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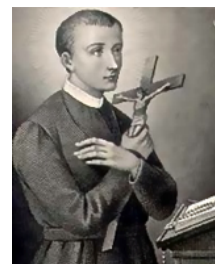
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) - June 18, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading - Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm: We are His people: the sheep of His flock.

Second Reading - Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds He felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned His twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Volunteers needed please! Each Saturday, after the 9:15am Mass, volunteers assist with cleaning the Church. However, we appeal to our parishioners for *more* volunteers to please help clean. You are welcome to register your details with the parish office or simply come along on a Saturday and help when you can.

Thank you in advance.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection from the foyer of the Church. Should you have any queries, please call 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au. We thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

The reading roster will be finalised next week. Please inform the office if you no longer wish to continue reading or if your preference of day/time has changed. Thank you for your continued support.

The Knights of the Southern Cross will be hosting an information evening for any practising male Catholic over 18 who is interested in finding out what the Knights are about, or would be interested in joining. This evening, will be held on Wednesday, July 12 in the Majellan Room. Please contact Andrew Vaccaro on 0404 390 824, or e-mail at avaccaro@internode.on.net, by Friday July 7, for further information.

Catholic Theological College information session on Monday, 19 June at 7.30pm. Register via ctc.edu.au/information-session. For more information contact Dr Christopher Knauf at ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/

The next God and Beer Event will be held on Monday, 19th June. Topic: How Islam Led Me Back to Christ. Speaker: Charbel Raish. Time: 6.30pm dinner, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. RSVP: GodandBeer.com.au Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

Inner Healing through “Meditation on Jesus” through Breathing in the Spirit and gentle prayerful postures with relaxation methods. From June 30 – July 2, 2023 Guided by Fr. Gilbert. Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia. RSVP. Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com

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

Kingdom of Priests: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The words God speaks to Israel in today’s First Reading are intended for us as well.

The Church is the fulfillment of God’s covenant promises to Israel—a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (see Deuteronomy 26:19; Isaiah 62:12).

In the Church, we have been gathered as the new “Israel of God” (see Galatians 6:16). He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today’s Psalm.

Moses was Israel’s first shepherd (see Exodus 3:1). With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God’s people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd (see Numbers 27:17).

These same words are used in today’s Gospel to describe Jesus’ pity for the crowds, who are “troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.”

Israel’s shepherds—the Pharisees and scribes—had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness (see Matthew 23:1–36; Jeremiah 50:6).

But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep—searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered “for lack of a shepherd” (see Ezekiel 34:1–24).

Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God’s priestly kingdom (see John 10:11).

As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority (see Matthew 9:35; 10:1). In God’s plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:46; Romans 1:16).

Together we have been saved and reconciled to God, as we hear in today’s Epistle. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church (see Revelation 1:6).

So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, June 17 - Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Anita Nathanielsz (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 18 - The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Fiore Mete (*Birthday Remembrance*)

Mass 10:30am William Issaeff (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Maria Natércia Henriques & Carlos Afonso Henriques (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Offering of Thanksgiving

Monday, June 19

Mass 9:15am Joaquim de Jesus Afonso & Maria Henriques Afonso (*Remembrance* ✚)

Tuesday, June 20

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving for Conrad Lopez on his 75th Birthday

and Mary Christoble Adolphus (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Wednesday, June 21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Mass 9:15am Jerome Mathew Fernandez & Milly Bout (*Remembrance* ✚)

Thursday, June 22 - Saints John Fisher & Thomas More

Mass 9:15am Antonio Sacco (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Friday, June 23

Mass 9:15am Traudie Chmielewski (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and Vincent Newton's Private Intentions

Saturday, June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, June 24 - Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Patrick McConville & Matt McConville (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 25 - The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Abandoned Souls in Purgatory and the soul of Florrie Dos Remedios ✚

and Kelly & Nicolas Donat & Family - Birthday Thanksgiving and for their protection

Mass 10:30am Geraldine Treck (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and Gwen & Eustace Freeman (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and John McIntyre (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Denzil & Mary Considine, Brian Edwards, Sarah Clearly, Crystal Wilson, Frances & Lovett DosRemedios, Charlie Cassar, Debbie Juchno, Vaz Godwin, Tyrone Francisco, Vincent Newton, Heather Fernandez, David Giacotto, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Jeanne Joseph, John Kerrins, Giovanna McKercher, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy

The recently deceased: Gerard Wilson, John Kutty, Sylvester Quyn, Anita Nathanielsz, Giuseppe Raiti, Barry O'Loughlin, Mary Adolphus

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

William Issaeff, Fiore Mete, Patrick & Matt McConville

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 24

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, July 1

S. Jose, Linda & Family

Reading Roster

The reading roster for July to December will be emailed by 30th June. Thank you to all volunteers.

Saturday, June 24 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, June 25

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, July 1 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, July 2

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Shanthaiah is on annual leave and returns Saturday, 1st July.

Priests have been arranged to attend to the needs of our parish during his absence.

Please ask the availability of the priest to hear confessions before the beginning of the Mass.

Thank you for understanding.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, June 19 to Saturday, June 23, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 19

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has made known His salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 20

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Entrance Antiphon: The clean of hands and pure of heart shall climb the mountain of the Lord and stand in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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!*

Communion Antiphon: God gave them bread from heaven; man ate the bread of Angels.

Thursday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 22 - Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

Entrance Antiphon: Holy men shed their glorious blood for the Lord; they loved Christ in their life, they imitated Him in their death, and therefore were crowned in triumph.

Responsorial Psalm: Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom.

Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 23

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Saturday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time - June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Entrance Antiphon: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.