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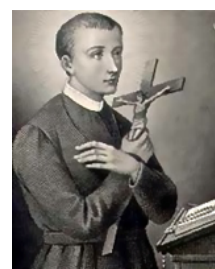
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Sunday of the Resurrection - Readings for Mass (Year B) March 31, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how He began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with Him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything He did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed Him by hanging Him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised Him to life and allowed Him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with Him after His resurrection from the dead – and He has ordered us to proclaim this to His people and to tell them that God has appointed Him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to Him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through His name.'

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading - Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and He is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put Him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over His head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that He must rise from the dead.

Stewardship Collection: Covering church and parish expenses.

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Presbytery Collection: For the domestic needs of the priests and for the support of retired clergy.



PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Experience transformation at “Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to ‘Go Make Disciples’” hosted by Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

Tailored for parish leaders and priests, this event features a keynote by Dan O’Rourke, President of Divine Renovation. Engage in mission-focused workshops, gaining practical skills, equip yourself with valuable resources to bring positive change to your parish. Reserve your spot and take the next step in becoming a missionary disciple in your parish community.

Saturday, April 13, 2024.

- 9:15 AM (Mass) – 4:30PM (lunch, morning and afternoon tea included)
 - Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren.
- Please register at <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/answering-the-call-to-go-make-disciples> or contact Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883.

GLORY OF EUROPE TRIP: You are invited on a remarkable journey to explore the Glory of Europe. Immerse yourself in the rich history and profound spirituality of this journey as we embark on a tour from Lisbon to Rome. The package cost is 5500 AUD exclusive of Airfare. The tour commences on 21 September 2024. For enquiries or booking, please phone on 0459 726 360 or nativitytoursau@gmail.com

The Parish would like to thank most sincerely George and Cesar Becerra, Dylan DeKauwe and Kereena Lopez for their generous help in cleaning the domes and changing the globes in the Church. Our Parish is most grateful for all our volunteers that help our Parish in many and various ways.
Thank You one and all!

Easter Mass Times, 2024

Holy Saturday - 30th March

9:00am to 10:30am - Confession

6:00pm - Maronite Community Easter Vigil Mass

8:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

The Resurrection of the Lord - Sunday, 31st March

8:30am Mass and 10:30am Mass - No evening Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday - 7th April

Main Celebrant - Monsignor Geoff Barron

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at the
8:30am and 10:30am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 1:00pm.

Confessions will be heard between 1:30pm and 2:45pm.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 3:00pm, with
Benediction and Mass to follow.

The Mass will be officiated by Monsignor Geoff Barron and
con-celebrated by Fr. Shanthaiah Marneni.

At the conclusion of Mass, we invite all parishioners to join
us for a sausage sizzle bbq. All proceeds raised will go to the
upgrading of the Parish Hall.

We look forward to welcoming you then.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!
Thank you for your continued support through
Project Compassion.
Together, we can help vulnerable communities
face their challenges today and build a better
tomorrow, *for all future generations*.
Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s
Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours
Have you been considering whether an overseas
professional placement with Palms is for you?
Wanting to share your skills with communities in
the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-
reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?
Come to Palms’ Discovery information session at
Sacred Heart Oakleigh, on 22 April. Meet our
Director Soraya and former Palms participants to
find out more about Assignments Aboard.
Venue: Sacred Heart PRIMARY School
Address: 2 Mora Ave, Oakleigh Date: Monday
22nd April 2024 Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
Call 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

You are invited to the Thomas More Centre's 2024 Autumn School in Albury!

This April, join engaging speakers to discover
the truth and beauty of the human person and
vocations. The Thomas More Centre aims to
attract and bring people together in order to
encourage the deepening of their interest,
knowledge and participation in Christian teaching,
culture and social involvement. The Autumn
School in Albury will be the first of the 21st-
century “schools” since the highly regarded
summer schools of the 2000s. Details: Who can
go? Anyone 18+. Date: April 19 & 20, 2024.
Venue: St Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall, Albury,
NSW. Cost: \$150 (full price), \$130 early
bird (book by this Sunday, March 31). What’s
covered: All sessions and catering (incl. morning
tea, lunch, dinner, drinks/refreshments). Key
speakers: Fr Peter Murphy, Fr Sean Byrnes, Fr
Bradley Rafter, Anthony Gordon, Anna Krohn &
Stina Constantine. For any queries, contact
Catherine Stewart, TMC Albury organiser, at 0419
515 330. Don't miss out - book your
spot here! Early bird offer ends this Sunday,
March 31. Can't make it? Please consider making
a donation to the TMC to help us run more events
across the country.

The Office will be closed from Friday, 29th March and will re-open on Wednesday 3rd April.

The staff and I wish you all a very holy and happy
Easter. God bless you all -
Fr. Shanthaiah and staff.
Please see our website for notices:
www.stgerards.org.au

MASS and INTENTIONS

Easter Saturday Vigil, 30th March

6:00pm Maronite Community Easter Mass

Mass 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 31st March

Mass 8:30am Bertie Maclou & Jacques Maclou

(On the First Anniversary of their deaths ✙)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

NO EVENING MASS TODAY

Monday within the Octave of Easter, 1st April (Office Closed)

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 22nd Wedding Anniversary of Jefferson & Alizarin Zaher

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter, 2nd April (Office Closed)

Mass 9:15am Joan Isaacs (Remembrance ✙)

and Michelle Martyn (Birthday Remembrance ✙)

and Yvonne DeZilvia (Birthday Remembrance & 3rd month Remembrance ✙)

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter, 3rd April

Mass 9:15am Michelle Martyn (Death Anniversary ✙)

and May Francis Tirimanne (27th Death Anniversary ✙)

Thursday within the Octave of Easter, 4th April

Mass 9:15am Sandra Wickremesooriya (1st Death Anniversary ✙)

and Antonio Bruno (Remembrance ✙)

Friday within the Octave of Easter, 5th April

Mass 9:15am Victor Jayamaha (Remembrance ✙)

Saturday within the Octave of Easter, 6th April

Please note: Daylight savings ends today

Mass 9:15am Birthday Thanksgiving for Zillah Martin

Saturday Vigil, Divine Mercy, 6th April

Vigil 5:30pm Emerald & Candice (Remembrance ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th April

Mass 8:30am Harold Scanlon (Death Anniversary ✙)

and Maria Paola (Birthday Remembrance ✙)

Mass 10:30am Moses and Family - Thanksgiving Mass on their 25th Wedding Anniversary

and Antonio Puleio (Death Anniversary ✙)

and Alfred & Noeline Reynold - Thanksgiving Mass on their 40th Wedding Anniversary

From 1:00pm Exposition, Rosary and confessions until 2:45pm

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Mass officiated by Msgr. Geoff Barron

NO EVENING MASS TODAY

Please pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Frances & Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, 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, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Krzysztof Borkowski, Elajah Isah Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie

The recently deceased:

Baptist Abeyadeera, Maureen Norico, Lesley Hosking, Bertie Maclou, Jacques Maclou

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

James Imbrogno, Frank Mark Imbrogno, Harold Scanlon, Antonio Bruno, Carmela Bruno, Carmelo Tumino, Michelina Surace - Calabro

Church Cleaning

Saturday, April 6

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday, April 13

Knights of the Southern Cross

Reading Roster

Saturday, April 6

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, April 7

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

3:00pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, April 13

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, April 14

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Confession

Confession will resume usual days and times after Easter. 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.

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Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 1st to Saturday, April 6th, 2024

Monday within the Octave of Easter - 1st April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord has led you into a land flowing with milk and honey, that the law of the Lord may always be on your lips, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - 2nd April

Entrance Antiphon: He gave them the water of wisdom to drink; it will be made strong in them and will not be moved; it will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; mind the things that are above, alleluia.

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - 3rd April

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all who seek the Lord rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Thursday within the Octave of Easter - 4th April

Entrance Antiphon: They praised in unison Your conquering hand, O Lord, for wisdom opened mouths that were mute and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of Him, who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light, alleluia.

Friday within the Octave of Easter - 5th April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led His people in hope, while the sea engulfed their foes, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to His disciples: Come and eat. And He took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Saturday within the Octave of Easter - 6th April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You, Lord, for You have answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: All of you who have been baptised in Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

