



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"*

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - September 24/25, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

First Reading - Amos 6: 1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria, those famous men of this first of nations to whom the House of Israel goes as client. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." "The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.""

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Questions or comments in regards to the Way of the Gospel or Parish Mission initiative are welcomed and we ask that you please email these to jacqui.giuliano@cam.org.au. Thank you.

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH - 65th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh, is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on Sunday, 16 October between 2pm and 4.30pm. To book your place, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

Junior Legion of Mary

The Junior Legion of Mary will re-commence in our Parish on Monday, 3rd October at 4:30pm. We ask you to please email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au or please call 9792 4422 to register your child's details.

We look forward to welcoming you then.

Altar Server Training has concluded for this term. Training will resume on Thursday, 6th October, at 5:30pm in the Church. Please contact the Parish office should you have any further enquiries.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend "Live Your Best Life in Love"

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 is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check the website for more details. 22-23 October, 2022 at St. John Bosco, Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676, vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary*. We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together.

To register and learn more visit: www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

The Call of Guadalupe Musical Production - 24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall

Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Christian Musical. It includes the participation of many talented children & artists. Shows on: 24th November @ 7pm: Preview show \$15 flat rate/person & 25th - 26th November @ 7pm & Sunday 27th November @ 1pm. Adults \$20 Children under 18 & concession: \$15. Enter via Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea. Book before 26 October and receive a complimentary (non alcoholic) drink & snack. Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/camrl>. For more info: cogtheatre.org or email chelsea@cam.org.au.

A Great Chasm: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy – not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door. The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, revelling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them. The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king – dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14). The rich man symbolises Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favoured first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give – their inheritance is taken away. The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater – eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God. In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts. But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings – while the leaders and the rich man have no name. Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance – to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. "The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm. And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life – when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).

MASS and INTENTIONS

September 24, (Vigil) - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the Soul of Jerry Rodrigues
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, September 25 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Wilhemina Afonso & Olivio Afonso
(Remembrance)

Mass 10:30am Denis Lobo (*Anniversary of Death*)
and Grenville Collins (*Recently Deceased*)
Baptism Welcome Rite - *Congratulations to Jordan Cianciaruso and Isaac James Parisi*

Mass 5:30pm Ivanka Gunewardene (*Anniversary of Death*)

Monday, September 26

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to St. Gerard

Tuesday, September 27 - Saint Vincent De Paul

Mass 9:15am Trilby Mary Domingo (*Anniversary of Death*)

Wednesday, September 28

Mass 9:15am Nevaeh Savelio (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)
and Joshua Adaniel (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

Thursday, September 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Antonette Vettivelu

Friday, September 30 - Saint Jerome

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, October 1 - Saint Thérèse of the child Jesus

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

October 1, (Vigil) - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Doris Pereira (*Anniversary of Death*)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, October 2 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Giuseppe & Filomena Gigliotti (*Remembrance*)
Mass 10:30am Antonio Sacco & Giovanni Marotta
(*Remembrance*)
and Grenville Collins (*Recently Deceased*)

Baptism Congratulations to *Jordan Cianciaruso and Isaac James Parisi*

Mass 5:30pm Sylvia De Penha (*Anniversary of Death*)

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Fr. Brendan Lane, Peter Kelly, 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, Dolly Azzopardi, Annie Gatt, Caterina Giammarino, Denzil Considine, Katie Kronfeld, Leon

The recently deceased: Marie Laurence Rosette, Alfred Severino, Filomena Giuliani, Grenville Collins

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Matthew Brown, Antonio Sacco & Giovanni Marotta

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 1 October

Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

Saturday, 8 October

Kronfeld Family & H. Perera

Reading Roster

Saturday, October 1 - Vigil

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, October 2

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm A. Miranda

Saturday, October 8 - Vigil

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, October 9

8:30am G. DosRemedios

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm M. Yallapa

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 at 2.45pm and Mass at 3.30pm.

Confession Times

Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday from 8:20am to 8:50am and after Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, September 26, to Saturday, October 1, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 26

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, bend Your ear and hear my prayer.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my prayer come before You, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 28

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my prayer come before You, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I count all things worthless but this: to gain Jesus Christ and to be found in Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Thursday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Entrance Antiphon: Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling His word, and heeding His voice.

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing Your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Bless the Lord, all you His angels, His ministers who do His will. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will thank You, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the Angels I will praise You.

Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 30 - Saint Jerome

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night: he will yield his fruit in due season.

Responsorial Psalm: Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

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

Communion Antiphon: Lord God, Your words were found and I consumed them; Your word became the joy and the happiness of my heart.

Saturday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 1 - Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led her and taught her, and kept her as the apple of His eye. Like an eagle spreading its wings He took her up and bore her on His shoulders. The Lord alone was her guide.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your face shine on me.

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: Thus says the Lord: Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.