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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"**

The Most Holy Trinity - Readings for Mass (Year B) May 26, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for He has shown us His merciful love.

First Reading - Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Second Reading - Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I Am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of His Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Please note: A few weeks back, we held Mass at 8am in order to have works carried out in the Church. Due to bad weather, the works were not completed and are now booked for Tuesday, 28th May. Please note that the Mass will be held at 8:00am on Tuesday, 28th May for this purpose. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Please save the date!

We will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Ordination of our beloved Fr. Michael Shadbolt on Sunday, 28th July, 2024. More information will be provided soon.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH CENSUS

Commencing June 2nd, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass next weekend, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. There will also be a QR code that you may use to enter your details. 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 will be treated with confidentiality. We thank you in anticipation of your support and cooperation.

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.

Churches across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will open their doors for a weekend of prayer from Friday 31 May (feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) to Sunday 2 June (solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Dubbed Fiat—inspired by Mary's 'yes' to the Lord—the weekend begins with an evening of prayer at St Augustine's in the city and concludes with a Eucharistic procession from Carlton to St Patrick's Cathedral. Continue reading: [Melbourne to embark on a weekend of prayer, from 31 May to 2 June](#)

Congratulations to the following children whom will receive their First Holy Communion next 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 Plavljaní*

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

Singers and Actors or backstage helpers wanted to join a choir for a concert or perform as a soloist on October 27 in Dandenong. If you would like to be part of a choir or would like to audition to do a solo at the concert, please attend an information meeting on June 1st at St Roch's church hall at 3pm or contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or contact 0413398528. Concert is being staged by Cog theatre group and partner schools and parishes.

Family of Love: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Last Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation. In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (see 2 Peter 1:4). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season—Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children (see Ephesians 1:4–5).

Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Eucharist.

By God's word the heavens and earth were filled with His kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today's First Reading (see Deuteronomy 4:20,37).

Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own.

As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Epistle. As He adopted Israel (see Romans 9:4), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as "Our Father."

As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him, and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge—that He will be with us until the end, that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, May 25th - The Most Holy Trinity

Vigil 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, May 26th - The Most Holy Trinity

Mass 8:30am Joe & Liz Ciseau (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 10:30am For those who have fallen away from their faith to return to Jesus and be saved

and Regina Mira (*6 month Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 5:30pm Daisy Ng (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Monday, May 27th

Mass 9:15am For those who have fallen away from their faith to return to Jesus and be saved

Tuesday, May 28th - Mass at 8am not 9:15am today

Mass 8:00am Colin Layton (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

and Wilma & Joe Wallen (*Remembrance* ✝)

and Pasquale Isabella (*Remembrance* ✝)

and Carmel Partridge (*First Death Anniversary* ✝)

Wednesday, May 29th

Mass 9:15am Antonette Vettivelu (*Death Anniversary* ✝) and

Charles Henry Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✝)

and Angela Chmielewski (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Thursday, May 30th

Mass 9:15am For the healing of Steven & Monica Dickson

Friday, May 31st - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am For the soul of David Nolan (*Remembrance* ✝)

Saturday, June 1st - Saint Justin

Mass 9:15am For those who have fallen away from their faith to return to Jesus and be saved

Saturday Vigil, June 1st

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

Vigil 5:30pm Mandy De Kauwe (*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* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Marisa Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni from Isabelle D'Vaz

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

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

The recently deceased:

Daisy Ng, Freda Grey, Denis O'Rourke, Blasco Andrade, AnneMarie Ilic, Marlene Myers, Nellie Janssen, Ingram Mirando, Krzysztof Borkowski, Pierino Rivalta, Anu Jayawardena, Marl Domesanz, Salvatore Messina

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Pasquale Isabella, Nicola Isabella, Antony Nuinas, Carmel Partridge, Regina Mira

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 1

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, June 8

S. Jose, Linda & Family

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 1

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, June 2

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, June 8

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, June 9

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, May 27 to Saturday, June 1st, 2024

Monday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - 27th May

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will remember His covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor to make you rich out of His poverty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Tuesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - 28th May

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has made known His salvation.

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: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Wednesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - 29th May

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Thursday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - 30th May

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord: whoever follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Friday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - 31st May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul.

Responsorial Psalm: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your firm believing, that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed, for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

Saturday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - 1st June - Saint Justin

Entrance Antiphon: The wicked have told me lies, but not so is Your law: I spoke of Your decrees before kings, and was not confounded.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the fullness of His message live within you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.