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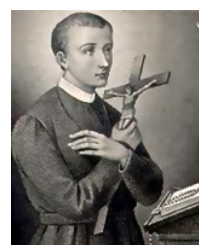
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - October 8/9, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading - 2 Kings 5: 14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* For all things give thanks to God, because this is what He expects of you in Christ Jesus. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

St. Gerard's Feast Day

We welcome you all to join our parish in celebrating the feast day of our patron, St. Gerard Majella. Solemnised by his Most Rev. Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne.

Date: Sunday, 16th October, 2022 **Time:** 10:30am.

There will be a special blessing after the Mass for all in attendance, together with all expectant mothers, with the relic of St. Gerard.

You are welcome to join us for a tea and coffee and free sausage sizzle after the Mass, sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

If you receive an email stating they are Fr Shanthaiah Marneni, please delete and block them immediately. We have been notified that someone is pretending to be him. If this occurs, please notify Father or the office.

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>.

Thank you to those who donated to the book fair fundraiser. We are no longer taking donations, so please do not leave anymore items in the Church or foyer. We thank you for your support and generosity.

On behalf of Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, you are invited to the Pontifical Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop Emeritus, Hilton Forrest Deakin AM DD at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne on Thursday, 13 October, 2022 at 10.30am. A vigil for Bishop Deakin will be held on the Tuesday, 11 October at 7.30pm, St Thomas More's Church - 313 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt Eliza commencing at 7.30pm. All are also most welcomed to attend.

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary*. We invite everyone 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

40 Days for Life: Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will be keeping vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility until 6 November. Those who can't be present may like to pray from home or in church. To register your hours and for more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne or speak to Andrew Vaccaro on 0404 390 824 or avaccaro@internode.on.net. We are always looking for more volunteers - it's not too late to sign up! Sign up sheets will be available after Masses this weekend.

St. Anthony's Community Day "Car-boot Sale" will be held on Saturday, 26th November between 10am-4pm at 90 Buckley St. Noble Park. For all enquiries email st.anthonys.np.events@gmail.com or call 9546 8276.

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.

Returning Thanks : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today. There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12-14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites – but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3-8). Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees – that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life. We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance – as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice – falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation. In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith – that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

MASS and INTENTIONS

October 8, (Vigil) - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Souls of Carmin & Cajetan D'Souza
(Remembrance)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, October 9 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Margaret Collins (Anniversary of Death)
Mass 10:30am Gladys Dias (Anniversary of Death)
and Grenville Collins (Recently Deceased)
and Antony Julieas Richman (Recently Deceased)
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community
Mass 5:30pm Angelo Pane (Anniversary of Death)

Monday, October 10

Mass 9:15am Dexter Martin (Recently Deceased)
and Helen Isaacs (Anniversary of Death)
and Leonard Isaacs (Anniversary of Death)

Tuesday, October 11

Mass 9:15am For Hermione Daniells and Family

Wednesday, October 12

Mass 9:15am Ryan D'Souza (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, October 13

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Friday, October 14

7:45am-8:45am Adoration
Mass 9:15am Otilia Iosefa (Anniversary of Death)

Saturday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

Mass 9:15am First Birthday - Jevon Pereira (Thanksgiving)

October 15, (Vigil) - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Michael Lovett (Repose of his soul)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, October 16 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St. Gerard's - Officiated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Mass 8:30am Joseph Michael Ludwick
(46th Anniversary of Death)
Mass 10:30am Feast Day of St. Gerard Majella
Mass 3:30pm French Community
Mass 5:30pm For Holy Souls

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.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 15 October
Q. Roland, X. Fernando,
T. Bui
Saturday, 22 October
KSC

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Fr. Brendan Lane, Jerome Santiago, 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, 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, Isabella

The recently deceased: Bishop Hilton Deakin, Dexter Martin, James Ferdinands, Lidia Fazio, William Gelderbloem, Peter Kelly

Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Margaret Collins

First Friday of the Month and Adoration

Beginning Friday, 7th October, Mass will be held on the First Friday of the month, every month, at 9:15am and also 7:00pm in the evening.

Each Friday, Adoration is held at 7:45am until 8:45am. Mass will then follow at 9:15am.

Reading Roster

Saturday, October 15 - Vigil

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, October 16

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am TBA

5:30pm J. Abraham

Saturday, October 22 - Vigil

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, October 23

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm A. Miranda

Daily Antiphons -Monday, October 10, to Saturday, October 15, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 10

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

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

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 11

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Let Your loving kindness come to me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our hearts. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 12

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who follow You, Lord, will have the light of life.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Thursday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 13

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has made known His salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Friday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 14

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Saturday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

Entrance Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Responsorial Psalm: You gave Your Son authority over all Your creation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you also will be My witnesses. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will sing for ever of Your mercies, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim Your fidelity.