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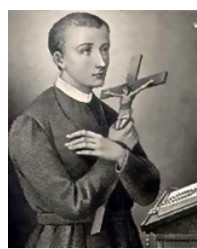
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

The Ascension of the Lord (Year C) - May 28/29, 2022

Vigil Mass Responses:

Entrance Antiphon: You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God: praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; His majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia. *(See First Reading Below)*

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. *(Second reading below)*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Go and teach all people My Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. *Alleluia!* *(Gospel Reading Below)*

Communion Antiphon: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

Sunday Mass Responses:

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 1: 1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Go and teach all people My Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, May 30th to Saturday, June 4th, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter - May 30, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you will be My witnesses, even to the ends of the earth, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come to you again, and your heart will rejoice, alleluia.

Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter - May 31, 2022 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your firm believing, that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed, for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name, alleluia.

Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 1, 2022 - Saint Justin

Entrance Antiphon: The wicked have told me lies, but not so is Your law: I spoke of Your decrees before kings, and was not confounded, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, alleluia.

Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 2, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: With boldness let us approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace as a timely help, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* May all be one as You are, Father, and I in You; let the world believe that You sent Me, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I tell you the truth, it is for your good that I go; for if I do not go away, the Paraclete will not come to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 3, 2022 - Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

Entrance Antiphon: As gold in the furnace, the Lord put His chosen to the test; as sacrificial offerings, He took them to Himself; and in due time they will be honoured, and grace and peace will be with the elect of God, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has set His throne in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and remind you of all I have said to you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His holy ones, alleluia.

Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 4, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and His brethren, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will gaze on Your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I will send you the Spirit of Truth, says the Lord; He will lead you to the whole truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Holy Spirit will glorify Me, for He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Saturday Vigil, May 28

The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 5:30pm Pasquale Isabella
(Birthday Remembrance)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 29

The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 8:30am Private Intention of Thanksgiving

Mass 10:30am Barbara & Roland Benson
Cynthia & Norman Burnett
(Remembrance & Anniversary of Death)

Mass 5:30pm Violet & Anthony Saliba, Clifford
Micallef and Salvina Domenici
(Remembrance)

Monday, May 30

Mass 9:15am Private Intention of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am Anton Adolphus
(First Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday, June 1 - Saint Justin

Mass 9:15am Cyril O'Shaughnessy
(Remembrance)

and Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 2

Mass 9:15am Antonino Gullo
(Anniversary of Death)

Friday, June 3 - No Adoration until July Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

Mass 9:15am Cyril O'Shaughnessy
(Remembrance)

Saturday, June 4

Mass 9:15am Maisie DeKauwe
(Anniversary of Death)

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, Ayesha Chatterjee, Jayde Shavak, Romano Micati, Greg Dannills, Fr. Eric John Hodgens (PE)

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

***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, 4th June

J. Trissy, Linda & Family

Saturday, 11th June

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary & Rebecca

Reading Roster

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

Saturday, June 11th - Vigil Mass

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, June 12th

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am D. Naidoo, Jn

5:30pm J. Panicker

Reading Roster

The reading roster for July to December 2022, is being finalised. Can you please advise us of any changes to your availability by June 3rd? We thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Amended Confession Times

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.

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

Enrolments for Prep in 2023 are open and Parish families are our first category for enrolments. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please contact the School Office (03) 9791 7553 or email principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and tour with the Principal Mr Paul Cowan. We also have Open Days planned for Tuesday 31 May, Wednesday 15 June and Thursday 23 June. Please visit our website: <https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au>

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

The Winter Appeal of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is scheduled for the weekend of 18th/19th June (Sat & Sun Masses). The success of this Appeal is dependent on the goodwill and generosity of our parishioners. Hence, parishioners are kindly requested to contribute generously towards this worthy cause of caring for those in need. Envelopes will be available on the pews and a Leaving Collection will be taken at all the Masses. The St. Gerard's Conference of the Society of the St. Vincent de Paul expresses its sincere gratitude for your generous contributions.

Archdiocese of Melbourne Mass - Recording Attendees

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. This Sunday is the final weekend. We thank you for your participation.

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

Auditions for an Australian grown Catholic musical that has gone around Australia & Overseas

Perform or help backstage in the show coming in November. Great opportunity to develop your skills in performing arts. Learn how to act, sing or produce a musical. We have classes in Burwood & Chelsea area. For more info call Von at 0423 886 984 or Geraldine at 0413 398 528 or visit cogtheatre.org or cogtheatregroup@gmail.com

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 747 123 or jtsmyth@gmail.com Details: tinyurl.com/kscbookfair 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.

The Good News: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14-15).

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divination of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread – to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem – at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.