

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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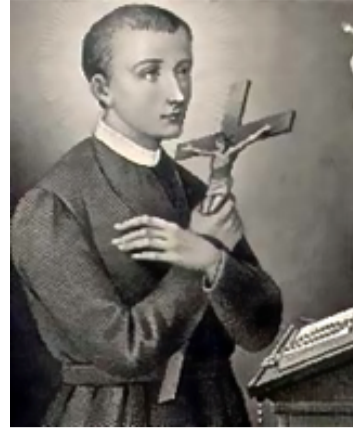
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our 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 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, 18th July, 2021

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel Reading - Mark 6: 30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Church Closed

Sadly, we moved into another lockdown as of 11.59 pm, Thursday 15 July 2021. This will be in place until 11.59 pm, Tuesday 20 July 2021, unless otherwise notified. Unfortunately, we cannot live-stream Mass this weekend.

The office will also be closed during this time but we will be working remotely. Phones will be diverted between 9am and 3pm daily. Please email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au or visit our website stgerards.org.au.

Take care, stay safe and God bless.

Daily Antiphons - Monday July 19 to Saturday July 24, 2021

Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 19, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us sing to the Lord; He has covered Himself in glory.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us sing to the Lord; He has covered Himself in glory.

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: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 21, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Saint Mary Magdalene - July 22, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go to my brothers and tell them: I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw His empty tomb. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The love of Christ impels us, so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised.

Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 23, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 24, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Receive and submit to the word planted in you; it can save your souls. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass, July 17th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Rosamma Sebastian
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 18th

Mass 8:30am Huguette Etienne
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo

Mass 5:30pm William Issaeff
(Recently Deceased)

Monday, July 19th

Mass 9:15am Maria Gatt &
Sr. Luisa Farrugia
(Remembrance)

Tuesday, July 20th

Mass 9:15am Sabato Leone
(Remembrance)

and Private Intention &
Birthday Thanksgiving

Wednesday, July 21st

Mass 9:15am Private Intention

Thursday, July 22nd

Mass 9:15am Thérèse Rose
(Remembrance)

Friday, July 23rd

Mass 9:15am Nathan, Katrina &
Grayson Coles
(Birthday and Thanksgiving)

After Mass Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament (until 12 Noon)

Saturday, July 24th

Mass 9:15am Anthony Joseph Domingo
(Anniversary of Death)

****Please note****

***This month, the French Mass will be held
on Sunday 25th July at 3:30pm.***

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.

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, Gratiaen Jones, Jacques Duhau, June Polglaise, Mariano Fernandes, Augusta Soares, Dalton Fernandez, Alfonse Hart

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Maria Gatt, Sr. Luisa Farrugia, Anthony Femino, Doris Box, Ninette Loos, Edward Baldsing

Reading Roster

July

Sat. 17th Sadly, there is no Mass.

Sun. 18th

July

Sat. 24th 5:30pm P. Kroon

Sun. 25th 8:30am S. Moses

10:30am D. Naidoo, Sn

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Church Cleaning

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

**Saturday,
31st July,**
Knights of the
Southern Cross

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.

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>

Appeal to come forward

There was an incident after the 10:30am mass on Sunday 4th July, where an elderly gentlemen 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.

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME & SEE!** An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 14 August, Saturday 10:00 - 11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information: Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0> Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>. Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate>. Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

Church Closed

Sadly, the Church will be closed from Friday, 16th July and will re-open as of Wednesday 21st July for the 9:15am Mass, unless we are otherwise notified.

For those who have provided their email address for updates, we will confirm details on Tuesday 20th July. Should you wish to provide your email to receive correspondence, please notify us at: dandenongnorth@cam.org.au.

One Flock: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see Ezekiel 34:23).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (see Mark 6:39) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see John 10:11), the king they've been waiting for (see Hosea 3:1-5).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see Numbers 27:17). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see John 10:16).

In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:36; Romans 1:16).

Paul, too, in today's Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.



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.

