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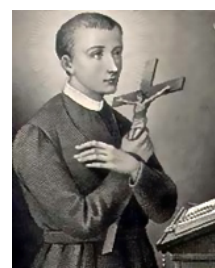
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) - July 16, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

First Reading - Isaiah 55: 10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading - Romans 8: 18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Altar Server training will resume on Thursday, 20th July from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Church.
Please call Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287 should you require further information.

At all weekend Masses on 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.

Parishioners are warmly invited to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honour of St. John Bosco's relics being at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre on Tuesday, 18th July 2023. Address is 465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield. Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

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.

Date: Monday, 17th July. 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

Enrolments for Prep (Foundation) in 2024 are now open and Parish families are our first category for enrolments. If you have or know of a child who will be starting school next year please contact the School Office on 9791 7553 or email principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and tour with the Principal Mr Paul Cowan. We also have Open Days on Tuesday, 25 July, Wednesday, 9 August and Thursday, 31 August from 9.15 am – 5.00pm. Families are welcome to visit at any time on these days, there is no need for an appointment. Please visit our website <https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au>

Mazenod College Tours will be held on Wednesday, 2nd August and Thursday, 5th October. Enrolments for Year 7, 2025 applications will close by Friday, 18th August 2023. Please visit mazenod.vic.edu.au or call 9560 0911 for more information.

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.

The Word's Return: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifteenth 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 15 - Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Annesley Fernando and Clifford Rodrigo
(*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Carmina D'Souza (*Remembrance - 10 Years* ✙)
and Cedric Morgan (*Remembrance* ✙)

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* ✙)

Monday, July 17

Mass 9:15am Rosamma Sebastian (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Edward Baldsing (*19th Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Private Intentions of Sheila Johnson & Family

Tuesday, July 18

Mass 9:15am Rosamma Sebastian (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Wednesday, July 19

Mass 9:15am Carmela Bruno (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Margaret Marnion (*65th Death Anniversary* ✙)

Thursday, July 20

Mass 9:15am Souls of Amaliya Mohar, Irene Liuzzi and
Dina Disegna (*Remembrance* ✙)

Friday, July 21

Mass 9:15am Antonette Vettivelu (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

Saturday, July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

Mass 9:15am Marco Pradel (*10th Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Winston Perera (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Saturday Vigil, July 22 - Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Clifford Rodrigo (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Beverley Deabe (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 23 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Frank Fato (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Henry Arnold Lewis (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Elisa Lemos Alfaia & Jose da Graça Alfaia
(*Remembrance* ✙)

Mass 10:30am **Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing**

and For the Health of Andrew Mackie

and In Remembrance of: Cosimina Lotrionte,
Maria Rosa Papillo, Cosimo Schiavello &
Rocco Schiavello ✙

Mass 5:30pm Maud Aza (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

and Noel Kelly (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

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, Giovanna McKercher, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Fr. Michael Shadbolt

The recently deceased:

Giuseppe Ficarra, Robert Deayton, Thomas Miles, Maud Aza, John Kerrins

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Carmela Bruno, Sister Luisa Farrugia, Maria Gatt

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 22

Gonsalves Family,
M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

Saturday, July 29

Kronfeld Family

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 22 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, July 23

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, July 29 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, July 30

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

Please note:

Confession *will not* be heard on a **Thursday** morning for the next four weeks (from 13th July to August 3rd) as Fr. Shanthaiah has commitments at Nazareth College. Confession will therefore be heard Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 17 to Saturday, July 22, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 17

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 18

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 19

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

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: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 20

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

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: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 21

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

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

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go to My brothers and tell them: I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw His empty tomb. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The love of Christ impels us, so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised.

