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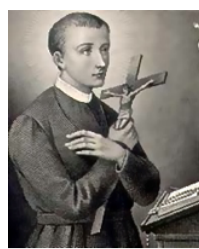
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - July 31, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm: In ever age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

God's Word Diary 2023

Should you wish to purchase a God's Word Diary or Columban Calendar for 2023, please register your name with Susan on 9795 0011 or 0408 329 787.

Whilst the piety stall undergoes repairs, you may purchase items from the foyer of the Church. All profits from sales go to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

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.

Please visit our website: www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

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

The Fool's Vanity : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Trust in God – as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

All this is "vanity of vanities," a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed "idolatry" in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25).

Jesus calls the rich man a "fool" – a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1).

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment – this night even – demand it back from us.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Saturday Vigil, July 30

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

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

Monday, August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Mass 9:15am Geraldine Treck (*Anniversary of Death*)
and Isabella Panicker (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

Tuesday, August 2

Mass 9:15am Sabatino Tucci (*Anniversary of Death*)

Wednesday, August 3 - Saint Dominic

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

Thursday, August 4 - Saint John Vianney

Mass 9:15am Rocco Surace (*14th Anniversary of Death*)

Friday, August 5

Mass 9:15am Rosemary Vidot (*One month Anniversary of Death*)

Saturday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass 9:15am Anthony William D'Souza (*For his soul*)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Saturday Vigil, August 6

Mass 5:30pm Roger Savanah (*Anniversary of Death*)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, August 7

Mass 8:30am Michele Martyn (*For the repose of her soul*)
and Carmela Bruno (*Recently Deceased*)
Mass 10:30am Wilfred & Marge Meade (*Repose of their souls*)
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Allan Welsh, Peter D'Silva, Carl De Rozario, Doreen Oliver, 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 Crawl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Bardella, Giovanna & Giuseppe Campasso, Maria Perez, Marie Teycheney, Rita Kaczkowski, Flavia Petrucci, Francesca Antonucci, Julia, Josie Surace, Claris Sebastianpillai

The recently deceased: Anna Tin, Anna Truong, Philomena Xavier, William D'Souza, Suzette Savrimoothoo, Natalina Santucci, Lourdes Ilora, Ernesto Valentino Bonato, Carmela Bruno

Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Rocco Surace

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 6 August
Legion of Mary

Saturday, 13 August
Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands &
L. Harper

Reading Roster

Saturday, August 6 - Vigil

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, August 7

8:30am S. Moses
10:30am M. Naidoo
5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, August 13 - Vigil

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, August 14

8:30am G. Van Hees
10:30am D. Naidoo, Snr
5:30pm J. Abraham

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
then Mass at 3.30pm.

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.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, August 1, to Saturday, August 6, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 1, 2022 - Saint Alphonus Liguori

Entrance Antiphon: The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your laws, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield his fruit in due season.

Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 2, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all His glory.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Master, You are the Son of God, You are the king of Israel. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 3, 2022 - Saint Dominic

Entrance Antiphon: In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 4, 2022 - Saint John Vianney

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; Your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, remember us, for the love You bear Your people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when He comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all His property.

Friday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 5, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: It is I who deal death and give life.

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

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Saturday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is My Son, My beloved, in whom is all My delight: listen to Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

