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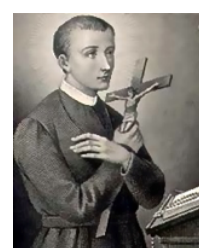
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - October 29 & 30, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

First Reading - Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God loved the world so much He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Take the Way of the Gospel

Jacqui Giuliano will be facilitating a presentation and conversation regarding the Take the Way of the Gospel journey on Wednesday, 9th November at 6:30pm in the Majellan Hall. Please sign your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church to assist us with numbers for this evening. Please visit Melbournecatholic.org for more information on Take the Way of the Gospel.

Parish Renewal Workshop

You are invited to gather and participate in reflection and conversation with an outcome to inform strategic planning for our Parish for 2023 and beyond. If you are interested in becoming more involved with making St. Gerard's a thriving parish, we look forward to seeing you on Friday, 11th November, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Please sign your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church to assist us with numbers for this evening. This meeting will be held in the PAC centre in the school grounds.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

God and Beer with Dr Colin Patterson - How do Christian faith and Psychology work together? Topic: Light on the Human Heart: Where Faith and Psychology Meet. Join us on Monday 14th November at 6.30pm for a meal, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: The Notting Hill Hotel, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. Cost: Free. Places are limited so please register to avoid disappointment. RSVP: GodandBeer.com.au Contact: jtsmyth@gmail.com Register as a teacher to have your attendance count towards your accreditation to teach in a Catholic school.

The Archbishop has asked parish communities to contribute to the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by devastating floods particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by calling 13 18 12, or visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022> or by making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods. Thank you for your generosity.

Young Catholic lady seeks accommodation in the Dandenong/surrounding area. For more information, please phone John or Margaret Keble Mobile : 0400 542 719

40 Days for Life: Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We have only this coming week to go but would love to see more people join us. The campaign ends on Sunday November 6 but it's not too late to contribute. To register your hours and for more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/

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>

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. 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.

Lover of Souls: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made.

In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9).

In Jesus, He has become the Saviour of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8-9; Ezekiel 34:16). In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a "chief tax collector." Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud.

But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16-21; 16:19-31; 18:18-25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor. By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16-17).

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation. We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make Paul's prayer in today's Epistle our own: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

MASS and INTENTIONS

October 29, (Vigil) - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving to the Guardian Angels
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, October 30 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Betram Tirimanne (*45th Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 10:30am Antonio & Carmela Bruno (*For their souls*)
and Kereena Lopez (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)
Mass 5:30pm Traudie Chmielewski (*Anniversary of Death*)

Monday, October 31

Mass 9:15am Antonio Cardamone (*First Anniversary of Death*)

Tuesday, November 1 - All Saints Day

(Public Holiday - Office Closed)

Mass 9:15am Private Intentions

Wednesday, November 2 - All Soul's Day

Mass 9:15am Private Intentions

Thursday, November 3

Mass 9:15am Deceased Members of the D'Silva Family
and Martina Panicker (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

Friday, November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo

7:45am-8:45am Adoration
Mass 9:15am Cynthia Scanlon (*Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 7:00pm Sheetal Lopez (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

Saturday, November 5

Mass 9:15am Joaquim de Jesus Afonso & Maria Henriques
Afonso (*Remembrance*)
and Neil Lopez (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

November 5, (Vigil) - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Departed souls of the Mackness & Collins
Families
and For the Souls of the Anthony & Daniells Families
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, November 6 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Antonio & Carmela Bruno (*For their souls*)
Mass 10:30am Darryl Pereira (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)
and Lopez Family (*Thanksgiving*)
12:00pm Baptisms
Mass 5:30pm Antonio Cardamone (*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 Crawl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Pradel, 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: Jennifer Waduge, William Gelderbloem, Peter Kelly, Nelson Leites, Rosemarie Janet De La Silva, Ron Elias, Gisele Bensley, Anne Ward, Baby Velasco

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Ashleigh Ludwick, Betram Tirimanne, Antonio Cardamone, Angelo Pane

First Friday of the Month & 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, November 5 - Vigil

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, November 6

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am D. Naidoo, Snr

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, November 12 - Vigil

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, November 13

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

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, 5 November

Moses Family, Vincent,
Mary & Rebecca

Saturday, 12 November

Legion of Mary

St. Vincent De Paul are looking for volunteers to help at the piety stall once a month. If you would like to join and help the needy in our community, please see one of the volunteers at the piety stall.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, October 31, to Saturday, November 5, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - October 31

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

Responsorial Psalm: In You, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If you stay in My word, you will indeed be My disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Tuesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 1 - All Saints Day

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Wednesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 2 - All Souls' Day

Entrance Antiphon: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the will of My Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in Me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will not die for ever.

Thursday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 3

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

Responsorial Psalm: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Friday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Whoever keeps the word of Christ grows perfect in the love of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Saturday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 5

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.