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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"

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) — Sunday, 20th March 2022

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading - Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!* Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

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.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Celebrating Harmony Week 21st to 27th March, 2022

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's exciting and diverse cultural reality. Harmony Week is also an opportunity to reflect on working with all families within the parish from the diverse cultural backgrounds present and how inclusive we really are when it comes to child safeguarding. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is committed to honouring the trust that has been placed in our parishes, agencies and entities and to supporting the crucial partnership with parents and guardians that serves to strengthen the safety of children and young people. For more information, please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/harmony-week-everyone-belongs> or www.harmony.gov.au

Novena and Adoration

Each Wednesday, after the 9:15am Mass, you are invited to pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Each Friday until April 1st, 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

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.

Flood Appeal - Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St. Vincent de Paul Society in Qld and NSW, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au - Flood appeal - St. Vincent de Paul Society - Good works (vinnies.org.au) or by calling Queensland 07 3010 1000 or New South Wales 02 9568 0262.

Caritas Australia - Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families. Visit - <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine> or contact 1800 024 413.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19, 2022 - Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 5:30pm Marcienne Rivet
(Anniversary of Death)

and Brigida Cardamone
(2nd year Anniversary of Death)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Mass on Sunday this week.

Sunday, March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 8:30am Maria Mollica (Anniversary of Death), Tom and Steven Mollica (Remembrance)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Monday, March 21

Mass 9:15am
After Mass Stations of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary

Tuesday, March 22

Mass 9:15am

Wednesday, March 23

Mass 9:15am
After Mass Novena- Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, March 24

Mass 9:15am Olga Kroon
(Anniversary of Death)

Friday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

Mass 9:15am After Mass Adoration until 3pm

6:30pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Mass

Saturday, March 26

Mass 9:15am F.X. Pereira (Birthday Remembrance) and deceased members of Pereira family

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, 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: Simone Valadon, Claudine Pacifique, Anna Lesnjak, Cynthia Woods, Sylvester Chandrasekera

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Derrick Fernandez, Antonietta Tucci, Carmela Tucci, Sabatino Tucci, Otila Wright, Marc Savannah

Reading Roster

March

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

April

Sat. 2nd	5:30pm	J. D'Souza
Sun. 3rd	8:30am	G. Markezic
	10:30am	D. Naidoo, Sr
	5:30pm	A. Miranda

Church Cleaning

Saturday 26th March, 2022

Kronfeld Family & H. Perera

Saturday 2nd April, 2022

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Evening of Reconciliation - Save the Date!

On Wednesday, 6th April, there will be a reconciliation evening held in in the Church whereby confessions will be heard from 6:30pm until 8:00pm in preparation for Easter.

There will be six priests available during this evening.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, March 21 to Saturday, March 26, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Third Week of Lent - March 21st, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see Him face to face?

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word; with Him there is mercy and fullness of redemption. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent - March 22nd, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: To You I call, for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* With all Your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: Lord, who may abide in Your tent, and dwell on Your holy mountain? Whoever walks without fault and does what is just.

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent - March 23rd, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Let my steps be guided by Your promise; may evil never rule me.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

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

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent - March 24th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* With all your heart turn to Me, for I am tender and compassionate. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

Friday of the Third Week of Lent - March 25th, 2022 - The Annunciation of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said, as He entered the world: Behold, I come to do Your will, O God.

Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!* The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and His name will be called Emmanuel.

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent - March 26th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits; it is He who forgives all your sins.

Responsorial Psalm: It is steadfast love, not sacrifice, that God desires.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Glory and praise, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: The tax collector stood at a distance, beating his breast and saying: O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.