

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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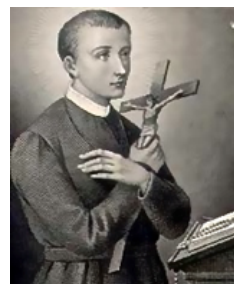
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Office: Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 2.30pm

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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"*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 28/29, 2023 (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

First Reading - Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. *Alleluia!*

Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon: Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Fr Shanthaiah will advise the date that Adoration will re-commence as soon as possible.
There will not be an evening Mass this Friday, 3rd April. Thank you.

Catechism classes will commence on Tuesday, 14th February. Enrolments will be held on Wednesday, 1st February and Wednesday 8th February from 4pm to 4:30pm in the Church foyer. Any queries, please contact the office on 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au.

Piety Stall

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be on Thursday, 2nd February. In preparation, you may purchase candles from the piety stall 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.

Also, God's Word 2023 diaries are now on sale for \$16.00. This book helps you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word. It has daily readings, a short reflection and space to write your own thoughts. Columbian Calendars are now on sale for \$6.00 (Sale items - whilst stocks last)

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.

The Blessed Path: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God. He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God.

As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now, in today's Gospel, He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law—the law of His Kingdom.

The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings (see Genesis 12:3; 22:18).

Jesus is the son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit."

God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in today's Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace.

These are the humble remnant in today's First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward.

The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass 5:30pm Marko & Ruža Šagoli and Ilka
(Anniversary of Death & Remembrance)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, January 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For the soul of Antonette Vettivelu
and Thanksgiving for the recovery of a loved one
Mass 10:30am Private Intention
Mass 5:30pm For the soul of Donald Collins

Monday, January 30

Mass 9:15am George Dedunker
(Anniversary of Death)

Tuesday, January 31 - Saint John Boscoe

Mass 9:15am Maria Carlota Guerrero
(Recently Deceased)

Wednesday, February 1

Mass 9:15am Noemi Antaran *(Recently Deceased)*

Thursday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving Mass for the D’Souza Family

Friday, February 3 - NO Adoration & NO Evening Mass

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, February 4

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving for Grace’s 10th Birthday

Saturday, February 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass 5:30pm Michael Lovett *(Repose of his soul)*
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, February 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Victor Jayamaha *(Remembrance)*
Mass 10:30am Peter Shannahan
(25th Anniversary of Death)
12:00pm *Congratulations to the children to be baptised & their families:*
Luna Eggington, Ezekiel Guterres and Kylen Joshua
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, 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, Frances DosRemedios

The recently deceased: Maria Carlota Guerrero, Noemi Antaran, Serge Babet, Frank Hewitt, Conie Palladino, Otilia Taofi Amato, Fr. Reddy Joseph (MSFS), Arul Mary, Fiorentina Sansone

Anniversaries/Remembrances: James Tram, Joseph Dinh

Reading Roster

Saturday, February 4

5:30pm J. D’Souza

Sunday, February 5

8:30am G. DosRemedios
10:30am E. Ebert
5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, February 11

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, February 12

8:30am G. Markezic
10:30am M. Jose
5:30pm J. Abraham

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 4 February

S. Jose, Linda & Family

Saturday, 11 February

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary, Rebecca

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 30, to Saturday, February 4, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time - January 30

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

Responsorial Psalm: Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

Tuesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time - January 31 - Saint John Bosco

Entrance Antiphon: Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Responsorial Psalm: They will praise You, Lord, who long for you.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, says the Lord.

Wednesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time - February 1

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear Him.

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

Communion Antiphon: Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

Thursday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time - February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of Your people, Israel. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Friday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time - February 3

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

Saturday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time - February 4

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

Communion Antiphon: Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.