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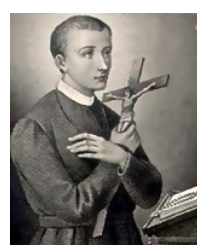
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - July 16 & 17, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading - Genesis 18: 1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food those who fear Him.

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

Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 18, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food those who fear Him.

Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 19, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us Your mercy and love.

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 Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food those who fear Him.

Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The seed of the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food those who fear Him.

Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 21, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: You are the source of life, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food those who fear Him.

Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 22, 2022 - Saint Mary Magdalene

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go to My brothers and tell them: I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw His empty tomb. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The love of Christ impels us, so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised.

Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 23, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Receive and submit to the word planted in you; it can save your souls. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food those who fear Him.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Saturday Vigil, July 16

Mass 5:30pm Clifford Rodrigo (*Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 17

Mass 8:30am Francesco Zaia (*Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 10:30am Edward Baldsing (*Anniversary of Death*)
and Rosamma Sebastian (*Anniversary of Death*)
12:00pm Baptism Congratulations to Anthony Morgano
3:30pm French Mass
Mass 5:30pm Annesley Fernando (*Birthday Remembrance*)

Monday, July 18

Mass 9:15am Maria Gatt & Sister Luisa Farrugia
(*Anniversary of Death*)

Tuesday, July 19

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday, July 20

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Thursday, July 21

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving Mass - Moses and Family
and Antonette Vettivelu (*90th Birthday Remembrance*)

Friday, July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

Mass 9:15am Marco Pradel (*Anniversary of Death*)

Saturday, July 23

Mass 9:15am Beverley Deabe (*Birthday Remembrance*)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Saturday Vigil, July 23

Mass 5:30pm
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 24

Mass 8:30am Anthony Joseph Domingo (*Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 10:30am Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing
Intentions Frank Fitto (*First Anniversary of Death*)
and Cathy Kronfeld (*Thanksgiving 90th Birthday*)
Mass 5:30pm

Confession Times

Confession will not be heard on Sunday or Monday. Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday from 8:20am to 8:50am and after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

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, Krzysztof Borkowski, Jessie Sequeira, Reed Crawl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Bardella, Giovanna & Giuseppe Campasso, Maria Perez.

The recently deceased: Rosemary Vidot, Mario Papparlardo, Carmela Bruno

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Frank Fitto, Dalton Fernandez, Sr Luisa Farrugia, Maria Gatt

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 23 July

J. Trissy, Linda & family

Saturday, 30 July

Moses family, Vincent, Mary & Rebecca

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 23 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, July 24

8:30am M. Noble
10:30am M. Lourdunathan
5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, July 30 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm J. D’Souza

Sunday, July 31

8:30am G. DosRemedios
10:30am S. Moses
5:30pm B. Edwards

Other Masses at St. Gerard’s

Maronite Mass

Every Saturday at 7:00pm

Tamil Mass

2nd Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

French Mass

3rd Sunday of the month.

Rosary begins at 2.45pm in French and then Mass at 3.30pm.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Thanksgiving Envelopes

Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection from the foyer of the Church. Please search for your envelopes with your surname and, please note, that not all envelope numbers have changed. We thank you for your continued support of our parish and priests.

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Amended Office Hours and Open Times

Sinthia will be on annual leave from Tuesday, 12th July until Tuesday, 19th July. The office will therefore only be open on Monday and Thursday during this time. The office will resume usual hours and days from Wednesday, 20th July. Thank you.

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

Waiting on the Lord: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately – as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week's First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see Hebrews 13:1) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week's Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself – "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself . . . ? Tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see Acts 17:25).

Our Lord comes to us not to be served but to serve (see Matthew 20:28). He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the "better part," which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham's visitors (see Matthew 1:1). In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time; He has made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 17:19, 21; Romans 4:16-17, 19-21).

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls "the mystery hidden for ages."

As once He came to Abraham, Martha, and Mary, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week's Psalm: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice (see also John 14:23).

If we do these things, we will not be anxious or disturbed. We will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, Who told Abraham and Who tells each of us: "I will surely return to you."

John Paul II

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the presence of Christ, who gives Himself to us because He loves us. He loves each