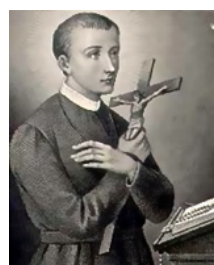


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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 10th April, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the Highest.

First Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm: My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?

Second Reading - Philippians 2: 6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised Him on high and gave Him a name above all other names. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 19:28-40 - (Read at Saturday Vigil and Sunday 5:30pm Mass)

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."' So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

**Gospel Reading of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 22:14-23:56)
Read at the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses.**

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without My drinking it, Your will be done.

Daily Antiphons - Holy Week - Monday, April 11 to Thursday, April 14, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of Holy Week - 11th April, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Contend, O Lord, with my contenders; fight those who fight me. Take up Your buckler and shield; arise in my defence, Lord, my mighty help.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Let us greet our king; He alone showed mercy for our sins. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn Your ear towards me; on the day when I call, speedily answer me.

Tuesday of Holy Week - 12th April, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Do not leave me to the will of my foes, O Lord, for false witnesses rise up against me and they breathe out violence.

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of Your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Hail to our king, obedient to His Father; He went to His crucifixion like a gentle lamb. *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: God did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over for us all.

Wednesday of Holy Week - 13th April, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, for the Lord became obedient to death, death on a cross: therefore Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in Your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!* Hail to our King, obedient to His Father; He went to His crucifixion like a gentle lamb. *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.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum - Thursday of the the Lord's Supper - 14th April, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm: Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in My Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of Me.



MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th April - (Fr. Michael Shadbolt's Birthday)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Mass 5:30pm Candice, Annesley & Rita Fernando
(Remembrance)

and Thanksgiving for Vido Family and
Vido & Fitch family (Remembrances)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass 8:30am Vivian MacDonald
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 10:30am Giovanni Paola & Pasquale Isabella
(Remembrance & Anniversary of Death)
and Yohan & Norma Erickson
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Tom O'Shaughnessy
(Anniversary of Death)
and Steven Dickson
(for his healing)

Monday of Holy Week - 11th April

Mass 9:15am Simone Valadon
(Recently Deceased)
and Lontok - Alzona Family
(Thanksgiving)

7:00pm Maronite Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week - 12th April

Mass 9:15am Healing for Mila
7:00pm Maronite Mass
7:30pm Chrism Mass - St. Patrick's Cathedral

Wednesday of Holy Week - 13th April

Mass 9:15am Murieal De Silva
(Anniversary of Death)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Thursday of the Lord's Supper 14th April - The Sacred Paschal Triduum - No Morning Mass and No confessions

7:00pm The Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 15th April

9:00am Parish Stations of the Cross - No confessions
10:30am Maronite Good Friday Service
3:00pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - 16th April - No Morning Mass

9:00-10:30am Confessions
6:00pm Maronite Easter Vigil Mass
8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass presided by Bishop Tony
Ireland

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

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

Dear Readers,
If you wish to
receive a copy of
your reading,
please contact the
office.

Church Cleaning
Saturday, 16th April
J. Trissy, Linda & Family
Saturday, 23rd April
Moses Family, Vincent & Rebecca

Reading Roster

Palm Sunday - Saturday Vigil Mass - April 9th

5:30pm P. Kroon

Palm Sunday - April 10th

8:30am V. Noble
Gospel: Narrator G. Dos Remedios
Jesus Fr. Michael
Crowd Choir

10:30am A. Pacifique
Gospel: Narrator A. Miranda
Jesus Fr. Shanthaiah
Crowd Choir

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Holy Thursday, April 14th - 7:00pm Service

1st Reading: B. Collins
2nd Reading: G. Van Hees

Good Friday, April 15th - 3:00pm Service

1st Reading A. Pacifique
2nd Reading E. Ebert
Gospel: Narrator A. Miranda
Jesus Fr. Shanthaiah
Crowd Choir

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

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

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, safe and Holy Easter - Fr. Shanthaiah and Parish staff.

Collection for the People of Ukraine - Aid to the Church

Our Parish is taking up a collection for the people of the Ukraine at the services on Holy Thursday. The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need is conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine. Funds are being sent to clergy and religious who are on the ground assisting the people. Please visit

www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine or phone 1800 101 201.

We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Flood Appeal - Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales have had a devastating effect. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St. Vincent de Paul Society 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.

Catholic Care Victoria Chaplaincy Appeal 2022 (Exert of letter of thanks to our parish)

“Thank you for supporting the annual Chaplaincy Appeal this year. We are so grateful for the donation of \$516.55 from your parish community towards the Chaplaincy Appeal. The presence of Catholic Chaplains is an important witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Because of the support from your parish community, Catholic Chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support”.... “Your support and generosity enable our Chaplains to continue to help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Thank You!” - Agnes Sheehan - CEO.

Passion of the Christ: Scott Hahn Reflects on Passion Sunday

“What is written about Me is coming to fulfillment,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see Luke 22:37). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Luke 22:63–65; 23:10–11, 16), as His hands and feet are pierced (see Luke 23:33), as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Luke 23:34), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Luke 23:35, 37, 39).

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading: “The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see Romans 5:12–14, 17–19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6). This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise (see Luke 23:42).