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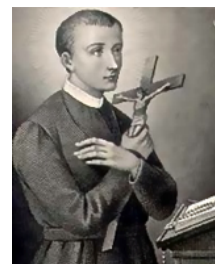
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Readings for Mass (Year A) - May 14, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - John 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon: If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



Dear Lord, we wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's day. We ask You Lord, to bless all women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us. While they live forever in our hearts and memory, grant them eternal rest and reward of their labours. Lord, we ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION



Congratulations to Confirmands - Saturday, May 13, 5:30pm Vigil Mass

We ask you to please pray for and congratulate the following children whom will be confirmed on Saturday, 13th May at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass by Bishop Anthony Ireland;

*Merin Anchani, Joshlyn Anthony, John Audy, Kevan Fernando,
Sherhom Gamas, Isaiah Hayat, Tiffany Huynh, Jordan Jackson, Dahlia Maliko,
Ashton Nisanthan, Jarrod Rodrigues, Raphael Rodrigues, Andrew Shaiju,
Vincent Tran, Amy Varghese*

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Shanthaiah will be on annual leave from Monday, 22nd May until Saturday, 1st July. Priests have been arranged to attend to the needs of our parish during his absence. The office will be open Monday to Friday between 9am and 2:30pm during this time. Thank you.

The Adoration Chapel will officially be open to visit for private prayer from Friday, 19th May. We thank all those who contributed to, and assisted with, the refurbishment of the Chapel. Your generous support and good will is much appreciated.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on, 28 October, 2023. During the pilgrimage many places will be visited associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 02 8912 4818.

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal

Alive in the Spirit: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14-17).

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life
He shares with the Father.

We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptised.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptised – that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our Sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5-6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the
Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And, strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation – to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle.

This is the reason for our hope – the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises:
"Because I live, . . . you will live."

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 13, Vigil - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 5:30pm Blessings for the Confirmands
and Frank & Olive Anthony (*Remembrance*)
and the Intentions of Hermione Daniells

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving Mass to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary
and Thanksgiving Mass to Our Blessed Mother
from Leandar & Wendy Lewis

Mass 10:30am Frank & Olive Anthony (*Remembrance*)
and the Intentions of Hermione Daniells

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Frank & Olive Anthony (*Remembrance*)
and the Intentions of Hermione Daniells

Monday, May 15

Mass 9:15am Michael Lovett (*Death Anniversary*)

Tuesday, May 16

Mass 9:15am Abraham Oravumkarayil
(*Death Anniversary*)
and Thanksgiving Mass to St. Anthony from
Dominic & Belinda D'Vaz & Family

Wednesday, May 17

Mass 9:15am Private Intention

Thursday, May 18

Mass 9:15am Rosina Cardamone (*Death Anniversary*)

Friday, May 19

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, May 20

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, May 20, Vigil - The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 5:30pm Stanley & Sharlane Van Twest
(*Death Anniversary & Remembrance*)
and Aurore Larue (*Death Anniversary*)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, May 21 - The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 8:30am Wayne Deabe (*10th Anniversary of Death*)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

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, 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, Leon, Isabella, Louis Jean-Pierre, Jeanne Joseph, Jennifer Hidge, Giovanna McKercher, Luciano Cudrig, Gerard Wilson, Crystal Wilson, Frances & Lovett DosRemedios, Charlie Cassar, Debbie Juchno, Vaz Godwin, Tyron Francisco, Vincent Newton, Heather Fernandez

****Please advise the Parish Office the names you wish to remain on the sick list as it will be updated on 26.05.23****

The recently deceased: Evelyn Ginger, Yvonne Barnett, John Kutty

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Olive Anthony

Church Cleaning

Saturday, May 20

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary & Rebecca

Saturday, May 20

Legion of Mary

Reading Roster

Saturday, May 20 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, May 21

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, May 27 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, May 28

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm J. Abraham

Please Note: Each weekend for the entire month of May, we will be counting the number of people in attendance at Mass. The results are then sent to the Melbourne Archdiocese for their records. Thank you.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, May 15 to Saturday, May 20, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Sixth week of Easter - May 15th

Entrance Antiphon: Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord takes delight in His people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you will also be My witnesses. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Tuesday of the Sixth week of Easter - May 16th

Entrance Antiphon: Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Your right hand has saved me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; He will lead you to the whole truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory, alleluia.

Wednesday of the Sixth week of Easter - May 17th

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of Your name to my kin, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord, to be with you for ever. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

Thursday of the Sixth week of Easter - May 18th

Entrance Antiphon: O God, when You went forth before Your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Friday of the Sixth week of Easter - May 19th

Entrance Antiphon: You have redeemed us, Lord, by Your Blood from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God is king of all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

Saturday of the Sixth week of Easter - May 20th

Entrance Antiphon: O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God is king of all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I went from the Father and came into the world; and now I leave the world to return to the Father. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Father, I wish that, where I am, those You gave Me may also be with Me, that they may see the glory that You gave Me, alleluia.

