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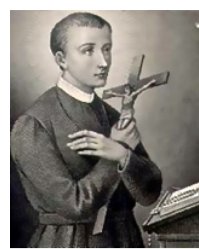
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C) - May 21/22, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise You!

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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!*

Gospel Reading - John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Communion Antiphon: If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Altar Server training & Invitation to new Altar Servers

Altar server training will resume on Thursday, 26th May, from 5:30-6:30pm. Should you wish to join and be trained as a server, please contact Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287

Archdiocese of Melbourne Mass - Recording Attendees

Each weekend, until 29th May, the Archdiocese of Melbourne requires parishes to count those in attendance at Mass. This will be done with as little disturbance to you as possible. Thank you.

Catholic Mission Propagation of the Faith Appeal

This weekend we are taking up a collection on behalf of Catholic Mission. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, May 23rd to Saturday, May 28th, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 23, 2022

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

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord takes delight in His people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you also will be My witnesses. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 24, 2022 - Our Lady, Help of Christians

Entrance Antiphon: Who is this arising like the dawn, fair as the moon, resplendent as the sun, terrible as an army with banners.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve, nor punish us for our faults.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the Word of God, and pondered it in her heart. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on the earth; for He has so exalted your name, that your praise shall be undying on our lips.

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 25, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of Your name to my kin, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord, to be with you for ever. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 26, 2022 - Saint Philip Neri

Entrance Antiphon: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: As the Father loves Me, so I also love you; remain in My love, alleluia.

Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 27, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: You have redeemed us, Lord, by Your Blood from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God is king of all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 28, 2022

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

Responsorial Psalm: God is king of all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I went from the Father and came into the world; and now I leave the world to return to the Father. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Father, I wish that, where I am, those You gave Me may also be with Me, that they may see the glory that You gave Me, alleluia.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Saturday Vigil, May 21

Mass 5:30pm For the Confirmands

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 22

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving for successful
Graduation and Private Intention

and Sheila White
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 10:30am For all those who died during the
Pandemic and Baptism Welcome Rite

Mass 5:30pm For Holy Souls

and Violet & Anthony Saliba, Clifford
Micallef and Salvina Domenici
(Remembrance)

Monday, May 23

Mass 9:15am Private Intention of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, May 24

Mass 9:15am Wayne Deabe
(Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday, May 25

Mass 9:15am Private Intention of Thanksgiving

Thursday, May 26

Mass 9:15am Saturnina de Jesus & Jerônimo Belo
(Remembrance)

Friday, May 27 - No Adoration until July

Mass 9:15am Private Intention of Thanksgiving

Saturday, May 28

Mass 9:15am Colin Layton
(Remembrance)

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Allan Welsh, Peter D'Silva, Carl De Rozario, Doreen Oliver, Antonette Vettivelu, Suzette Savrimoothoo, Kathleen James, Marie Blandin de Chalain, Clita Martinelli, Lalitha Kurup, Sarkis Dib, Alessandro Zaia, David Giacotto, Mila, Steven Dickson, Josie Surace, Sarah Cleary, Monica Kelly, Anne Moorthy, Mayelin Do Santos

The recently deceased: Rosemary Zaher, Jayde Shavak, Romano Micati, Greg Dannills

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Violet Saliba, Anthony Saliba, Clifford Micallef, Salvina Domenici

***Please note: The list above has recently been updated. Should you wish to add a name, please notify the office on 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au. Thank you. ***

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 28th May

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, 4th June

J. Trissy, Linda & Family

Reading Roster

Saturday, May 28th - Vigil Mass

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, May 29th

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm B. Collins

Saturday, June 4th - Vigil Mass

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, June 5th

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am M. Lourdunathan

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Fr Shanthaiah on Annual Leave

Fr Shanthaiah will be on his annual leave, which will include a pilgrimage and home visit, from May 23rd until June 24th inclusive. Normal celebration of Masses will take place in his absence with Fr Michael Shadbolt and Fr Brendan Lane.

Confessions will only be heard on request to the priest officiating Mass on the day you attend.

The office will also maintain usual hours during this time.

We wish him every blessing for a safe holiday.

Reading Roster

We will be finalising the reading roster for July to December 2022, in the next few weeks. Can you please advise us of any changes to your availability by June 3rd? We thank you for your continued support of our parish.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

GRIEF: Listening to people who need support. What helps and what hinders?

Do you know someone who is struggling with the grief of a loved one, troubled relationships, or other life challenges? Please join us on Friday, 27th May at 10.30am in St. Anthony's Noble Park Small Hall. Our presenter, Cathy Dixon, an experienced psychologist in the skills of listening with empathy and compassion will guide us through this session. For further information please ring Maria Jones at 0414 520 488 or St. Anthony's at 9546 8276.

Pilgrimage of St. Mary MacKillop

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For an itinerary and application form, please call 02 8912 4818 or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Confession Times during Fr Shanthaiah's absence

There will be no set times for confession during Fr Shanthaiah's absence. You will need to ask the availability of the Priest whom is officiating the Mass on the day. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Confirmation Candidates 2022

We congratulate the following confirmands who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 21st May, at St. Gerard's, by Bishop Tony Ireland:

Martin Allendes-Arias, Nathaniel Benhan, Duane Collom, Catherine Dinh, Hope Donovan, Trevor Fernando, Amy Labour, Levi Lopez, Minh-Dang Nguyen, Dominique Perumal, Aswin Sheen, Ella Torelli, Alessia Trovarelli, Christian Zaher

KSC Second-Hand Book Fair Plus More

The Knights of the Southern Cross are running a second-hand book fair. There will also be DVDs, LP/Records, video games, board games and more. Come and support the charitable work of the Knights. **When:** Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June (10am-4pm each day) **Where:** Nazareth College, Noble Park **Contact:** John 0406 747123, jtsmyth@gmail.com
Details: tinyurl.com/ksbookfair **Donations welcome:** If you have good books, games, DVDs, etc. you would like to donate please put them in the collection box in the church foyer. If you have a large donation to make please contact John.

Council of Jerusalem : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it. Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews. The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church. The Church is One, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]."

The Church is Holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel. The Church is Catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm.

And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is Apostolic – founded on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council.

Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us."

And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us."

Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.