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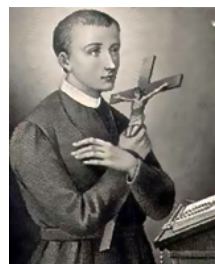
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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.

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C) — Sunday, 13th March 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

First Reading - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading - Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is My beloved Son, hear Him. *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Communion Antiphon: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.

Daily Antiphons

Monday, March 14 to Saturday, March 19, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Second Week of Lent - March 14th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me. My foot stands on level ground; I will bless the Lord in the assembly.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: Be merciful, as Your Father is merciful, says the Lord.

Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent - March 15th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death, lest my enemy say: I have overcome him.

Responsorial Psalm: To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Rid yourselves of all your sins, and make a new heart and a new spirit. *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all Your wonders. I will rejoice in You and be glad, and sing psalms to Your name, O Most High.

Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent - March 16th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord! My God, be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: Save me, O Lord, in Your steadfast love.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!* With all your heart turn to Me, for I am tender and compassionate. *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Thursday of the Second Week of Lent - March 17th, 2022 - Saint Patrick

Entrance Antiphon: Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Friday of the Second Week of Lent - March 18th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: In You, O Lord, I put my trust, let me never be put to shame; release me from the snare they have hidden for me, for you indeed are my refuge.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: God loved us, and sent His Son as expiation for our sins.

Saturday of the Second Week of Lent - March 19th, 2022 - Saint Joseph

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, a faithful and prudent steward, whom the Lord set over His household.

Responsorial Psalm: The son of David will live for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* How happy they who dwell in Your house, O Lord; continually they sing Your praise! *Glory and praise, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, share Your master's joy.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 5:30pm For Peace in the World

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, March 13

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 8:30am Pro Populo

Mass 10:30am Martinus Piger
(3rd Year Anniversary of Death)

and Raquel Nicole Radev
(Birthday Remembrance)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm

Monday, March 14 - Labour Day Public Holiday

Office closed

Mass 9:15am For Simone Valadon

After Mass Stations of the Cross led by the
Legion of Mary

Tuesday, March 15

Mass 9:15am

Wednesday, March 16

Mass 9:15am

After Mass Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual
Help

Thursday, March 17 - Saint Patrick

Mass 9:15am Ella D'Souza
(First Birthday Thanksgiving)

Friday, March 18

Mass 9:15am Christine Donald
(Birthday Thanksgiving)

After Mass Adoration until 3pm - Pray for
peace in Russia & the Ukraine
& all those affected by Natural
Disasters

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Mass

Saturday, March 19

Mass 9:15am

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, Lalitha Kurup, Sakis Dip, Alessandro Zaia

The recently deceased: Pearl Harriet Perera, Nimal Wickramasuriya, Rita Ephraums, Anna Lesnjak

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Reading Roster

March

Sat. 19th 5:30pm	A. Miranda
Sun. 20th 8:30am	I. Mulipola
10:30am	D. Naidoo, Jnr
5:30pm	M. Yallapa

March

Sat. 26th 5:30pm	C. Fernando
Sun. 27th 8:30am	G. Van Hees
10:30am	S. Moses
5:30pm	J. Panicker

Church Cleaning

Saturday 19th March, 2022

Gonsalves Family & M. Ferdinands

Saturday 26th March, 2022

Kronfeld Family & H. Perera

KSC Football Tipping Competition

The Knights of the Southern Cross Dandenong North invite you to participate in the Football Tipping Competition for 2022. Cost to participate is \$50 for the entire season, where 50% of funds raised go to prizes, and the other 50% to the Branch in its support of the local Parishes. Those who guess all 9 tips correctly win \$30 for the round, and the overall winner of the season will receive over \$1,000 in prize money. The rules can be found on the Parish Bulletin board. Please contact Carmine Miranda on 0412 817 995 or carmine@vicinsurance.com.au for any queries and expressions of interest. Round 1 commences Wednesday March 16, with Melbourne vs. Western Bulldogs. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, with about 100 participants and \$2,500 raised last year, which funds our projects and donations within the surrounding parishes.

Tips to be lodged via internet <http://www.footytips.com.au> The name of our competition is 'KSC North Dandenong' and can be found in the 'Search Competitions' section. Any queries or problems accessing site and lodging selections please phone Carmine Miranda on 0412 817 995.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Novena and Adoration

Beginning Wednesday 16th March, after the 9:15am Mass, you are invited to pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Beginning Friday, 18th March, for three Friday's, Adoration will commence after the 9:15am Mass until 3:00pm. Together, praying the Novena, with Adoration and praying privately, we can pray for peace between Russia and the Ukraine and pray for everyone affected by natural disasters especially for those in QLD and NSW.

Explore the difference a Nazareth education provides

The Nazareth College Open Evening will be held on Tuesday, 22nd March, and will be a great opportunity for the whole family to experience all our College has to offer. You will hear from our Principal, Mr Sam Cosentino, view performances and demonstrations from several learning areas as well as have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss important aspects of the College with key members of our staff. Registrations essential at www.nazareth.vic.edu.au/enrolments/school-tours

"Shakespeare and Catholicism" with Angela Schumann

You are invited to 'God and Beer' which brings together people of all ages from across the south-east suburbs several times a year for inspiration, ideas and a hot meal at a local pub. The aim is to inspire and strengthen Christians by drawing on the truth, beauty and goodness of the Christian faith in the Catholic tradition. When: Monday 11th April 6.30pm. Where: The Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill. Topic: "Shakespeare and Catholicism" with Angela Schumann. Cost: Free to attend but places are limited, please book to avoid disappointment. Meals and drinks are available for purchase. Visit: GodandBeer.com.au

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

Aid to the Church in Need has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help! Visit www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING 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 Saturday 2 April 2022, 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.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>
Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

Bus Drivers Wanted

Emerson School is looking for part time bus drivers. Emerson is a P-12 Specialist School situated at 1430 Heatherton Road, Dandenong. Please call Jenny La'Brooy on 9791 8900 for more information.

The Glory in Sight: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus."

The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain (see Exodus 24:15–18; 1 Kings 19:8–18).

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly (see Exodus 24:1; 34:29). But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God (see Luke 24:27). He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah (see Isaiah 42:1; Luke 23:35), the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised (see Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22–23; 7:37). Far and above that, He is the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7; Luke 3:21–23).

"Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.