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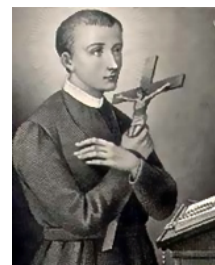
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## **The Transfiguration of the Lord - Readings for Mass (Year A) - August 6, 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

### **First Reading - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

### **Second Reading - 2 Peter 1:16-19**

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!*** This is My Son, My beloved, in whom is all My delight: listen to Him. *Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**Communion Antiphon:** When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

**Please note:** On Tuesday, 15th August, on the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, we will have two Masses. Mass will be held at 9:15am and 6:30pm on this day.

## 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 middle of the month of August. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 0420 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 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:30pm. All are welcome.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Fr Cameron Forbes (Rector of Corpus Christi College Seminary) and will be a great opportunity to meet fellow Catholics from throughout Victoria, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday, September 1. For more information, or to make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians, please contact Andrew Vaccaro on 0404 390 824 or email [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net), by August 20. For further details, refer to the advertisement on the Bulletin Boards.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August we celebrate the feast day of Australia's first canonised saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This year, *Aid to the Church in Need* is inviting you to bulk purchase, at our special feast day rate (\$25.00), beautiful Italian made Ghirelli rosaries which commemorate this notable occasion in the history of the Catholic Church in Australia. All proceeds assist the work of ACN. Alternatively, they can be purchased and then on-sold at a profit, creating an opportunity for local fundraising. send form to [orders@aidtochurch.org](mailto:orders@aidtochurch.org) or call 1800 101 201. Please note that orders will close Thursday 31 August and order forms can be found on the table in the Church foyer.

**Please save the date!** On Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October our Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Gerard, officiated by our Regional Bishop Tony Ireland and, followed by 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.

### **Majestic Voice: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration. Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms (see Luke 24:24–27). As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain (see 1 Kings 19:8–19). Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the Messiah and the Lord's new covenant (see Malachi 3:1, 23–24). Jesus is revealed today as that Messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates today to the Apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased (see Psalm 2:7). God here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love as His beloved sons and daughters.

Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading.

He is the king, the Lord of all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds? The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command—"Listen to Him" (see Deuteronomy 18:15–19). The Word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's Second Reading.

How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day?

Let us today rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts (see Revelation 2:28; 22:16).

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil, August 5 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass 5:30pm Cynthia Scanlon and Marc & Mavis Mantel  
(Remembrance & for their souls ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass 8:30am Special (and private) Intention

Mass 10:30am Joe Walles, Wilma Walles & Marie Ponniah  
(Remembrance ✙)

and Tido Natalina (Death Anniversary ✙) and  
Antonio Anastasia Santucci (Remembrance ✙)

12:00pm **Congratulations to baby Kevon Mikael Perera  
and Family on his baptism**

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

### Monday, August 7

Mass 9:15am Jacinta Pereira & Jacinta de Jesus  
(Remembrance ✙)

### Tuesday, August 8 - Saint Mary of the Cross

Mass 9:15am Joe Walles, Wilma Walles & Marie Ponniah  
(Remembrance ✙)

and Thanksgiving and prayers for Cecilia  
on her birthday

### Wednesday, August 9

Mass 9:15am Glen Latchford (Death Anniversary ✙)

and Stefano Giacomini (13th Death Anniversary ✙)

### Thursday, August 10 - Saint Lawrence

Mass 9:15am Private Intention - Birthday Thanksgiving

### Friday, August 11 - Saint Clare

Mass 9:15am Malcolm Farquharson (Remembrance ✙)

### Saturday, August 12

Mass 9:15am Jean Blackburn (9th Death Anniversary ✙)

and Hedley Simonet (Death Anniversary ✙)

and Inacio Barreto (Death Anniversary ✙)

and Karen Ballentyne (Death Anniversary ✙)

### Saturday Vigil, August 12

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Joe Walles, Wilma Walles & Marie Ponniah  
(Remembrance & for their souls ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, August 13 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For the abandoned Souls in Purgatory and  
for the soul of Sister Celia Dos Remedios ✙

Mass 10:30am Anthony Denis Domingo & Pamela Francis  
(Death Anniversary & Remembrance ✙)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil 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, Giovanna McKercher,  
Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy  
Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jean Joseph

### **The recently deceased:**

John Kerrins, Conlith Ludwick,  
Walter Chamarette, Claude  
Isaacs, Fr. Desmond Panton

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, August 12**

Knights of the Southern Cross

**Saturday, August 19**

S. Jose, Linda & Family

### Reading Roster

#### Saturday, August 12 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm A. Miranda

#### Sunday, August 13

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

#### Saturday, August 19 - Vigil Mass

5:30pm C. Fernando

#### Sunday, August 20

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

### Catholic Care Victoria Appeal

Next weekend, the 12th & 13th  
August, we will have a collection for  
Catholic Care. Please donate, as your  
support and generosity will help  
provide caring and compassionate  
support for struggling individuals  
and families in our community. You  
can donate using the appeal  
envelopes available in the Church  
foyer or call 9287 5513 or at  
[www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

# **Daily Antiphons - Monday, August 7 to Saturday, August 12, 2023 (Year A)**

## **Monday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 7**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Sing with joy to God our help.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

## **Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 8 - Saint Mary of the Cross**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Come, you blessed of My Father, says the Lord; I was sick, and you visited Me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul clings to You; Your right hand holds me fast.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after Him. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

## **Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 9**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, remember us, for the love You bear Your people.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

## **Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 10 - Saint Lawrence**

**Entrance Antiphon:** This is the blessed Lawrence who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

**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:** Whoever serves Me must follow Me and where I am there also will My servant be, says the Lord.

## **Friday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 11 - Saint Clare**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I despised the kingdom of the world and all worldly finery for love of my Lord, Jesus Christ, whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, in whom has been my delight.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I remember the deeds 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:** One thing is necessary: she has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her.

## **Saturday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 12**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love You, Lord, my strength.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

