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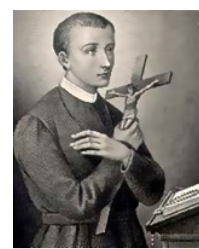
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C) - November 19 & 20, 2022

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading - 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

Second Reading - Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is He who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

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. Adoration will re-commence on Friday, December 2nd.

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

Levana Oliver, Cohen Masters and Endrijana Plavljanić

Father Shanthaiah invites you to register your interest to attend Bible Reflection during Advent. Please register your name and email address to receive more information. Thank you.

The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. You are invited to read the guide and to prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. The guide can be found at: www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022.

St Gerard's Christmas Carols

We warmly welcome you to join us at our parish Christmas Carols on Saturday, 17th December, at 6:30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided but please BYO food and drink.

All families and parishioners are invited to pray The Living Rosary on The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day on Monday, 21st November at St. Gerard's Primary School at 10:15am.

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/>

Archbishop Comensoli has written a pastoral letter regarding the lifting of the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations as of the first Sunday in Advent - 27 November 2022. Please visit; <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/welcome-home-a-pastoral-letter-from-archbishop-comensoli>

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

Kingdom of the Son: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him – Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him. They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7-9; 69:21-22; Wisdom 2:18-20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them – and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness. By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him – as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4-5). By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship – not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us. His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm. By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom – the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23-32). We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

MASS and INTENTIONS

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
Alfred Reynald (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)
Mass 3:30pm French Community
Mass 5:30pm Rosemarie Janet De La Silva (*Remembrance*)

Monday, November 21 -

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am Patricia O'Shea (*2nd Anniversary of Death*)
and Deceased members of the De Kauwe Family

Tuesday, November 22 - Saint Cecilia

Mass 9:15am Elvira Lemos & Vitor Lemos Guterres
(*Remembrance*)
and Peter & Cecilia Donald
(*Wedding Anniversary - Thanksgiving*)

Wednesday, November 23

Mass 9:15am Deceased members of the Remedios &
Dos Remedios Family
and Deceased members of the Daniels Family

Thursday, November 24 - Sts. Andrew Dūng-Lac & Companions

Mass 9:15am Deceased members of the congregation of the
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, November 25 - **No Adoration today**

Mass 9:15am Deceased Members of the Pereira Family
and Gisele Bensley (Recently Deceased)

Saturday, November 26

Mass 9:15am For the abandoned Souls in Purgatory
and Hedley Simonet (*Birthday Remembrance*)
and Robert Hanson (*Anniversary of Death*)

Saturday, November 26 - Vigil - First Sunday of Advent

Mass 5:30pm Menino Rebello (*For their soul*)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30am Russell McLauchlan (Remembrance)
Mass 10:30am Michel, Donat & Le Gentil Families &
Souls in Purgatory
Mass 5:30pm Antonio & Carmela Bruno (*For their Souls*)

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, Louis Jean-Pierre

The recently deceased: Baby Velasco, Nina Colasante, Philomena Vaz

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Gina D'Onofrio, Peter Kelly, Rudy Watts, Giovanni & Brigida Cardamone, Antonio & Angelina Sacco & Patricia O'Shea, Nadesan Moorthy

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.

Please note: No adoration on Friday 25th November.

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 26 - Vigil

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, November 27

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm C. Fernando

Saturday, December 3 - Vigil

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, December 4

8:30am G. VanHees

10:30am M. Lourdunathan

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.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 26 November

Kronfeld family & H. Perera

Saturday, 3 December

Q. Roland, X. Fernando &

T. Bui

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 21, to Saturday, November 26, 2022 (Year C)

Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth forever.

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

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

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

Tuesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 22 - Saint Cecilia

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 23

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Great and wonderful are all Your works, Lord, mighty God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Thursday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - Nov. 24 - Sts. Andrew Dūng-Lac & Companions

Entrance Antiphon: May we never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the word of the Cross is the power of God to us who have been saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

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

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 25

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Here God lives among His people.

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

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 26

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.