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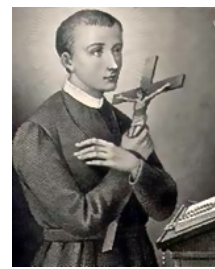
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) - July 23, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading - Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You are good and forgiving.

Second Reading - Romans 8: 26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13: 24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

In our efforts to strengthen security across the parish, we wish to inform you that security cameras have now been installed inside the Church and inside the Sacristy. The cameras on the outside perimeter of the Church have been active for most of this year however, the cameras inside are installed but not yet active. They will however be activated in the next week or so. Should you have any concerns, please contact the parish office.

The Legion of Mary meet each Monday and Saturday at 10am. The Junior Legion of Mary meet each Monday at 4:15pm until 5pm. We encourage and welcome any new members to attend.

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church are hosting the Blessed Relics of Saints Maroun, Charbel, Neemtallah, Rafqa and Mary Mackillop at St Gerard's Church on Saturday 19th August. They will be arriving at St Gerard's for the 5.30pm Roman Catholic Mass, followed by a Maronite Catholic Mass at 7.00pm. All are welcome to join us. Dinner will be held at 8.30pm in the Church Hall. For more details, or to book for dinner, please contact: Fr Richard Jabour on 0402 294 742 or, Lama Haddad on 0451 207 066.

A Mass in honour of La Madonna della Montevergine will be celebrated with Fr. Aurelio Fragapane, here at St. Gerard's on Sunday, August 27th beginning at 12:30pm. All are welcome.

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.

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 should you be able to volunteer your help on this day. Thank you in advance.

Of Wheat and Weeds: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good?

Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name. Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45).

But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children - who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 22 - Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Clifford Rodrigo (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Beverley Deabe (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Marco Pradel (*10th Death Anniversary* ✙)

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 - Welcome and
Congratulations baby Kevon Mikael Perera**
and For the Health of Andrew Mackie
and In Remembrance of: Cosimina Lotrionte, Maria
Rosa Papillo, Cosimo & Rocco Schiavello ✙

Mass 5:30pm Maud Aza (*Recently Deceased* ✙)
and Noel Kelly (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Monday, July 24

Mass 9:15am Anthony Joseph Domingo (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Gerald Salmon (*Remembrance* ✙)

Tuesday, July 25 - Saint James

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving in honour of St. Charbel Makhoul

Wednesday, July 26 - Saints Joachim & Anne

Mass 9:15am Deceased members of the Pinto Family ✙
and Thanksgiving Mass for Ivon Pasnin on his
85th Birthday
and Brian Edwards (*1 month Death Remembrance* ✙)

Thursday, July 27

Mass 9:15am For the Soul of Calogero Grisafi ✙

Friday, July 28

Mass 9:15am For the surgery of Martin to go well and for
Flavian's healing

Saturday, July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Mass 9:15am For the repose of the souls of Antonette
Vettivelu and Charles Henry Vettivelu ✙
and Gladys Sylvia Fernandez (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Saturday Vigil, July 29 - Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Aubrey De Souza (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Bromley De Souza (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 30 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Saturinna de Jesus & Jerónimo Belo
(*Remembrance* ✙)
For the souls of deceased members of the
D'Silva Family ✙
Mass 10:30am Giuseppe Raiti (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Germain M. DePenha (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
Mass 5:30pm Mary Herbert to Rest in Peace ✙
and For the good health of Michael De Penha &
Susan Rodricks

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, Conlith Ludwick

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Marco Pradel, Carmela Bruno,
Clifford Rodrigo, Beverley Deabe,
Edna & Aanton Adolphus

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 29

Kronfeld Family

Saturday, August 5

Q. Roland, X. Fernando & T. Bui

Reading Roster

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

Saturday, August 5 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, August 6

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

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 24 to Saturday, July 29, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 24

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us sing to the Lord; He has covered Himself in glory.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 25 - Saint James

Entrance Antiphon: As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother mending their nets and He called them.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go out and bear fruit that will last. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.

Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 26 - Saints Joachim & Anne

Entrance Antiphon: Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave Him who was a blessing for all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

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!*

Communion Antiphon: They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.

Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 27

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever.

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 Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 28

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Entrance Antiphon: Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless the Lord at all times.

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: Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.