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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"**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) January 21, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

First Reading - Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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

Gospel Reading - Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Please note that morning tea will recommence after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, 4th February. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you then.

Need to Dispose of a Vehicle?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!). If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the “Lifeboat Foundation”, a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to “Lifeboat”, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

Hebrew Aleph-Beit for Christians

The 22 paintings of the Hebrew Aleph-Beit, by Melbourne artist Judy Racz, enable participants to draw on rich Jewish symbolism and also discover Divine mysteries for Christians. Prior to each of the 4 sessions, participants will receive material for prayer and reflection, thus providing an opportunity for a 4 week Zoomed retreat that can suit a busy lifestyle. Book before 5pm Monday 22 January at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLYSX>

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on *Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral*, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. Please click [here](#) to view the poster for the Mass.

For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

Following Him : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19–21).

As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.

Jesus' promise—to make them “fishers of men”—evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send “many fishermen” to restore the Israelites from exile, as once

He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14–16).

By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12–13; Matthew 12:46–50).

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle.

The first word of Jesus' Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have “something greater than Jonah” (Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him.

But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 20th January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 21st January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For the recovery of Kerry Exner (ill health)

Mass 10:30am Anthony Denis Domingo
(*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and Lily Anne Mary Alfred
(*24th Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Monday, 22nd January

Mass 9:15am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, 23rd January

Mass 9:15am Roger Savannah (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Wednesday, 24th January - Saint Francis De Sales

Mass 9:15am Bernard Shaw & Alexander Lourdunathan
(*Death Anniversaries* ✚)

and Susan Nuñez (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Thursday, 25th January - The Conversion of St. Paul

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Friday, 26th January - Australia Day - (Public Holiday)

The Parish office is closed today.

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, 27th January

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, 28th January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Edward Kenny (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 28th January - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish and Welcome Rite
Blessing for children to be baptised.
May God bless you;

*Charlie Ashweel, Martin Ashweel, Yasmin Ashweel,
Camilla Bo, Sienna Cassimaty and Jaden De Guzman*

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Please pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Frances & Lovett DosRemedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Debbie Juchno, Tyrone Francisco, Vincent Newton, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Carmel Feola, Libby Wilson, Brenda Edwards, Sonia Cheniart, Claris Sebestiampillai

The recently deceased:

Monsignor Gerard Diamond PE, Peter O'Shea, Rosaria Morabito, Hazel D'Costa, Yvonne De Zilva, Artilheiro Carvalho, Susan Nuñez

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Roger Savannah, Lily Alfred

Church Cleaning

Saturday, January 27

Legion of Mary

Saturday, February 3

Gonsalves family,

M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

CONFESSION

**For the month of January,
confessions will only be heard on
Saturday from 8:20am to
9:00am and after the Mass until
10:30am.**

Reading Roster

Saturday, January 27

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, January 28

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, February 3

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, February 4

8:30am D. Naidoo

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

Daily Antiphons (Year B) - Monday, January 22 to Saturday, January 27 2024

Monday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 22

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: My faithfulness and love shall be with Him.

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

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 23

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

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: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Wednesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 24 - Saint Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will keep my love for Him.

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: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

Entrance Antiphon: I know the one in whom I have believed and I am sure that He, the just judge, the mighty, will keep safe what is my due until that day.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

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: I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given Himself up for me.

Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 26 - Australia Day

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to You, for Your mercy reaches to the heavens, and Your truth to the skies.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord speaks of peace to His people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 27

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.