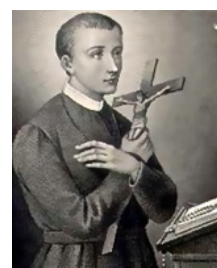


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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) - July 9, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading - Zechariah 9: 9-10

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading - Romans 8: 9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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!**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 11: 25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Next weekend, 15 & 16 July, we will take up a collection for the St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity to this worthy cause.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

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.

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.

DYNAMIC DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS - Parousia Media & St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North presents international speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Deacon Burke is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. Deacon Harold will be at St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North Church on Sunday 16th July and his talk on 'How to be Contagiously Catholic' will begin at 12.30pm. Donations welcome.

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers presents and shows how we truly encounter the love of Christ in the Catholic faith. You will see how this relationship with the living God allows us to love as God loves and frees us to become the person that God created us to be. This talk will be especially helpful for people experiencing struggles with their faith or those who need encouragement. Topic: Meeting Jesus in the Truth and Beauty of the Catholic Faith. Speaker: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Date: Monday, 17th July. Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC. RSVP: Godandbeer.com.au. Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

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.

Save the date! - On Sunday, 15th October our Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Gerard with a Trivia Luncheon. Please contact the parish office on 9792 4422 to volunteer your help on this day. Thank you in advance.

A Yoke for the Childlike: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12, 17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5).

Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike" – those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognise and receive Jesus as the just saviour and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We, too, are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus – the rest first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9).

MASS and INTENTIONS

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 Mass to St. Gerard from
Vivian & Lynette Whetton & Family

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Giuseppe Ficarra (Recently Deceased ✚)

Monday, July 10

Mass 9:15am Elvira Lemos & Vitor Lemos Guterres
(Remembrance ✚)

and C. H. Mary Grace Thalluri
(Birthday Remembrance ✚)

Tuesday, July 11 - Saint Benedict

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on Emmanuel D'Souza's
7th Birthday

and Malcolm Farquharson (Remembrance ✚)

and Trilby Domingo (Birthday Remembrance ✚)

and Susan Nunez (for her health)

Wednesday, July 12

Mass 9:15am For the health of Baby Catubig

Thursday, July 13

Mass 9:15am Ken Stewart (Death Anniversary ✚)

Friday, July 14

Mass 9:15am Gerard Wilson (1st Month Remembrance ✚)

and Abandoned souls in Purgatory

and Thanksgiving to St. Anthony from
Dominic & Belinda D'Vaz & Family

Saturday, July 15 - Saint Bonaventure

Mass 9:15am Alphonse Selvam Hart (Death Anniversary ✚)

Saturday Vigil, July 15 - Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Annesley Fernando and Clifford Rodrigo
(Death Anniversary ✚)

and Carmina D'Souza (Remembrance - 10 Years ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 16 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Abandoned Souls in Purgatory
and Carmela Bruno (Remembrance ✚)

Mass 10:30am Maria Gatt & Sister Luisa Farrugia
(Anniversary of Death and Remembrance ✚)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Maud Aza (Recently Deceased ✚)

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:

Giuseppe Ficarra, Gerard Wilson, Sylvester Quyn, Anita Nathanielsz, Fay Violet Kirley, Robert Deayton, Thomas Miles

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Carmela Bruno, Frank Mark Imbrogno, James Eugenio Imbrogno, Francis Anthony

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 15

Legion of Mary

Saturday, July 22

Gonsalves Family,

M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

Reading Roster

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

Saturday, July 22 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, July 23

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

As of this weekend,
8th & 9th July, Confession
will resume usual hours.
Confession is heard Tuesday
to Saturday 8:20am to
8:50am, then Saturday after
the Mass until 10:30am.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 10 to Saturday, July 15, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 10

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: In You, my God, I place my trust.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His gospel. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 11 - Saint Benedict

Entrance Antiphon: There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and by name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.

Responsorial Psalm: In my justice, I shall see Your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 12

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

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

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 13

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

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

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 14

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* When the Spirit of truth comes, He will teach you all truth, and bring to your mind all that I have told you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 15 - Saint Bonaventure

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

