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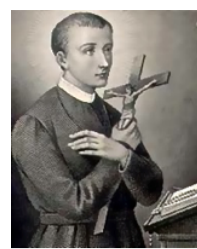
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - October 15/16, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

First Reading - Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of His Appearing and of His kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to His chosen who cry to Him day and night even when He delays to help them? I promise you, He will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will He find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

St. Gerard's Parish thanks Archbishop Comensoli for celebrating the Feast Day Mass with us. We appreciate his time and presence on this very special Feast Day.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Catholic Mission Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Your generous donation will assist the Mission with providing with food and resources in remote countries along with remote areas of Australia. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

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

You are invited to attend a public conversation hosted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, featuring internationally renowned speaker and author Mary Eberstadt discussing the topic: The future of humanity passes by way of the family. The conversation will be held on Tuesday 25 October, 12.30-2pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. Tickets are free; however, bookings are essential with a light lunch provided. Tickets can be booked via: www.trybooking.com/CDKKN or 9926 5612.

40 Days for Life: Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We are keeping vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility from 28th September to 6th November. To register your hours and for more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne. We are always looking for more volunteers – it's not too late to sign up! In conjunction with the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, there will also be a Mass at St Patricks Cathedral at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday 22nd October, followed by a procession to the Vigil site and morning tea. Please join us if you can. RSVP josephine.okon@gmail.com for catering purposes.

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli is inviting young people, ages 16-35, across the Archdiocese to journey with him to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day in 2023. This is a life-changing opportunity for our youth to experience their Catholic faith with more than a million young people from around the world. We are holding six information sessions at Regional Youth Gatherings around Melbourne this month. Find out more at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

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

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.

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.

Hope from on High : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple – the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there – through the intercession of Moses – as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy – sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26). By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8-12; 8:1-2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19-21; 7:37-39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice – at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains – to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures – given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

MASS and INTENTIONS

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 - Feast of St. Gerard Majella

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

Mass 9:15am Fr. Roger Ryan (*Anniversary of Death*)

Tuesday, October 18 - St. Luke

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

Wednesday, October 19

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Thursday, October 20

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Friday, October 21

7:45am-8:45am Adoration
Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, October 22

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

October 22, (Vigil) - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 23 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Gavin Timothy (*Recently Deceased*)
Mass 10:30am Emile Dias (*Anniversary of Death*)
Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing
Mass 5:30pm Eileen Lovett (*Anniversary of Death*)

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: 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 Crowl, 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:

First Friday of the Month and Adoration

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

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

Reading Roster

Saturday, October 22 - Vigil

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, October 23

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm A. Miranda

Saturday, October 29 - Vigil

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, October 30

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm B. Edwards

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, 22 October

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, 29 October

Santhosh, Linda & Family

Daily Antiphons -Monday, October 17, to Saturday, October 22, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

Entrance Antiphon: I am crucified with Christ, yet I live; no longer I, but Christ lives in me. I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given Himself up for me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord made us, we belong to Him.

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

Communion Antiphon: I am the wheat of Christ to be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may be found to be pure bread.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 18 - Saint Luke

Entrance Antiphon: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings glad tidings of peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: Your friends tell the glory of Your kingship, Lord.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sent out disciples to proclaim throughout the towns: The kingdom of God is at hand for you.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 19

Entrance Antiphon: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

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

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Thursday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 20

Entrance Antiphon: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: The earth is full of the goodness of the 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: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Friday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 21

Entrance Antiphon: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.

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: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Saturday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 22

Entrance Antiphon: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I do not wish the sinner to die, says the Lord, but to turn to Me and live. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.