

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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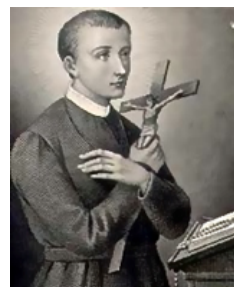
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

The Epiphany of The Lord- January 8th, 2023 (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* We have seen His star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel - Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Communion Antiphon: We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Please Note: The Church will be closed for private prayer after the Mass on Monday, 16th January.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Church in Australia mourns death of Pope Benedict XVI - Media Release December 31, 2022

On the last day of the year, it was with deep sadness that we heard the news of the death of his Holiness, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. The Requiem Mass for the late Pope Emeritus was presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square on Thursday, 5 January. It is expected the funeral will be available for viewing via the [Vatican News - English YouTube Channel](#).

We unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul and entrust him to the tender loving mercy of the Father. May the Lord he trusted in now welcome him home. May he rest in gracious and gentle peace.

Please see below a Media Statement from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB - President of the Bishops Conference.

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Pope Benedict, born Joseph Ratzinger, led the Church from April 2005 until February 2013, becoming the first Pope in centuries to resign. He had earlier served as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, one of the Vatican's most influential departments, for more than two decades. Pope Benedict died in Rome, where he had lived since his papal retirement, on Saturday evening, Australian time.

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Archbishop Costelloe said parishes around the country will hold special memorial Masses for Pope Benedict in the coming days, encouraging those wishing to attend to visit local church and cathedral websites for more information.

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MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 5:30pm Mina Mackness (*Thanksgiving & protection for the family*)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 8:30am David Scanlon (*Anniversary of Death*)

Mass 10:30am Anna (*Anniversary of Death*)

12:00pm *Baptism congratulations and welcome to :
Coen Michael Rana*

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Monday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

Mass 9:15am Bernard Shaw (*Anniversary of Death*)

and Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

(Nigel Rodrigues & family Domenic D'Vaz & Family, Leandar & Wendy Lewis)

Tuesday, January 10

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday, January 11

Mass 9:15am Malcolm Farquharson (*Remembrance*)

Thursday, January 12

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Friday, January 13 - NO Adoration (To resume Feb.1st)

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, January 14

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Michael Lovett (*Repose of his Soul*)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For the soul of Fr. Joseph Hynan

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 3:30pm French Community

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, Frank Hewitt

The recently deceased: Late Pontiff Benedict XVI, Rev. Fr. Joseph Hynan, Sarkis Dib, Francesca Sofra

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Carmela Bruno

Reading Roster

Saturday, January 14

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, January 15

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, January 21

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, January 22

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm J. Abraham

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 14 January

Kronfeld Family

Saturday, 21 January

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Office Hours

The office will re-open on Monday, 9th January. However, the office will be closed for the day Friday, 13th January.

Confession

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

Adoration

Adoration will not be held for the rest of the month and will re-commence on Friday, 1st February, 2023.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, January 9, to Saturday, January 14, 2023 (Year A)

Monday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is My beloved Son, hear Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Tuesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time - January 10

Entrance Antiphon: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him the name of whose empire is eternal.

Responsorial Psalm: You gave Your Son authority over all Your creation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Receive this message not as human words, but as truly the word of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

Wednesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time - January 11

Entrance Antiphon: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him the name of whose empire is eternal.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

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

Communion Antiphon: With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

Thursday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time - January 12

Entrance Antiphon: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him the name of whose empire is eternal.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

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

Communion Antiphon: With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

Friday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time - January 13

Entrance Antiphon: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him the name of whose empire is eternal.

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

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

Communion Antiphon: With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

Saturday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time - January 14

Entrance Antiphon: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him the name of whose empire is eternal.

Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.