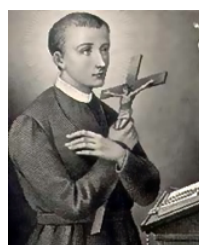


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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - July 23 & 24, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

First Reading - Genesis 18: 20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Reparation Mass for Sri Lanka

St. Mary's Church, located at 160 Foster Street Dandenong, are hosting a Holy Rosary and Reparation Mass for Sri Lanka on Wednesday, 27th July, commencing at 7:00pm. This Mass will be celebrated with Fr. Sudath Fernando, Fr. Isuru Weliwatte, Fr. Aurelio Fragapane and Deacon George Piech Meat. All are welcome.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 25, to Saturday, July 30, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 25, 2022 - Saint James

Entrance Antiphon: As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother mending their nets and He called them.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go out and bear fruit that will last. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.

Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 26, 2022 - Saints Joachim & Anne

Entrance Antiphon: Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave Him who was a blessing for all the nations.

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

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

Communion Antiphon: They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.

Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 27, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

Responsorial Psalm: God is my refuge on the day of distress.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you My friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Thursday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 28, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

Responsorial Psalm: Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Friday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Entrance Antiphon: Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless the Lord at all times.

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: Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.

Saturday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 30, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Saturday Vigil, July 23

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 24

Mass 8:30am Anthony Joseph Domingo (*Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 10:30am Frank Fato (*First Anniversary of Death*)
and Cathy Kronfeld (*Thanksgiving 90th Birthday*)
Mass 5:30pm Private Intention of Thanksgiving

Monday, July 25 - Saint James

Mass 9:15am Rosamma Sebastian (*Remembrance*)
and Previne De Kauwe (*19th Anniversary of Death*)
and Alfred Wickramasinghe (*4th Anniversary of Death*)

Tuesday, July 26 - Saints Joachim & Anne

Mass 9:15am Anthony Maurice Domingo
(*Birthday Remembrance*)

Wednesday, July 27

Mass 9:15am Frank & Melanie Hayman (*Thanksgiving*)

Thursday, July 28

Mass 9:15am G. Ziuidem (*Thanksgiving*)

Friday, July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Mass 9:15am Hedley Simonet (*Remembrance*) and Deceased members of Reyes Family

Saturday, July 30

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Saturday Vigil, July 30

Mass 5:30pm For the Holy Souls
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 31

Mass 8:30am German De Penha & Sylvia Fernandez
(*Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 10:30am Zorica and Max Freeman (*Thanksgiving*)
and Stefania & Anton Los
(*Anniversary of Death & Remembrance*)
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

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, Sarah Cleary, Monica Kelly, Anne Moorthy, Mayelin Do Santos, Krzysztof Borkowski, Jessie Sequeira, Reed Crowl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Bardella, Giovanna & Giuseppe Campasso, Maria Perez, Marie Teycheney, Rita Kaczkowski, Flavia Petrucci, Francisca Antonucci, Julia, Josie Surace

The recently deceased: Rosemary Vidot, Mario Papparlardo, Carmela Bruno, Anna Tin, Anna Truong, Philomena Xavier, William D'Souza

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Frank Fato, Margaret May Marmion, Rocco Surace, Stefania & Anton Los

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 30 July

Moses family, Vincent, Mary & Rebecca

Saturday, 6 August

Legion of Mary

Reading Roster

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

Saturday, August 6 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, August 7

8:30am V. Noble

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm J. Panicker

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

Please note: Altar server training will resume on Thursday 28th July.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details. We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: 19-21 August 2022 in the comfort of your own home or a non-residential parish based weekend: 22-23 October 2022 in Niddrie. (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

KSC Archbishop's Dinner - August 19, 2022

The 22nd Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Emeritus Professor Greg Craven (recently Vice-Chancellor at Australian Catholic University) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday August 19. Anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or wish to make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians, should contact Andrew Vaccaro at avaccaro@internode.on.net, 9795 7851, or 0404 390 824 by August 5. For further details, refer to the advertisement on the bulletin boards.

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

Asked and Answered: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Though we be "but dust and ashes," we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares to do in this week's First Reading.

But even Abraham – the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12) – did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week's Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the "good gift" of the Father – the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6-7; Romans 8:15-16).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father – knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God's mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), "obliterating the bond against us," as Paul says in this week's Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all. He canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been visited in our affliction and saved from our enemies, as ones who have been spared.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of "Eucharist." We have realised the promise of this week's Psalm: we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name. In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us – raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.