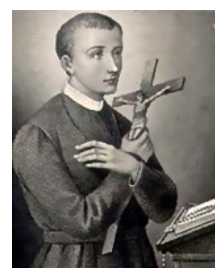


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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) - June 25, 2023

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

### First Reading - Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, in Your great love, answer me.

### Second Reading - Romans 5: 12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

## 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](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au).  
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

A copy of the reading roster for July to December 2023 is available for collection from the sacristy and will also be emailed. 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](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net), by Friday July 7, for further information.

The Junior Legion of Mary will commence on Monday, July 10. Meetings will be held every Monday of St. Gerard's school term from 4:15pm - 5:15 pm in The Library Room (brown building in the car park of St. Gerard's Primary School). Please contact; Kereena Lopez 0435 554 175 and Jacqueline Savannah on 0437 668 352. Application forms are available to collect from the foyer of the Church.

**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.

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](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)

Dandenong Deanery Council presents: Listening to the voices that echo "Joy" to be held on Wednesday, 12<sup>TH</sup> July 2023 at St John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant Caroline Street, Dandenong. New start time: 5.30pm for 5.45pm start. \$45 for a 3 course meal wine & beer. Guest Speaker: Deacon George Piech Meat.  
Please RSVP: Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Be Not Afraid: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test.

We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up.

For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts – even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel.

Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze – even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see John 2:17). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see Romans 15:3).

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise – that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, June 26

Mass 9:15am John & Doreen Cook - Thanksgiving on their  
69th Wedding Anniversary

### Tuesday, June 27

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Wednesday, June 28 - Saint Irenaeus

Mass 9:15am June Polglaise (2nd Death Anniversary ✝)

*and* Malcolm & Antoinette Antony (Remembrance  
on their Wedding Anniversary ✝)

### Thursday, June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul

Mass 9:15am Repose of the Souls of Antonette and  
Charles Henry Vettivelu ✝

*and* Jennifer Waduge (Birthday Remembrance ✝)

### Friday, June 30 - \*\*Parish Office closed today\*\*

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving for Rupert's Birthday

*and* Bridget McNerney, Elizabeth Camon and  
Bridie Lennon (Recently Deceased ✝)

### Saturday, July 1

Mass 9:15am John Kutty (Recently Deceased ✝)

### Saturday Vigil, July 1 - Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Sharlane Van Twest  
(Birthday Remembrance ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Jessical Cabral (Remembrance ✝)

*and* Louis Larue (Death Anniversary ✝)

*and* Rosalia Imbriano (Death Anniversary ✝)

Mass 10:30am Colleen Baptiste (Death Anniversary ✝)

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

### Please remember to pray for...

**Our sick:** Denzil & Mary  
Considine, Sarah Cleary, 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, Sylvester Quyn,  
Anita Nathanielsz, Barry  
O'Loughlin, Mary Adolphus,  
Bridget McNerney, Elizabeth  
Camon, Bridie Lennon

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Florrie Dos Remedios, John  
McIntyre

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, July 1**

S. Jose, Linda & Family

**Saturday, July 8**

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary  
and Rebecca

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, July 1 - Vigil Mass**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, July 2**

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, July 8 - Vigil Mass**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, July 9**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Dear Parishioners,

Priests have been arranged to  
attend to the needs of our parish  
during Fr. Shanthaiah's absence.  
Please ask the availability of the  
priest to hear confessions before  
the beginning of the Mass.

Please note that the Parish office  
will be closed on Friday, 30th  
June and Tuesday, 4th July.

Thank you.

## **Daily Antiphons - Monday, June 26 to Saturday, July 1, 2023 (Year A)**

### **Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 26**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

### **Tuesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 27**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**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:** The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

### **Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 28 - Saint Irenaeus**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and peace, and turned many away from evil.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Remain in Me, as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

### **Thursday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul**

**Entrance Antiphon:** These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord set me free from all my fears.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.

### **Friday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 30**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** See how the Lord blesses those who fear Him.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

### **Saturday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - July 1**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has remembered His mercy.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

