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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"**

Corpus Christ - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings for Mass (Year B) June 1st and 2nd, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading - Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This,' he said, 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Parishioners are invited to Fr. Michael Shadbolt's Diamond Jubilee of Ordination Luncheon. This celebration will be held in the Parish Hall on the 28th of July from 11.30am onwards. The cost is \$20.00 per person, 6-12 years \$10.00 and 5 years and under are free. To book, please see the Parish office or the Piety Stall. Tickets must be purchased before the event to enable entry. For further enquiries please contact Susan on 0408 329 787.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH CENSUS

We invite each member of our parish to participate in our census. The census form will be made available commencing **8th June** (*revised date*), or can be completed from now electronically by using the QR code below. By participating in this census, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information is collected securely and treated with confidentiality.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and cooperation.



Congratulations to the following children whom will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend;

Rafael Bobic, Hailey Deiparine, Sophia Fernando, Victoria Hanson, Katalina Kassianou, Dekota Rezel, Hudson Schoorman, Matej Strukar, Alleah Wooldridge

Congratulations also to the following children whom will be Confirmed;

Ainsley Bonnyvensura, Zam Dayanghirang, Indiana D'Costa, Philip Flor, Lachlan Hanson, Zion Logai, Rachel Nguyen, Levana Oliver, Endrijana Plavljanic

May God bless you all, together with your family, as you grow in faith.



Congratulations to the following altar servers whom were welcomed to the Guild of St. Stephen last Friday evening.

*NATHANIEL BENHAM
LEVI LOPEZ
JEREMY RODRIGUES
JARROD RODRIGUES
JEFFERSON ZAHER*

Our thanks to Ron Maroun and David Donovan for their ongoing support and training of our servers.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver invite you to their Annual Mission Dinner on Sunday, 16 June 2024 at 1.00 pm. It will be held at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions. Bookings close 7th June. Tickets: \$40.00 per person. Bookings: 154 Cotham Road, Kew 3101 or phone 9817 3715.

Blood of the Covenant: Scott Hahn Reflects on Corpus Christi

All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The First Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus.

In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses was symbolising God's desire in this covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations.

Quoting Moses' words in today's Gospel, Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the new covenant made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with His body and blood.

The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room (see Hebrews 10:1).

The Passover that Jesus celebrates with His Twelve Apostles "actualises," makes real, what could only be symbolised by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering Himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Epistle, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship.

God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist.

What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant and to be His servants.

There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the cup of salvation.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, June 1st

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

Vigil 5:30pm Mandy De Kauwe (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Thanksgiving for blessings from the Vu Family and Anna Vu (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 2nd

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

Mass 8:30am Stephen Gilmore (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Maise De Kauwe (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Helen Clarke Milloy (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Marisa Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni from Isabelle D'Vaz

and Giuseppe Raiti (*First year Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 5:30pm In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday, June 3rd - Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

Mass 9:15am In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and For the souls of John Baptism & Maria Bui (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)

Tuesday, June 4th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the birthday of Nikita Lopez

Wednesday, June 5th - Saint Boniface

Mass 9:15am Victor Jayamaha (*Remembrance* ✚)
and For the souls of Antoniette & Royston (*Remembrance* ✚)

Thursday, June 6th

Mass 9:15am Joseph Early (*Remembrance* ✚)

Friday, June 7th - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - [First Friday Mass today](#)

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Nellie Janssen (*Month's Mind* ✚)
and Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and Deceased Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes from Wendy and Leandar Lewis

[Mass 7:00pm](#) Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, June 8th - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am For the healing of Isapela

Saturday Vigil, June 8th - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm For the souls of Lonetti & Pane Family (*Remembrance* ✚)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June June 9th - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Harold Edmonds (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Koren Joseph & Margaret Thomas (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
and Thanksgiving on the birthday of Rose Rodrigues
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

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, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Elajah Isah, Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Hilda Marianne, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Clarice Giacomini, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael

The recently deceased:

Blasco Andrade, AnneMarie Ilic, Marlene Myers, Nellie Janssen, Ingram Mirando, Krzysztof Borkowski, Pierino Rivalta, Anu Jayawardena, Marl Domesanz, Salvatore Messina, Alan D'Lima, Domingo Canteras

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Mandy DeKauwe, Sister Zaveria, Anthony & Hillary Pool, Maisie DeKauwe, Helen Clarke Milloy, Giuseppe Raiti

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 8

S. Jose, Linda & Family

Saturday, June 15

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary, Rebecca

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 8

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, June 9

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, June 15

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, June 16

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

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.

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Daily Antiphons - Monday, June 3 to Saturday, June 8, 2024

Monday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - June 3rd - Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

Entrance Antiphon: As gold in the furnace, the Lord put His chosen to the test; as sacrificial offerings, He took them to Himself; and in due time they will be honoured, and grace and peace will be with the elect of God.

Responsorial Psalm: In You, my God, I place my trust.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ, You are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead; You have loved us and washed away our sins in Your blood. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His holy ones.

Tuesday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - June 4th

Entrance Antiphon: Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: To You I call, for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words.

Wednesday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - June 5th - Saint Boniface

Entrance Antiphon: This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock.

Responsorial Psalm: To You, O Lord, I lift up my eyes.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in Me will not die for ever. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Whoever wishes to come after Me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me, says the Lord.

Thursday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - June 6th

Entrance Antiphon: Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

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

Communion Antiphon: To You I call, for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words.

Friday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - June 7th - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Entrance Antiphon: The designs of His Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Responsorial Psalm: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Take My yoke upon you; learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in Me.

Saturday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - 8th June

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: My heart rejoices in the Lord my Saviour.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is the Virgin Mary, who kept the word of God, and pondered it in her heart. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Mary treasured all these words, reflecting on them in her heart.