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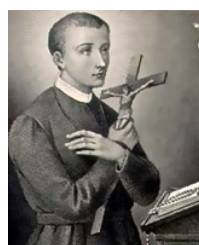
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi (Year C) - June 18 & 19, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading - Genesis 14: 18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 9: 11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

This weekend is the collection for the Winter Appeal of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. 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 Masses. The St. Gerard's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul express our sincere gratitude for your generous contribution.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, June 20, to Saturday, June 25, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time - June 20, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Help us with Your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Tuesday of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time - June 21, 2022 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Entrance Antiphon: The clean of hands and pure of heart shall climb the mountain of the Lord and stand in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: God upholds His city for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: God gave them bread from heaven; man ate the bread of Angels.

Wednesday of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time - June 22, 2022 - Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

Entrance Antiphon: Holy men shed their glorious blood for the Lord; they loved Christ in their life, they imitated Him in their death, and therefore were crowned in triumph.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me the way of Your decrees, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: It is you who have stood by Me in My trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom.

Thursday of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time - June 23, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: For the glory of Your name, O Lord, deliver us.

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!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Friday of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time - June 24, 2022 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Entrance Antiphon: The designs of His Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in Me.

Saturday of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time - June 25, 2022 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Entrance Antiphon: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

MASS and INTENTIONS

The Most Holy Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Vigil, June 18

Mass 5:30pm Nigel & Mariya Rodrigues & Family
Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

and Michael Lovett
(*First Month Remembrance*)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

The Most Holy Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Sunday, June 19

Mass 8:30am Giovanni & Raeffaelina Marotta &
Antonio & Angelina Sacco
(*Remembrance*)

Mass 10:30am William Issaef
(*First Year Anniversary of Death*)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Jon Thornton
(*Recently Deceased*)

Monday, June 20

Mass 9:15am Malcolm Highmoor
(*Anniversary of Death*)

Tuesday, June 21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Mass 9:15am Gratiaen Jones
(*Birthday Remembrance & First Death Anniversary*)

and Benoi Varkey
(*First Death Anniversary*)

Wednesday, June 22 - Saints John Fisher & Thomas More

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the birthday of
Sienna Rose Savelio

Thursday, June 23

Mass 9:15am Traudie Chmielewski
(*Birthday Remembrance*)

Friday, June 24 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mass 9:15am Private intention of Thanksgiving for
Wedding Anniversary

and Florrie Dos Remedios (*Anniversary of Death*)
& Thanksgiving to St. John the Baptist

and Ayesha Roslyn Sequeira
(*Remembrance - One month since passing*)

Saturday, June 25 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Mass 9:15am Geraldine Treck
(*Birthday Remembrance*)

and Deceased members of McConville &
D'Rozario Families (*Remembrance*)

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Allan Welsh, Peter D'Silva, Carl De Rozario, Doreen Oliver, 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: Ayesha Chatterjee, Jayde Shavak, Fr. Eric John Hodgens (PE), Antonette Vettivelu, Jon Thornton, Louis Regis Ang-ho, Helen Clark Milloy, Charlie Harrison, Fr. John Readman

Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Michael Lovett

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 25th June

Gonsalves Family & M. Ferdinands

Saturday, 2nd July

Kronfeld Family & H. Perera

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 25th - Vigil Mass

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, June 26th

8:30am V. Noble

10:30am D. Naidoo, Sn

5:30pm J. Abraham

Saturday, July 2nd - Vigil Mass

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, July 3rd

8:30am V. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Abraham

Thanksgiving Envelopes

Thanksgiving envelopes will be available for collection next weekend, 25th and 26th June, from the foyer of the Church.

We thank you for your continued support of our parish and priests.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Volunteer Opportunity

Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: somml@bigpond.com or visit www.mercyworks.org.au or call 9326 1895.

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.

KSC Second-Hand Book Fair Plus More

The Knights of the Southern Cross are running a second-hand book fair. Come and support the charitable work of the Knights. When: Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June (10am-4pm each day) Where: Nazareth College, Noble Park Contact: John 0406 747 123 or, 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.

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: www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

Blessed and Given: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

At the dawn of salvation history, God revealed our future in figures. That's what's going on in today's First Reading: a priest-king comes from Jerusalem (see Psalm 76:3), offering bread and wine to celebrate the victory of God's beloved servant, Abram, over his foes.

By his offering, Melchizedek bestows God's blessings on Abram. He is showing us, too, how one day we will receive God's blessings and in turn "bless God" – how we will give thanks to Him for delivering us from our enemies, sin and death.

As Paul recalls in today's Epistle, Jesus transformed the sign of bread and wine, making it a sign of His body and blood, through which God bestows upon us the blessings of His "new covenant."

Jesus is "the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek," that God, in today's Psalm, swears will rule from Zion, the new Jerusalem (see Hebrews 6:20-7:3).

By the miracle of loaves and fishes, Jesus in today's Gospel, again prefigures the blessings of the Eucharist.

Notice that He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the Twelve. You find the precise order and words in the Last Supper (see Luke 22:19) and in His celebration of the Eucharist on the first Easter night (see Luke 24:30).

The Eucharist fulfills the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus.

It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread – in commanding them on the night He was handed over:

"Do this in remembrance of Me."

Through His priests He still feeds us in "the deserted place" of our earthly exile.

And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For as often as we share in His body and blood.

We proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own.