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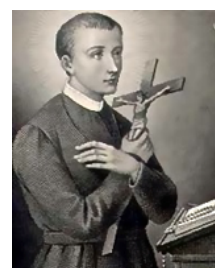
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) October 1, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

First Reading - Ezekiel 18: 25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

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.

A bus will be leaving from St Gerard's at 11:00am on Saturday, 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.

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. Lunch may be purchased for \$15 for Adults and \$10 for children or \$40 for a family. Please bring your own drinks. For catering purposes please purchase a ticket with our volunteers who will be available after each weekend Mass until 8th October.

Please note in your diary that there will be no 5:30pm Mass held on this day.

Becoming Missionary Disciples with Archbishop Julian Porteous. Archbishop Julian Porteous is one of the most courageous bishops in Australia today. He is visiting Melbourne to inspire Catholics to be missionary disciples using their "head, heart and hands" to evangelise. Topic: Becoming Missionary Disciples. Speaker: Archbishop Julian Porteous. Date: Wednesday, 4th October. Time: 6.30pm light supper provided, 7.00pm talk begins. Cost: Free, light supper provided. Venue: Greg Craven Conference Centre, Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy. Registration essential: Catholicevents.com.au. An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria.

Catholic Bible Study - "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" - An 8-week overview of the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Includes dinner, Bible study and small group discussion. Children's Catechesis available. Cost: Free. Dates: 8 Tuesdays starting Tuesday, 10th October. Time: 6.00pm-7.45pm. Venue: St Gerard's Dandenong North - Majellan Hall. To register: tinyurl.com/catholicbiblestudy2023

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday, 14 October beginning 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds raised will be for the renovation and extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children.' Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

Fr. Shanthaiah will be hosting an **Advent Reflection** meeting beginning the 3rd of December. The meetings will be held once per week in the Library room. Should you wish to join this program, please email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au or please call during office hours to provide your contact details. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

The Humble Path : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12–17). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, September 30 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the repose of the soul of Lise Donaldson
(*Remembrance* ✙)
and For all deceased souls of the Latouche-Rosette
and Cabral families and for
Philippe & Marise Gnany (*Remembrance* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, October 1 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Jennifer Waduge (*1st Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Michelina Surace Calabro (*6 mth Remembrance* ✙)
Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish
12:00pm Congratulations to the children whom will be
baptised. May God bless them all and their families:

*Faustina Therese Velasco, Alleah Brooklyn
Woolridge, Shyamalie Jayne Pigera &
Leonidas Constance Pigera*

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Monday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

Mass 9:15am All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 3

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Nicolina Rosella ✙

Wednesday, October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi

Mass 9:15am Private Intention

Thursday, October 5

Mass 9:15am Ivan Pattan (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and For the Soul of Victor Jayamaha (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Colin Layton (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Friday, October 6 - Adoration from 7:45am until 8:45am today

Mass 9:15am Florence Violet Ludwick (*47th Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Thanksgiving on Serge Savanah's Birthday
and For Raelene - for her healing and health

Saturday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, October 7 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Oscar Easton (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and René & Myrline Hennequin (*Remembrance* ✙)
and The Soul of Carmina D'Souza (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Thanksgiving - Denzil Considine & Family
and Peter Kelly (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, October 8 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish
Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

*Please note that the French Mass will not be held as scheduled on
October 15th but will instead be held 3:30pm on Sunday, October 29th.*

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Crystal Wilson, Frances & Lovett DosRemedios, Charlie Cassar, Debbie Juchno, 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, Colin Hillas, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly

The recently deceased: Anna Pradel, Angelo Barbic, Fr. Francis Xavier, KerrieAnne Rosette, Nicolina Rosella

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Suzanne LaTouche, Lise Donaldson, Jennifer Waduge, Michelina Surace Calabro

Church Cleaning

Saturday, October 7

S. Jose, Linda & Family

Saturday, October 14

Moses Family, Vincent,
Mary & Rebecca

Reading Roster

Saturday Vigil, October 7

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, October 8

8:30am G. VanHees

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday Vigil, October 14

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, October 15

Feast of St. Gerard

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am J. Abraham

and J. D'Souza

5:30pm No evening Mass

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.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, October 2 to Saturday, October 7, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

Entrance Antiphon: Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: He has put His angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Bless the Lord, all you angels, His ministers who do His will. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: In the presence of the angels I will praise You, my God.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 3

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: God is with us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

Entrance Antiphon: Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I count all things worthless but this: to gain Jesus Christ and to be found in Him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thursday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 5

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

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

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 6

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: For the glory of Your name, O Lord, deliver us.

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

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Saturday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

Entrance Antiphon: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord listens to the poor.

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: Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

