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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"

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) - July 2, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading - Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into His marvellous light. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

A copy of the reading roster for July to December 2023 is available for collection from the sacristy.
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. For anyone that is interested in attending, please join us on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30PM in the Majellan Room at St Gerard's Parish, Dandenong North. Please contact Andrew Vaccaro on 0404 390 824, or e-mail avaccaro@internode.on.net, by Monday July 10, 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 Savanah on 0437 668 352. Application forms are available to collect from the foyer of the Church.

St. Elizabeth's Parish Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, 16th September, 2023 starting at 7pm at 111 Bakers Road, Noble Park North. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children 15 years and under. The band on the night will be "Next Generation" and the Banquet dinner will be catered by Silver Platter Catering. BYO drinks. For more information and to purchase tickets, please see the bulletin board for contact numbers.

Note of thanks from Caritas: Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraiser Project Compassion has been a success this year thanks to the dedication and support of over 1,700 schools and 1,200 parishes across the country. Your kindness and generosity will help us to all stand in solidarity with communities who face the challenges of poverty and ecological injustice. It is the passion and spirit of our supporters across Australia whose generosity of heart enables us to have our hands and feet in marginalised communities across the world. On behalf of Caritas Australia and the communities we support, thank you to your parishioners for all their fundraising efforts this year. Your compassion in action will allow real change for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Dandenong Deanery Council presents: Listening to the voices that echo "Joy" to be held on Wednesday, 12TH 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, 7th July.

Be Not Afraid: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:3).

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptised into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus.

We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives – above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others – not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned – as we receive Christ Himself (see Matthew 18:5; 25:31-46).

As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favours and kindness in our lives.

We're to hold fast to the promise – that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

MASS and INTENTIONS

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* ✝)

Maud Aza (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Mass 5:30pm Giuseppe Ficarra (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Monday, July 3 - Saint Thomas

Mass 9:15am Óscar Carrêa de Lemos & Lourença

Ximenes Lemos (*Remembrance* ✝)

Tuesday, July 4 - **Parish Office closed today**

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday, July 5

Mass 9:15am Victor Jayamaha (*Remembrance* ✝)

Thursday, July 6

Mass 9:15am Private Intentions of Thanksgiving and for
the protection of the family

Friday, July 7

Mass 9:15am Carmela Bruno (*First Death Anniversary* ✝)

Nigel & Maria Rodrigues

(Thanksgiving to St Anthony)

Saturday, July 8

Mass 9:15am Anthony William D'Souza

(*First Death Anniversary* ✝)

Saturday Vigil, July 8

Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Frank Mark Imbrogno
(*10th Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 9 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Rosemary Vidot
(*First Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving to St. Gerard from Vivian
and Lynette Whetton and Family

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Giuseppe Ficarra (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Please remember to pray for...

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

The recently deceased:

Giuseppe Ficarra, Gerard Wilson,
Sylvester Quyn, Anita Nathanielsz,
Barry O'Loughlin, Mary
Adolphus, Bridget McNerney,
Elizabeth Camon, Bridie Lennon,
Fay Kirley, Maud Aza.

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Carmela Bruno, Giuseppe Raiti

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 8

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary
and Rebecca

Saturday, July 15

Legion of Mary

Reading Roster

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

Saturday, July 15 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, July 16

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Dear Parishioners,

Please note that the Parish office
will be closed Tuesday, 4th July.

Usual office hours and days will
resume from Wednesday 5th July.

Thank you.

Thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection from the foyer of the Church.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 3 to Saturday, July 8, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 3 - Saint Thomas

Entrance Antiphon: You are my God, and I confess You; You are my God, and I exalt You; I will thank You, for You became my saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.

Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 4

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, Your kindness is before my eyes.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 5

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father gave us birth by His message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of His creation. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 6

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 7

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 8

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord for He is good!

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

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

