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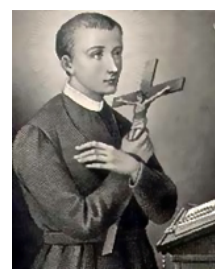
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Readings for Mass (Year B) March 17, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!* If you serve Me, follow Me, says the Lord; and where I am, My servant will also be. *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Reading - John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen, I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION



Reconciliation

There will be an evening of Reconciliation held in the Church on Thursday, 21st March from 6:30pm until 7:45pm.

Holy Week and Easter Mass Times, 2024

Palm Sunday, 24th March

Mass will be held at 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:30pm

At 10:30am Mass - procession from the Grotto to the Church.

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March

On 26th, 27th & 28th March, Mass at 9:15am. **No Confessions**

Maronite Service will be held each evening at 7:00pm.

Holy Thursday - 28th March

No morning Mass and No Confessions

7:00pm - The Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until midnight

Good Friday - 29th March

No Confessions

9:00am - Stations of the Cross

11:00am - Maronite Community Good Friday Service

3:00pm - Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

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

Celebrant - Monsignor Geoff Barron

Mass at 8:30am, 10:30am and 3:00pm

No evening Mass

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.

Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to ‘Go Make Disciples’ – Divine Renovation Ministry – AU | Brushfire

25TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

This is your invitation to attend a free performance of the Annual Melbourne Passion Play event on Palm Sunday (24th March 2024) at 1:30PM and/or Good Friday (29th March 2024) at 10:00AM at the HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE - 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe (ample free parking.) Duration of each performance is approximately 2 hours. For your comfort bring a rug, chair, bottled water, etc. St John Ambulance Staff will be in attendance. All actors and crews are volunteers. The Play is acted in the beautiful and natural outdoor setting of the Holy Cross Gardens. Visit: <http://www.melbournepassionplay.com.au>

God and Beer March

Topic: From Divine Comedy to Divine Mercy. Speaker: John Canavan. On Monday 18th March, 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. Register: Godandbeer.com.au

Marriage Encounter Weekend

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Date: 12-14 April. Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or E: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or wwwme.org.au

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. We thank you in advance for your generosity to this very worthy cause.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 16th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 17th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass 8:30am Brigida Cardamone and Angelina Sacco
(*Death Anniversaries* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm For the Holy Souls

Monday, 18th March - St. Patrick

Mass 9:15am Beryl Ratnayake (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

After Mass, Stations of the Cross with the Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 19th March - St. Joseph

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday, 20th March

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Thursday, 21st March

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving offering to St. Anthony &
blessing for Nigel Rodrigues on his birthday

6:30-7:45pm Evening of Reconciliation

Friday, 22nd March

Mass 9:15am Josephine Blom (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

Mass 7:00pm Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, 23rd March

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, 23rd March - Palm Sunday

Mass 5:30pm Denise Pelicier & Marcienne Rivet
(*Death Anniversaries* ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 24th March - Palm Sunday

Mass 8:30am For the soul of F.X Pereira and the
abandoned souls in Purgatory

and Dominic & Belinda D'Vaz & family offering
of Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni

Mass 10:30am Carmelo Tumino (*First Death Anniversary* ✝)
Procession with Palms from grotto to the Church

Mass 5:30pm Olga Kroon (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Please pray for...

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

The recently deceased:

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Olga Kroon, Carmelo Tumino, Brigida Cardamone, Angelina Sacco, Frank Mark Imbrogno, James Imbrogno, Antonio & Carmela Bruno

Church Cleaning

Saturday, March 23

Gonsalves family,

M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

Saturday, March 30

Kronfeld Family & Ratika

Reading Roster

Saturday, March 23

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, March 24

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

**Readers for Holy Week and
Easter will be confirmed next
weekend.**

If you have an elderly family member or you know someone who lives alone and could benefit from a visit by the Legion of Mary; please contact the Parish office on 9792 4422.

You can help better the lives of people in some of the most vulnerable communities on earth by making a donation through Project Compassion. The boxes and envelopes are on the table in the Church foyer.
Phone 1800 024 413 or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Daily Antiphons (Year B) - Monday, March 18 to Saturday, March 23, 2024

Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent - March 18 - Saint Patrick

Entrance Antiphon: Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent - March 19 - Saint Joseph

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, a faithful and prudent steward, whom the Lord set over his household.

Responsorial Psalm: The son of David will live for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! How happy they who dwell in Your house, O Lord; continually they sing Your praise! Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy.

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent - March 20

Entrance Antiphon: My deliverer from angry nations, You set me above my assailants; You saved me from the violent man, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: God has brought us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent - March 21

Entrance Antiphon: Christ is the mediator of a New Covenant, so that by means of His death, those who are called may receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: God did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over for us all; with Him, He has given us all things.

Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent - March 22

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress. Deliver me from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

Responsorial Psalm: In my distress I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Jesus bore our sins in His own body on the cross, so that dead to sin, we might live for righteousness. By His wounds we have been healed.

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent - March 23

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! For I am a worm and no man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Rid yourselves of all your sins and make a new heart and a new spirit. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: Christ was handed over, to gather into one the scattered children of God.