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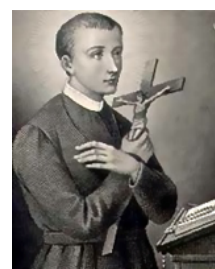
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) October 8, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

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.

On Sunday, 15th October, our Parish will celebrate the **Feast of St. Gerard**. Mass will be solemnised 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. **Please note in your diary that there will be no 5:30pm evening Mass held on 15th October.**

40 Days For Life Campaign 2023 - Volunteers needed! Now until 5th November you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. Website: www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne. We are also running teams and if you would like information on this please speak to Andrew Vaccaro at 0404 390 824 or avaccaro@internode.on.net. A sign-up sheet and information flyers will also be available. We require volunteers to pray outside the Exclusion Zone on Friday October 20 from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. Please contact Andrew to see what hour/s would suit. **Location:** Outside the 150m exclusion zone, 118 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne. To make a donation: 40 Days for Life Melbourne BSB: 063 167 ACC: 11053337

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way He carried His cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Richard Rosse. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,590 AUD. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Melbourne on 20th May, 2024. For enquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561/03 8839 6615 or email info@magiholidays.com.au

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

Living on the Vine : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (see James 1:18).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

MASS and INTENTIONS

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

Mass 5:30pm Oscar Easton (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and René & Myrline Hennequin (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and The Soul of Carmina D'Souza (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Thanksgiving - Denzil Considine & Family
and Peter Kelly (*1st Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Laurence Perrotta (*1st Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, October 8th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Deceased members of Anthony & Daniells Family ✚
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of VailanKanni
Leandar and Wendy Lewis

Mass 10:30am Sylvia De Penha (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Vivian & Lynette Whetton (Thanksgiving to St Gerard)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Nicolina Rosella (*1st Month Death Remembrance* ✚)

Monday, October 9th

Mass 9:15am Private Intention

Tuesday, October 10th

Mass 9:15am For the good health of Hermione & Karen Daniells

Wednesday, October 11th

Mass 9:15am Katherine Cranage (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Malcolm Farquharson (*Remembrance* ✚)

Thursday, October 12th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on Ryan D'Souza's Birthday
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes and for
Wendy Lewis' Birthday

Friday, October 13th

Mass 9:15am Joe Walles (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Wilma Walles (*Remembrance* ✚)

Saturday, October 14th

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, October 14th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, October 15th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni
Dominic D'Vaz

Mass 10:30am Fr. Francis Xavier (MSFS) (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
Celebration of the Feast Day of St. Gerard
Bishop Tony Ireland officiating Mass.

3:30pm No French Mass - Rescheduled to October 29th

5:30pm No Parish Mass

There is no 5:30pm Mass Sunday, October 15 due to the celebration of St. Gerard's Feast day.

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, Sunny.

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

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Laurence Perrotta.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, October 14

Moses Family, Vincent,
Mary & Rebecca

Saturday, October 21

Legion of Mary

Reading Roster

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

Saturday Vigil, October 21

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, October 22

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am E. Ebert

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 & closed at 2:30pm. On Saturday and Sunday, the Church is open from 8am & closed after 5:30pm Mass.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, October 9 to Saturday, October 14, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 9

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 10

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: If You, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 11

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You are tender and full of love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Thursday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 12

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Friday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 13

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will judge the world with justice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to Myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 14

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.