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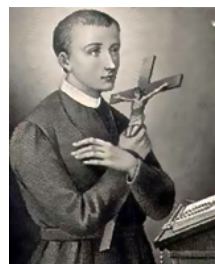
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) — Sunday, 13th February, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First Reading - Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, February 14 to Saturday, February 19, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - February 14th, 2022 - Saints Cyril and Methodius

Entrance Antiphon: These are holy men who became friends of God, glorious heralds of divine truth.

Responsorial Psalm: Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The disciples went forth and preached the Gospel, while the Lord worked with them, confirming the word through accompanying signs.

Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - February 15th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those You teach, O Lord.

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: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - February 16th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

Responsorial Psalm: The just shall live on Your holy mountain, O Lord.

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!*

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - February 17th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - February 18th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who do what the Lord commands.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you My friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Saturday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - February 19th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

Responsorial Psalm: You will protect us, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is My beloved Son, hear Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 12th, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Pearl Harriet Perera
(Recently Deceased)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, February 13th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Monday, February 14th -

Saints Cyril & Methodius

Mass 9:15am For Holy Souls

Tuesday, February 15th

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday, February 16th

Mass 9:15am Beverly Deabe
(Remembrance)

and Milagros Flores
(Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, February 17th

Mass 9:15am Tom O'Shaughnessy
(Remembrance)

and Teresita Alzona
(Anniversary of Death)

Friday, February 18th

8:10am Adoration until 9am

Mass 9:15am Ruben & Josefina Loyola
(Remembrance)

Saturday, February 19th

Mass 9:15am Jenny Harter
(Anniversary of Death)

and Hyacinth Maureen Kelly
(3rd Anniversary of Death)

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, Kusum and Dinuk Wickremasinghe, Carl DeRozario, Anton Jayamaha, Joseph Irudairaj, Cedric & Deborah Rowland, Michelle Bugone, Simone Valadon, Angelo Sciacca, Doreen Oliver, Antonette Vettivelu, Claris, Suzette Savrimoothoo, Kathleen James, Marie Blandin de Chalain, Melvina Extross, Clita Martinelli, Anna Lesnjak, Lalitha Kurup

The recently deceased: George Lawrence Gonzalves, Pearl Harriet Perera, Very Rev. Fr. Emile Mayoraz msfs, Rev. Sr. Showri Deepthi, Rev. Fr. Fritz Neuhauser mhm, Gladys Pentony

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Hyacinth Maureen Kelly

Reading Roster

February

Sat. 19th 5:30pm	J. D'Souza
Sun. 20th 8:30am	G. Dos Remedios
10:30am	M. Jose
5:30pm	M. Yallapa

February

Sat. 26th 5:30pm	C. Fernando
Sun. 27th 8:30am	G. Markezic
10:30am	M. Naidoo
5:30pm	J. Panicker

Church Cleaning

Saturday 19th February, 2022

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday 26th February, 2022

J. Trissy, Linda & family

Catechist Children

Enrolments for State School children are open. Enrolments will be taken up until 15th February. Please contact the office on 9792 4422 to register your child.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, 15th February, at 4pm in the Church.

Please contact the parish office, for more information.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Items for Sale - Moving House

A parishioner of St. Gerard's is moving house and has many new household products to sell. Please call Joe Gatt on 0431 635 518 to arrange a meeting.

Return of blessed Palms

Please return your palms in these coming weeks in preparation for Ash Wednesday (2nd March). There will be a box in the foyer of the Church to place them in.

Confession

Confession will not be heard on Sunday or Monday. Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday from 8:20am to 8:50am and after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

Mass Times - No booking required

Monday to Friday 9:15am

Saturday 9:15am & 5:30pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 5:30pm

Eucharistic adoration will be held every Friday at 8:10am, followed by the daily Mass at 9:15am.

We ask that you please wear your mask inside the Church and please check in via the QR code.

Thank you and God bless.

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness and pain, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes available in the foyer of the Church or at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9287 5513. Thank you for your generosity.

Saints Cyril and Methodius - 14th February

Cyril and Methodius must have often wondered, as we do today, how God could bring spiritual meaning out of worldly concerns. Every mission they went on, every struggle they fought was a result of political battles, not spiritual, and yet the political battles are forgotten and their work lives on in the Slavic peoples and their literature. Tradition tells us that the brothers Methodius and Constantine (he did not take the name Cyril until just before his death) grew up in Thessalonica as sons of a prominent Christian family. Because many Slavic people settled in Thessalonica, it is assumed Constantine and Methodius were familiar with the Slavic language. Methodius, the older of the two brothers, became an important civil official who would have needed to know Slavonic. He grew tired of worldly affairs and retired to a monastery. Constantine became a scholar and a professor known as "the Philosopher" in Constantinople. In 860 Constantine and Methodius went as missionaries to what is today the Ukraine. When the Byzantine emperor decided to honour a request for missionaries by the Moravian prince Rastislav, Methodius and Constantine were the natural choices; they knew the language, they were able administrators, and had already proven themselves successful missionaries. But there was far more behind this request and the response than a desire for Christianity. Rastislav, like the rest of the Slav princes, was struggling for independence from German influence and invasion. Christian missionaries from the East, to replace missionaries from Germany, would help Rastislav consolidate power in his own country, especially if they spoke the Slavonic language. Constantine and Methodius were dedicated to the ideal of expression in a people's native language. Throughout their lives they would battle against those who saw value only in Greek or Latin. Before they even left on their mission, tradition says, Constantine constructed a script for Slavonic -- a script that is known today as glagolitic. Glagolitic is considered by some as the precursor of cyrillic which named after him. Arriving in 863 in Moravia, Constantine began translating the liturgy into Slavonic. So when Constantine and Methodius went to Rome to have the Slav priesthood candidates ordained (neither was a bishop at the time), they had to face the criticism the Germans had levelled against them. But if the Germans had motives that differed from spiritual concerns, so did the pope. He was concerned about the Eastern church gaining too much influence in the Slavic provinces. Helping Constantine and Methodius would give the Roman Catholic church more power in the area. So after speaking the brothers, the pope approved the use of Slavonic in services and ordained their pupils. Constantine never returned to Moravia. He died in Rome after assuming the monastic robes and the name Cyril on February 14, 869. Legend tells us that his older brother was so grief-stricken, and perhaps upset by the political turmoil, that he intended to withdraw to a monastery in Constantinople. Cyril's dying wish, however, was that Methodius return to the missionary work they had begun. The brothers' work of spreading Christ's word and translating it into Slavonic continued and laid the foundation for Christianity in the region. What began as a request guided by political concerns produced two of the greatest Christian missionaries, revered by both Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, and two of the fathers of Slavonic literary culture. Cyril and Methodius believed in the importance of celebrating liturgy in our own language, a privilege we have only had in last twenty years.

Let us pray: Saints Cyril and Methodius, watch over all missionaries but especially those in Slavic countries. Help those that are in danger in the troubled areas. Watch over the people you dedicated your lives to. Amen

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