

## 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 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, 11th July, 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

#### **First Reading - Amos 7:12-15**

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.

#### **Second Reading - Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. *Alleluia!*

#### **Gospel Reading - Mark 6: 7-13**

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

**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:**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

## **Daily Antiphons - Monday July 12 to Saturday July 17, 2021**

### **Monday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 12, 2021:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!*** Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. ***Alleluia!***

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

### **Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 13, 2021:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

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

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

### **Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 14, 2021:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!*** Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. ***Alleluia!***

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

### **Saint Bonaventure - July 15, 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

**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:** It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

### **Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 16, 2021:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!*** My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow Me. ***Alleluia!***

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

### **Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 17, 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** His love is everlasting.

**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:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil Mass, July 10th

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving Mass  
Rodrigues and family

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, July 11th

Mass 8:30am Emmanuel D'Souza  
(Birthday Thanksgiving)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Trilby Domingo  
(Birthday Remembrance)

### Monday, July 12th

Mass 9:15am Kenneth Stewart  
(Anniversary of Death)

### Tuesday, July 13th

Mass 9:15am Thérèse Rose  
(Remembrance)  
and Dalton Fernandez  
(Anniversary of Death)

### Wednesday, July 14th

Mass 9:15am Wilhemina Olivio &  
Olivio Afonso  
(Remembrance)

### Thursday, July 15th

Mass 9:15am Pierre and Edwin Michel and  
Michel Family  
(Anniversary of Death &  
Remembrance)

### Friday, July 16th

Mass 9:15am Karl Girauflé  
(Remembrance)  
After Mass Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament (until Noon)

### Saturday, July 17th

Mass 9:15am Edward Baldsing  
(Anniversary of Death)

**\*\*Please note that this month, the French Mass  
will be held on 25th July not 18th July\*\***

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

**Our sick:** Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher, Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, Karen Daniells, Brian Edwards, Gratiaen Jones, Peter Shaw-Dennis

*\*Please note that this list has been edited as per the notice over the last few weeks. Should you wish to add a name, please notify the office. Thank you.\*\**

**The recently deceased:** William Issaeff, John Hardie, Lorenzo Martinelli, John McIntyre, Jean Rofique, Amrik, Dorthy McArthur, Jacques Duhau, June Polglaise

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:** Salvatore Rizzuto, Dalton Fernandez, Luigina Rossi and Maria Vaccaro

## Reading Roster

### July

Sat. 10th 5:30pm C. Fernando

Sun. 11th 8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am M. Lourdunathan

5:30pm B. Collins

### July

Sat. 17th 5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sun. 18th 8:30am M. Noble

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm J. Abraham

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday,  
17th July,**  
Kronfeld family &  
H. Perera

**Saturday,  
24th July,**  
Q. Roland,  
X. Fernando,  
T. Bui

## The Precious Blood of Jesus

Please pray as we honour the Precious Blood of Jesus in a special way during the month of July.

*O God, who by the Precious Blood of Your only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of Your mercy, so that, ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## 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.

## Confession

Tuesday to Friday, Fr Shanthaiah will hear confessions from 8:30am to 9:00am and on Saturday from 8:00am until 9:00am. Mass will then commence at 9:15am and he will hear confessions after Mass until 10:30am.

## 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](mailto: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>

### **Appeal to come forward**

There was an incident after the 10:30am mass on Sunday 4th July, where an elderly gentleman driving a white car side swiped a Rav 4 car opposite the parish. If the man responsible can please contact Susan on 9795 0011 or 0408 329 787 to discuss the matter.

Thanking you in advance.

### **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 or in the sign up sheet.

Please wear your mask inside the Church at all times.

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

The Church will be open for private prayer daily between 8:00am and 3:00pm.

### **The Church's Mission: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2-4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not "professionals" who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

### **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.