him (see Luke 7:23). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

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



MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass, July 3rd

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Cajetan & Carmin D'Souza
(Remembrance)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 4th

Mass 8:30am Linda Hawkes
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo

Mass 5:30pm Francesco Zaia
(Remembrance)

Monday, July 5th

Mass 9:15am Karl Girauflé
(Remembrance)

Tuesday, July 6th

Mass 9:15am Florence Phillips
(Birthday Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, July 7th

Mass 9:15am For Holy Souls

Thursday, July 8th

Mass 9:15am Thérèse Rose
(Remembrance)

Friday, July 9th

Mass 9:15am Amrik
(Recently Deceased)

After Mass Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament (until Noon)

Saturday, July 10th

Mass 9:15am Karl Girauflé
(Remembrance)

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, Charmaine Fernando

The recently deceased: William Issaeff, John Hardie, Lorenzo Martinelli, John Raymond McIntyre, Jean Alain Rofique, Amrik, Dorthy McArthur

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Jessica Cabral

Reading Roster

July

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

July

Sat. 10th	5:30pm	C. Fernando
Sun. 11th	8:30am	G. Van Hees
	10:30am	M. Lourdunathan
	5:30pm	B. Collins

Church Cleaning

**Saturday,
10th July,**

Gonsalves Family,
M. Ferdinands &
L. Harper

**Saturday,
17th July,**

Kronfeld family &
H. Perera

Please note

Fr Shanthaiah will be away for three days next week Tuesday 6th July to Thursday 8th July inclusive for prayer and recollection. Fr Michael Shadbolt will celebrate Masses in his absence. The office will be open usual days & hours.

Confession

Tuesday to Friday, Fr Shanthaiah will hear confessions from 8:30am to 9:00am. He will also hear confessions from 8:00am on Saturday until 9:00am. Mass will then commence at 9:15am and he will hear confessions afterwards until 10:30am. Please check the website for all parish updates.

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 8:00am and 3:00pm. Please always sign in and wear a mask inside the Church.

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 July 5 to Saturday July 9, 2021

Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 5, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: In You, my God, I place my trust.

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

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 6, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: In my justice, I shall see Your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep and Mine know Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 7, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 8, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 9, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* When the spirit of truth comes, He will teach you all truth, and bring to your mind all I have told you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 10, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.