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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"*

## Pentecost Sunday - Readings for Mass (Year A) - May 27/28, 2023

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

### **First Reading - Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

### **Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. *Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Reading - John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**Communion Antiphon:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Next weekend, (3rd and 4th June), we will have the collection for the Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Witnessing the gap in care, the Salesian Sisters took action and established the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Timor. Catholic Mission assists groups such as this to provide care, treatment and knowledge to help heal those in need. Should you wish to donate directly, please contact: [melbourne.admin@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:melbourne.admin@catholicmission.org.au) or phone: 03 9087 8081. We thank you in advance of your generosity to their cause.

**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.

We require more volunteers to please come forward to read at the 5:30pm Sunday Masses. Please call the office on 9792 4422 or email your details to [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au). Please be assured you will be provided with training prior to commencing. Thank you.

Catholic Mission seeks a Diocesan Parish Appeals Coordinator:

- Part-time 3 days per week, fixed term (18 months) position based in Melbourne VIC.
  - Work within community engagement in a creative and innovative role.
  - Become a member of an experienced Diocesan team.
  - Recruiting and supervising a team of Parish Ambassadors across Melbourne;
- In concert with the Parish Ambassadors, recruiting a team of speakers to promote Church appeals.
- Overseeing a formation Program to support a growing team of Parish Mission Ambassadors.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, Kevin Meese at [melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au)

### A Mighty Wind: Scott Hahn Reflects on Pentecost Sunday

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37-39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity – fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 27, Vigil - Pentecost Sunday

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

Mass 8:30am Colin Layton (*Remembrance +*)

*and* Joe & Liz Ciseau (*Death Anniversary +*)

*and* Pasquale Isabella (*Birthday Remembrance +*)

Mass 10:30am Welcome Rite Blessing

Mass 5:30pm Special Prayer Request for Ninan, Rini,  
Noel, Navya & Nivin

### Monday, May 29

#### The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Mass 9:15am Antonette Vettivelu (*1st Death Anniversary +*)

### Tuesday, May 30

Mass 9:15am Josiane Sauteur (*Recently Deceased +*)

*and* Walter James (*Intercession of St. Faustina at the  
hour of his death & eternal salvation & happiness*)

### Wednesday, May 31

#### The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am For the souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, June 1 - Saint Justin

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Friday, June 2

Mass 9:15am Antionette Antony (*Anniversary of Death +*)

### Saturday, June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

Mass 9:15am Cyril O'Shaughnessy (*Anniversary of Death +*)

*and* Noel Talary (*Anniversary of Death +*)

*and* Maisie & Ivor DeKauwe  
(*Anniversary of Death +*)

### Saturday Vigil Mass, June 3 - The Most Holy Trinity

Mass 5:30pm Irena & Anna Pietrobon (*Remembrance +*)

*and* John Vu & Maria Bui (*Anniversary of Death +*)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, June 4 - The Most Holy Trinity

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 10:30am Nikita (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

12:00pm Congratulations to the following children  
whom will be baptised in our Parish

*Lucia Becerra, Loïc Dagorn and  
Jerome Kamboj*

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

### Please remember to pray for...

**Our sick:** Denzil & Mary  
Considine, Brian Edwards, Sarah  
Clearly, Gerard Wilson, Crystal  
Wilson, Frances & Lovett  
DosRemedios, Charlie Cassar,  
Debbie Juchno, Vaz Godwin,  
Tyrone Francisco, Vincent  
Newton, Heather Fernandez,  
David Giacotto, Alessandro Zaia,  
Eliana Scardigli

**The recently deceased:** Evelyn  
Ginger, Yvonne Barnett, John  
Kutty, Luigi Nardella, Josiane  
Sauteur, Dagma Fernandez

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:**  
Ayesha Sequeira, Pasquale  
Isabella

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, June 3**  
Gonsalves Family &  
M. Ferdinands  
**Saturday, June 10**  
Kronfeld Family

### Reading Roster

#### Saturday, June 3 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm B. Collins

#### Sunday, June 4

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm C. Fernando

#### Saturday, June 10 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm D. Franklin

#### Sunday, June 11

8:30am G. VanHees

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm M. Yallapa

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.

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, May 29 to Saturday, June 3, 2023 (Year A)

### Monday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 29

#### The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

**Entrance Antiphon:** The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise; from you rose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** As He hung upon the cross, Jesus said to the disciple whom He loved: Behold your mother.

### Tuesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 30

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

**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:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

### Wednesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 31

#### The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Entrance Antiphon:** Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your firm believing, that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** All generations will call me blessed, for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and Holy is His name.

### Thursday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - June 1 - Saint Justin

**Entrance Antiphon:** The wicked have told me lies, but not so is Your law: I spoke of Your decrees before kings, and was not confounded.

**Responsorial Psalm:** By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

### Friday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - June 2

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord takes delight in His people.

**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 will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

### Saturday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - June 3

#### Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

**Entrance Antiphon:** As gold in the furnace, the Lord put His chosen to the test; as sacrificial offerings, He took them to Himself; and in due time they will be honoured, and grace and peace will be with the elect of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the fullness of His message live within you. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His holy ones.