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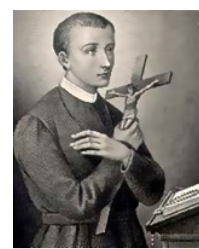
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - November 12 & 13, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading - Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not let anyone have any food if he refuses to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 21: 5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Christ the King Feast Day - Sunday 20th November

You are welcome to join us for a coffee and some cake after the Mass celebrating Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Feast day on Sunday, 20th November after the 10:30am Mass.

You are invited to join the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and participate in *Red Wednesday*, a day dedicated to praying for, and standing in solidarity with, Christians who face increasing violence, torture and often death for their peacefully held faith in Jesus Christ. All are welcome to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a Prayer Vigil with Exposition: beginning 7.30pm, Wednesday 23 November 2022 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Joining many other cathedrals and churches around the world, St Patrick's Cathedral will be floodlit in red on this night.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Father Shanthaiah will be on leave from Monday 21st November until Friday 25th November, for his personal prayer and reflection before Advent. The parish office will be open at the usual times. As Father is away, there will not be Adoration held on Friday, 25th November.

We congratulate the following children celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, 20th November. Congratulations and may God bless you all always.

Levana Oliver, Cohen Masler and Endrijana Plavljanić

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

Dear Parishioners, You have been very generous over the years to offer hampers, toys and food items for those in need during the Christmas season. This year we appeal to you to kindly make your offerings in the form of Coles/Woolworth vouchers or monetary donations, instead of gifts in kind, which will enable us to provide items as per specific requirements of those in need. These may be handed over to John Seeruthun (Mob 0439 580 601), Agnelo Miranda (Mob 0470 130 041) or the Parish Office. We thank you for your understanding. Our Conference is deeply indebted to you for your kindness and generosity as always. May God bless you abundantly. We wish you and your families a Holy and Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year. Warm regards, Conference of SVP St. Gerard's, Dandenong North

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.

"Today" is the Day: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is the age between our Lord's first coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, by the sending of His Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory. "Lo, the day is coming," Malachi warns in today's First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment (see Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 3:7).

Jesus anticipates this day in today's Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming "the time has come." Such deception is the background also for today's Epistle (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).

The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation, we read of famines, earthquakes, and the Temple's desolation. We read of persecutions – believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit.

These "signs," then, show us the pattern for the Church's life – both in the New Testament and today.

We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our "models," as today's Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives, friends, forces, and authorities hostile to God. As we do in today's Psalm, we should sing His praises and joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the "today" of our Liturgy.

The Apostles prayed *marana tha* – "O Lord come!" (see 1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20).

In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of Hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays.

It is a mighty sign – and a pledge of that Day to come.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 12 (Vigil) - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Deceased Members of the
Knights of the Southern Cross
and For the Souls of the D'Souza Family
and Constancio Fernandes (*For his soul*)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, November 13 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Bridget Alphonso (*Anniversary of Death*)
Mass 10:30am Sister Celia DosRemedios (*Birthday Remembrance*)
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community
Mass 5:30pm Eunice Scanlon (*Anniversary of Death*)

Monday, November 14

Mass 9:15am Tarani Paul (*Thanksgiving*)
and Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

Tuesday, November 15

Mass 9:15am Michael Lovett (*Repose of his soul*)

Wednesday, November 16

Mass 9:15am Thresia Abraham (*Anniversary of Death*)
and Moti Mary (*Anniversary of Death*)

Thursday, November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Mass 9:15am Antonio & Carmela Bruno (*For their souls*)

Friday, November 18

7:45am-8:45am Adoration
Mass 9:15am Óscar Leopoldo Lemos & Lourença Ximenes
Lemos (*Remembrance*)

Saturday, November 19

Mass 9:15am Pauline D'Silva (*Remembrance*)

Saturday, November 19 (Vigil) - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass 5:30pm Angelo Pane (*Anniversary of Death*)
and Rosa Fernandes (*For her soul*)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, November 20 - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am The departed souls of the family of
Cedric & Benedicta Monteiro
Mass 10:30am First Holy Communions
Mass 3:30pm French Community
Mass 5:30pm Rosemarie Janet De La Silva (*Remembrance*)

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Steven Dickson, Jerome Santiago, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw Dennis, Allan Welsh, 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, Ron Elias, Gisele Bensley, Anne Ward, Baby Velasco, Nina Colasante

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Peter Kelly, Sister Celia Dos Remedios, Maria Nesci, Lidia Fazio

First Friday of the Month & Adoration

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

Each Friday, Adoration is held at 7:45am until 8:45am.

Mass will then follow at 9:15am.

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 19 - Vigil

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, November 20

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am Children

5:30pm J. Abraham

Saturday, November 26 - Vigil

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, November 27

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm C. Fernando

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, 19 November

Gonsalves family,

M. Ferdinands, L. Harper

Saturday, 26 November

Kronfeld family & H. Perera

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, November 14, to Saturday, November 19, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 14

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.

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: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Tuesday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 15

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: The one who is victorious I will sit beside Me on My throne.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God first loved us and sent His Son to take away our sins. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Wednesday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 16

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!

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: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Thursday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

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: The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests.

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

Communion Antiphon: Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends.

Friday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 18

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

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

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Saturday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 19

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His gospel. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.