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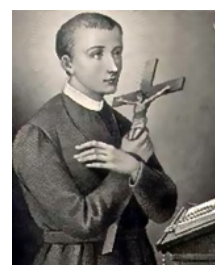
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Readings for Mass - 17th April, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading - Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Stewardship Collection: *Covering church and parish expenses.*

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Presbytery Collection: *For the domestic needs of the priests and for the support of retired clergy.*

Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 18 to Saturday, April 23, 2022 (Year C)

Monday within the Octave of Easter - 18th April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord has led you into a land flowing with milk and honey, that the law of the Lord may always be on your lips, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter- 19th April

Entrance Antiphon: He gave them the water of wisdom to drink; it will be made strong in them and will not be moved; it will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; mind the things that are above, alleluia.

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - 20th April

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all who seek the Lord rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Thursday within the Octave of Easter - 21st April

Entrance Antiphon: They praised in unison Your conquering hand, O Lord, for wisdom opened mouths that were mute and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of Him, who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light, alleluia.

Friday within the Octave of Easter - 22nd April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led His people in hope, while the sea engulfed their foes, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to His disciples: Come and eat. And He took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Saturday within the Octave of Easter - 23rd April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You, Lord, for You have answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: All of you who have been baptised in Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday - April 16 - No Morning Mass

9:00-10:30am Confessions

6:00pm Maronite Easter Vigil Mass

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Tony Ireland

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 17

7am Dawn Mass

Mass 8:30am Tom O'Shaugnessy
(Remembrance)

and Nigel Rodrigues & Family & Dominic D'Vaz
& Family - *Thanksgiving*

Mass 10:30am Nigel Rodrigues & Family & Dominic D'Vaz
& Family - *Thanksgiving*

No evening Mass Easter Sunday

Monday, April 18

Mass 9:15am Elizabeth Grabriel
(Anniversary of Death)

Tuesday, April 19

Mass 9:15am Giovanni Cardamone
(Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday, April 20

Mass 9:15am Margaret & Alex Stewart
(Anniversary of Death)

and Gladwin D'Rozario
(Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, April 21

Mass 9:15am For Holy Souls

Friday, April 22

Mass 9:15am Norbert Isaacs, Valerina Isaacs, Harold Edmonds, Edith Shaw, Aubrey Vanderputt and Maggie Dorsey
(Remembrance)

Saturday, April 23

Mass 9:15am Healing for Mila

and William Hart
(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, Anton Jayamaha, Kusum & Dinuk Wickremasinghe, Carl De Rozario, Joseph Irudairaj, Cedric & Deborah Rowland, Michelle Bugone, Claris, Doreen Oliver, Antonette Vettivelu, Suzette Savrimoothoo, Kathleen James, Marie Blandin de Chalain, Melvina Extross, Clita Martinelli, Lalitha Kurup, Sarkis Dib, Alessandro Zaia, David Giacotto, Mila, Steven Dickson

The recently deceased: Simone Valadon, Cynthia Woods, Italo De Paulis, George Hobkirk, Alister Hendrickze

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Giovanni Paola, Pasquale Isabella, Harold Scanlon, Antonio Bruno, Rudy Watts

Please Note: If you are *unable* to read on allocated dates, please contact the office ASAP on 9792 4422. Thank you.

Church Cleaning
Saturday, 23rd April
Moses Family, Vincent, Mary & Rebecca
Saturday, 30th April
Legion of Mary

Easter Reading Roster

Holy Saturday, April 16th - Easter Vigil Mass with Bishop Tony Ireland - 8:30pm

Readers: 1. J. D'Souza
2. D. Franklin
3. I. Mulipola
4. C. Fernando
5. J. Panicker

Easter Sunday, April 17th (No evening Mass)

7:00am J. Panicker
8:30am M. Noble
10:30am J. Abraham

Reading Roster

Saturday, April 23rd - Vigil Mass

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, April 24th

8:30am S. Hayman
10:30am D. Naidoo, Jnr
5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, April 30th - Vigil Mass

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, May 1st

8:30am V. Noble
10:30am S. Moses
5:30pm A. Miranda

Office Closure

The office will be closed from Monday, 18th April until Tuesday, 26th April.

We will re-open on Wednesday, 27th April from 9:00am.

We wish you all a very blessed Easter - Fr. Shanthaiah and Parish staff.

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.

Seeing and Believing: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb" – seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen – from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan – to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44). Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them – that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptised into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come – the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."