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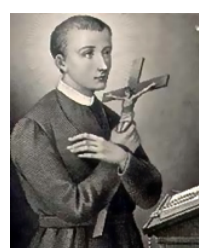
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - August 7, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

First Reading - Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Second Reading - Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.' Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

A Catholic Care Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Donations have a direct impact on the lives of disadvantaged individuals and families throughout Victoria. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for supporting those in need.

National Intercessions for Australia - Rosary to the Shores 8th, 15th August & 3rd September

Please see flyer in the bulletin board and in the foyer of the Church. For further enquiries visit: auip.org.au or contact auip@tpg.com.au or call 0492 820 270. Pray and fast for Mercy for Australia, the Church and the World.

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 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

Faith of Our Fathers: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are born of the faith of our fathers, descending from a great cloud of witnesses whose faith is attested to on every page of Scripture (see Hebrews 12:1). We have been made His people, chosen for His own inheritance, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm. The Liturgy this week sings the praises of our fathers, recalling the defining moments in our "family history." In the Epistle, we remember the calling of Abraham; in the First Reading we relive the night of the Exodus and the summons of the holy children of Israel. Our fathers, we are told, trusted in the Word of God, put their faith in His oaths. They were convinced that what He promised, He would do. None of them lived to see His promises made good. For it was not until Christ and His Church that Abraham's descendants were made as countless as the stars and sands (see Galatians 3:16-17, 29). It was not until His Last Supper and the Eucharist that "the sacrifice . . . the divine institution" of that first Passover was truly fulfilled.

And now we too await the final fulfillment of what God has promised us in Christ. As Jesus tells us in this week's Gospel, we should live with our loins girded – as the Israelites tightened their belts, cinched up their long robes and ate their Passover standing, vigilant and ready to do His will (see Exodus 12:11; 2 Kings 4:29).

The Lord will come at an hour we do not expect. He will knock on our door (see Revelation 3:20), inviting us to the wedding feast in the better homeland, the heavenly one that our fathers saw from afar, and which we begin to taste in each Eucharist. As they did, we can wait with "sure knowledge," His Word like a lamp lighting our path (see Psalm 119:105). Our God is faithful, and if we wait in faith, hope in His kindness, and love as we have been loved, we will receive His promised blessing and be delivered from death.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Saturday Vigil, August 6

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, August 7

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

Monday, August 8 - Saint Mary of the Cross

Mass 9:15am Cecilia - Birthday Thanksgiving

Tuesday, August 9

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday, August 10 - Saint Lawrence

Mass 9:15am Anthony William D'Souza (*Recently Deceased - Months mind Remembrance*)

Thursday, August 11 - Saint Clare

Mass 9:15am Stephen Mollica (*6th Anniversary of Death*)
and Magaline Ghosh (*Anniversary of Death*)

Friday, August 12

Mass 9:15am Karen Ballantyne (*Remembrance*)
and Hedley Simonet (*Anniversary of Death*)

Saturday, August 13

Mass 9:15am Anthony Denis Domingo & Pamela Francis
(*Anniversary of Death*)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Saturday Vigil, August 13

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, August 14

Mass 8:30am Sister Celia Dos Remedios, Ravi K. and
Elmer Sequeira (*Anniversary of Death*)
and Peter & Elizabeth Panicker (*Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 10:30am Wilfred & Marge Meade (*Repose of their souls*)
3:30pm Tamil Mass
Mass 5:30pm Frank Peluso (*Anniversary of Death*)

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.

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, Josie Surace, Julia, Claris Sebastianpillai, Gertrude Baldsing, Pina Lidonnici

The recently deceased: William D'Souza, Suzette Savrimoothoo, Natalina Santucci, Lourdes Ilorra, Ernesto Valentino Bonato, Carmela Bruno, Denzil Hookens, Brian Daniels, Francesca Antonucci

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 13 August

Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands &
L. Harper

Saturday, 20 August

Kronfeld Family & H. Perera

Reading Roster

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

Saturday, August 20 - Vigil

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, August 21

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Daily Antiphons - Monday, August 8, to Saturday, August 13, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 8, 2022 - Saint Mary of the Cross

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul clings to You; Your right hand holds me fast.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 9, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: How sweet to my taste is Your promise!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Take My yoke upon you; learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 10, 2022 - Saint Lawrence

Entrance Antiphon: This is the blessed Lawrence who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

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: Whoever serves Me must follow Me and where I am there also will My servant be, says the Lord.

Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 11, 2022 - Saint Clare

Entrance Antiphon: I despised the kingdom of the world and all worldly finery for love of my Lord, Jesus Christ, whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, in whom has been my delight.

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Let Your face shine on Your servant, and teach me Your laws. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: One thing is necessary: she has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 12, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: You have turned from Your anger to comfort me.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Receive this message not as human words, but as truly the word of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 13, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.