

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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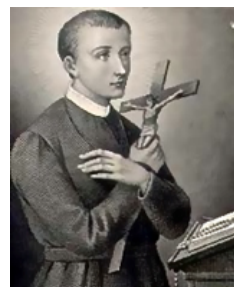
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21/22, 2023 (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

First Reading - Isaiah 8: 23 - 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. *Alleluia!*

Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: *'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.'* From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 26th January, Australia Day and, the Church will be closed after the Mass on this day.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Fr Shanthaiah will advise the date that Adoration will re-commence as soon as possible.

Piety Stall - Purchase of Candles for Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be on Thursday, 2nd February. In preparation, you may purchase candles from the piety stall every Sunday from now until 29th January, as the piety stall will not be open on the day of Thursday, 2nd February. Please purchase your candles as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

Expression of Gratitude

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, expresses its sincere gratitude for all your very generous contributions during the Christmas Season. The total amount collected was \$2,605.00 which includes a contribution of \$960.00 from St. Elizabeth's Parish. This will go a long way towards serving those in need in the Dandenong North and Noble Park North areas. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. May God bless you and your families abundantly - Agnelo Miranda, President.

Junior Legion of Mary

The Junior Legion of Mary will resume their meetings on Monday, 13th February. Please email the Parish office to register your child's details at dandenongnorth@cam.org.au or please call 9792 4422. We look forward to welcoming you then.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Italy (28th August - 19th September, 2023)

Caesarea Maritime, Haifa; Mt Carmel; Nazareth Village; Basilica of Annunciation; Masada, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Mensa Christi, Capernaum, Sea Of Galilee, River Jordan(Yardenit); Cana of Galilee, Local Winery, Mt Tabor, Mt of Temptation, Caesarea Philippi; Mt Olives, Pater Noster, Chapel of Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, Blessed Virgin Mary's Tomb, Mount Zion, Bethany & Bethphage; Old City, Wailing Wall, Pool of Bethesda, Antonia Fortress, Via Dolorosa, Mount Calvary, Cenacle, St Peter in Gallicantu; Basilica of Nativity, Shepherds' Field, Ein Karem; Turin, Milan, Verona, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Loretto, Lanciano, Manoppelo, Rome. Contact Fr. Emmanueltv (Spiritual Director): fremmanueltv@gmail.com; holyspiritp@gmail.com; 0417 999 553, 08 9341 3079; Coordinators: Dax: 0420643949; and Didith: 0473246029.

History Redeemed : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11-12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26). It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. The Davidic empire finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolised by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men," gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass 5:30pm Emerald & Clifford Rodrigo
(For the repose of their souls)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, January 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Pearl Harriet Perera *(Remembrance)*
and Andrew & Mala Jacob *(Thanksgiving on their 37th Wedding Anniversary)*

Mass 10:30am Eli D'Souza *(Thanksgiving on his 4th Birthday)*

Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing

Congratulations to the children to be baptised & their families:

*Luna Eggington, Jerome Kamboj, Ezekiel Guterres and
Kysten Joshua*

Mass 5:30pm Angelo Pane *(Birthday Remembrance)*

Monday, January 23

Mass 9:15am Roger Savannah *(Birthday Remembrance)*

Tuesday, January 24 - Saint Frances De Sales

Mass 9:15am Alexander Lourdunathan
(Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

Mass 9:15am Yolanda D'Souza *(Anniversary of Death)*
and Intention of Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 26 - Australia Day - Public Holiday

Mass 9:15am Tony Lopez *(Anniversary of Death)*

Friday, January 27 - NO Adoration (date resuming to be advised)

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas

Mass 9:15am Kathleen DeDunker *(Anniversary of Death)*

Saturday, January 28 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, January 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For the soul of Antonette Vettivelu

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Other 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.

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Denzil & Mary Considine, 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, 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, Katie Kronfeld, Leon, Isabella, Louis Jean-Pierre, Jeanne Joseph, Jennifer Hidge, Giovanna McKercher, Luciano Cudrig, Gerard Wilson, Crystal Wilson

The recently deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Francesca Sofra, Frank Hewitt, Conie Palladino

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Mary Celi

Reading Roster

Saturday, January 28

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, January 29

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm B. Collins

Saturday, February 4

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, February 5

8:30am G. DosRemedios

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 28 January

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, 4 February

S. Jose, Linda & Family

Confession

Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday from 8:20am to 8:50am including after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

Church Open Hours

The Church will be locked each weekday at 2:30pm.

On the weekend, the Church will be open at 8:30am and locked after the 5:30pm Mass, Saturday & Sunday.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, January 23, to Saturday, January 28, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time - January 23

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvellous deeds.

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

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Tuesday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time - January 24 - Saint Francis De Sales

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: Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will.

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: 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.

Wednesday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time - January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

Entrance Antiphon: I know the one in whom I have believed and I am sure that He, the just judge, the mighty, will keep safe what is my due until that day.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

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: I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given Himself up for me.

Thursday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time - January 26 - Australia Day

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to You, for Your mercy reaches to the heavens, and Your truth to the skies.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord speaks of peace to His people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Friday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time - January 27

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

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: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Saturday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time - January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas

Entrance Antiphon: In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people.

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!*

Communion Antiphon: He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield his fruit in due season.