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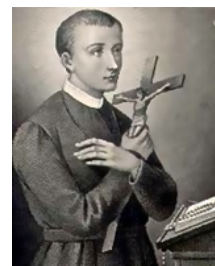
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) September 10, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading - Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading - Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Message from Caritas Australia: On behalf of Caritas Australia and the communities we support, thank you to your whole community of Parishioners, for all their support of Project Compassion in 2023! Your compassion in action will allow real change in the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Your kindness and partnership will help us to 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. Thank you so much for your support, it is very much appreciated.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

You are invited to join Monday night Zoom Bible Study Group for a video presentation, "Searching for the Historical Jesus." Walk in the footsteps of Jesus without needing a Passport! Fifteen sessions presented over five Monday's from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Starting Monday, 11th September. Contact Sandra Bishop to receive the link at sandrabishop@optusnet.com.au.

Workshop Invitation to "Discover Seven Young people in the Gospel." Participants of all ages will relate to the examples of these young people in the Bible. Some made negative choices, some positive and one made several mistakes but didn't give up. Held from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September at St. Thomas the Apostle, Greensborough North. Cost for Adults \$40, Concession \$35. Book before September 20th at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKTUD>

After his conversion in 1992 John Pridmore joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and met St. Mother Theresa. They helped him to love again and to use his story to help others. He has inspired countless individuals to find hope and meaning through his powerful talks, conferences and parish missions. John will be speaking at St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza. Each talk begins at 7:30pm and runs for one hour. On the 18, 19 & 20th September. Visit www.jpemelb.com.au

A bus will be leaving from St Gerard's on 7th October for the March For Babies. Please leave an envelope at the piety stall with your name and contact number to register. Cost is \$10 per family/person and \$5 for pensioners. Please come and support this very worthy cause, as every life matters. For further information, please contact Maree on 0407 762 057.

'Jesus and Jazz: What has New Orleans to do with Jerusalem?' Come and listen to up-and-coming jazz singer Olivia Chamoun Canavan who blends her love of the Catholic faith with her musical career. She will explore how music can be a powerful way for people to connect with God and a source of healing. Olivia will also perform some songs for the audience. Topic: Jesus and Jazz. Speaker: Olivia Chamoun Canavan. Date: Monday, 11th September. 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. RSVP: GodandBeer.com.au

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call on 02 8912 4818 for more information.

On Sunday, 15th October, our Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Gerard. Mass will be officiated by Regional Bishop Tony Ireland at 10:30am. Following Mass, we are holding a Trivia Luncheon. Thank you to those whom have offered their help. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office on 9792 4422. Thank you in advance.

Enrolments for Prep (Foundation) in 2024 are now open and Parish families are our first priority for enrolments. If you have or know of a child who will be starting school next year, please call 9791 7553 to arrange a meeting and tour with the Principal Mr. Paul Cowan. Please visit our website <https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au> for more information.

To Win Them Back: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17-20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21-23). But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbours. To love our neighbours as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, September 9 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Nicholas Da'Costa (*1st Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 10 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am On the first Anniversary of Laurence Rosette & for her children Colette & Gaetan Rosette

and Intentions of Leandar & Wendy Lewis
(*Thanksgiving to our Lady of Lourdes*)

Mass 10:30am Healing Mass for Claris

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

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

Monday, September 11

Mass 9:15am Jessica Cabral (*Remembrance* ✝)

and Malcolm Farquharson (*Remembrance* ✝)

Tuesday, September 12

Mass 9:15am Veronica Baptiste (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

and Thanksgiving Mass on the Wedding Anniversary of Steby and Renju

Wednesday, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony

and Prayers for Mina (for the mother and the safe delivery of her child)

Thursday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

and Thanksgiving for Santhosh Jose and Family

and Thanksgiving for Jennifer on her Birthday

Friday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass 9:15am For the souls of Olive & Frank Anthony & Family ✝ *and*

For Hermione Daniells and Family and for the good health of Karen & Hermione Daniells

Saturday, September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, September 16 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 17 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Francesca Tomaino (*Birthday Remembrance* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Yolanda D'Souza (*Birthday Remembrance* ✝)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

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

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Crystal Wilson, Frances & Lovett DosRemedios, Charlie Cassar, Debbie Juchno, Vaz Godwin, Tyrone Francisco, Vincent Newton, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Jeanne Joseph, Giovanna McKercher, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jean Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Aldo Provenazzano

The recently deceased:

Sarah Cleary, Gennaro De Marco, Leonita Maurier, Harry Brian Fernando, Nicolina Rosella

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Jessica Cabral, Nicholas Da'Costa, Giuseppe Cardamone, Giovanni and Brigida Cardamone, Carol Paul, Filomena Giuliani

Church Cleaning

Saturday, September 16

Kronfeld Family

Saturday, September 23

Q. Roland, X. Fernando
& T. Bui

Reading Roster

Saturday Vigil, September 16

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, September 17

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday Vigil, September 23

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, September 24

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm L. Hector

Confession

Confession *will not* be heard on a Sunday or Monday.

Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday, from 8:20am to 8:50am, and after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

Church

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday to Friday at 8:00am and closed at 2:30pm. On Saturday and Sunday, the Church is open from 8am and closed after the 5:30pm Mass.

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.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, September 11 to Saturday, September 16, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 11

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: In God is my safety and my glory.

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

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 12

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassionate to all His creatures.

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

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

Entrance Antiphon: Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendour of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassionate to all His creatures.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Entrance Antiphon: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your cross You have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself, says the Lord.

Friday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Entrance Antiphon: Simeon said to Mary: Behold, this child is destined for the ruin and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign of contradiction; and your own soul a sword will pierce.

Responsorial Psalm: Save me, O Lord, in Your steadfast love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are you, O blessed Virgin Mary; without dying you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Rejoice when you share in the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice exultantly when His glory is revealed.

Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian

Entrance Antiphon: The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of Him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: It is you who have stood by Me in My trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom.