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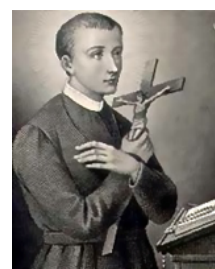
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) January 28, 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

### First Reading - Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"'

**Responsorial Psalm:** If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel Reading - Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

**Communion Antiphon:** Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

## 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. The group look forward to meeting you then.

Lenten study guides may be purchased from the piety stall for \$10. The Lenten Reflection group will commence on Tuesday, 13th February after the morning Mass in the Majellan hall. Everyone is welcome.

Catechism classes for State School children will commence on Tuesday, 13th February at 4:00pm. There will be a compulsory enrolment meeting held on Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th February at 4:00pm in the Church Foyer.

Fr Richard Rosse would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage departing on 21st May 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Siena, Rotondo and Rome for all-inclusive price of \$8490. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

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.

We are pleased to invite you to attend the Mary MacKillop Oration and Dinner to be held on Wednesday 21 February at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. **Date:** Wednesday 21 February 2024. **Time:** 7-9pm. **Location:** Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. **Tickets:** \$110. Click here to register: [Register for the Mary MacKillop Oration and Dinner](#). The Mary MacKillop Oration and Dinner is held in conjunction with the Catholic Social Services National Conference, although each can be attended independently. We warmly invite you to attend both these events. [Read more about the Catholic Social Services National Conference, 21-23 February 2024.](#)

### **God and Beer February - Topic: Catholicism at the Movies** - with speaker Jeremy Ambrose.

Join us for an entertaining and inspiring look at some of the great films where art and evangelisation have come together on the silver screen. **Date:** Monday 12th February. **Time:** 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. **Cost:** Free (donations gratefully accepted). **Venue:** Notting Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC Register: [Godandbeer.com.au](http://Godandbeer.com.au)

### **The King's Authority : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8–11; 31:12–17), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see Deuteronomy 6:12–15).

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil. “With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see Mark 3:22).

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see Judges 11:12; 1 Kings 17:18).

And as God by His Word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see Psalms 104:7; Job 26:10–12), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see Psalm 106:9), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see Mark 4:39; Zechariah 3:2).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see Acts 3:22). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see Daniel 7:14, 27; Revelation 12:10), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see Exodus 31:12).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday, 27th 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

### Monday, 29th January

Mass 9:15am Antonette Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✝)

### Tuesday, 30th January

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Wednesday, 31st January - Saint John Bosco

Mass 9:15am Malcolm Antony (*Death Anniversary* ✝) and  
for the souls of Antoinette Antony & Royston  
Lopez

### Thursday, 1st February

Mass 9:15am Valerie Ambrose (*Remembrance* ✝)

### Friday, 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving offering to St. Anthony from  
Nigel and Maria Rodrigues

### Saturday, 3rd February

Mass 9:15am Aida Sufra (*First Death Anniversary* ✝)  
*and* Birthday Thanksgiving for Trinity Lopez

### Saturday Vigil, 3rd February

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, 4th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 10:30am Raffalina Marrotta (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

12:00pm May God bless the following families and  
children to be Baptised today;

*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:**

Peter O'Shea, Yvonne De Zilva, Susan Nuñez, Rosaria Morabito, Francesca Campisano

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Aida Sufra

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, February 3**

Gonsalves family,

M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

**Saturday, February 10**

Kronfeld & Palat Families

### 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, February 3**

5:30pm B. Collins

**Sunday, February 4**

8:30am D. Naidoo

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, February 10**

5:30pm P. Kroon

**Sunday, February 11**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

# Daily Antiphons (Year B) - Monday, January 29 to Saturday, February 3 2024

## Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - January 29

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, rise up and save me.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

## Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - January 30

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Listen, Lord, and answer me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

## Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - January 31 - Saint John Bosco

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, says the Lord.

## Thursday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - February 1

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, You are exalted over all.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

## Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of Your people, Israel. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

## Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - February 3

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, teach me Your decrees.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.