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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"**

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) June 8 & 9, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading - Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – *I believed, and therefore I spoke* – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to Myself, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

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 from this weekend, or can be completed electronically by using the QR code. 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.

Next weekend we will have a collection for Catholic Mission. You are invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require. This week, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we will invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

SCAN ME



The Cyrene Centre is a program operating through Resurrection Parish Keysborough. As an entity it wound up in 2023 after the committee was disbanded and lost its charity status. It is a program for families in need of counselling. It now has its funds in trust with the Keysborough Learning Centre (KLC). If you would like to contribute to these funds held in trust by the KLC, you may EFT to - Account name: Keysborough Learning Centre, BSB: 633000 Account: 126 132 141 Reference: Cyrene Centre. This will help them in continuing their work of helping families in need and those who would otherwise be unable to seek counselling. Thank you.

God and Beer June

Topic: 'Back in the Lion's Den - Religious Freedom in Australia' with speaker, Daniel Simon. Date: Monday 17th June. 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. To Register: Godandbeer.com.au. God and Beer is an initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross to bring together people of all ages from across the south-east suburbs of Melbourne each month. Our aim is to inspire and strengthen Christians by providing ideas and inspiration for renewing the Church by drawing on the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic tradition. Supported by the Catholic Development Fund.

An opportunity has arisen in Divine Renovation Australasia for a well organised, proactive, administrative professional to join our team. If you know of anyone that would benefit from the experience of working in our ministry, and can contribute towards our vision of supporting our parishes to be missional, can you please encourage them to apply? Click on the following: [PA/Administrative Assistant Job in Beaconsfield Upper, West Gippsland & Latrobe Valley VIC - SEEK](#)

The Promised One: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit. Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

MASS and INTENTIONS

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 9th - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Harold Edmonds (Death Anniversary ✚)
and For Vocations to the Priesthood & religious life
Mass 10:30am Koren Joseph & Margaret Thomas
(Death Anniversaries ✚)
and Thanksgiving on the birthday of Rose Rodrigues
and Pierino Rivalta (1st Month Death Anniversary ✚)
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community
Mass 5:30pm Fiore Mete (Birthday Remembrance ✚)

Monday, June 10th

Mass 9:15am Birthday Thanksgiving for Nathan Lopez
and For the souls of Vincent Nguyen (Death Anniversary ✚)
and Theresa Maria Nguyen (Remembrance ✚)
and Fr. Francis Xavier MSFS (Remembrance ✚)

Tuesday, June 11th - Saint Barnabas

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony Thanksgiving for Dominic
D'Vaz on his birthday

Wednesday, June 12th

Mass 9:15am Noel Talary (Death Anniversary ✚)
and Mary Adolphus (1st Death Anniversary ✚)

Thursday, June 13th - Saint Anthony of Padua

Mass 9:15am In honour of St. Anthony of Padua

Friday, June 14th

Mass 9:15am Birthday Thanksgiving for Raya
and Giovanna McKercher (Remembrance ✚)
and Philomena Edmonds (Death Anniversary ✚)
and Thanksgiving on the 64th Wedding Anniversary of
Jacqueline and Serge Savanah

Saturday, June 15th

Mass 9:15am Stanley Van Twest Junior (Death Anniversary ✚)
and Thanksgiving to St. Anthony on the Wedding
Anniversary of Nigel and Maria Rodrigues

Saturday Vigil, June 15th - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Jean & Georges LaTouche (Death Anniversaries ✚)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 16th - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For the soul of John Daniels (Remembrance ✚)
and For the abandoned souls in Purgatory
and John Kerrins (Remembrance ✚)
Mass 10:30am Alan D'Lima (Recently Deceased ✚)
and Joseph & Nicolas Cruz and Mary David (Remembrance ✚)
Mass 3:30pm French Community
Mass 5:30pm Antonietta Morello (Death Anniversary ✚)

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, Ethan Crasto, Ingram Mirando, Krzysztof Borkowski, Pierino Rivalta, Anu Jayawardena, Marl Domesanz, Salvatore Messina, Alan D'Lima, Domingo Canteras

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Zitte Sinon, Fiore Mete, Harold Scanlon, Mary Adolphus

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 15

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary, Rebecca

Saturday, June 22

Legion of Mary & J. Okoduwa

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 15

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, June 16

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, June 22

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, June 23

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm B. Collins

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 10 to Saturday, June 15, 2024

Mystery of Faith: Save us Saviour of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free.

Monday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 10th

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Tuesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 11th - Saint Barnabas

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed is this holy man, who was worthy to be numbered among the Apostles, for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people My Gospel. I am with you always until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father.

Wednesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 12th

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Teach me Your paths, my God, and lead me in Your truth. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Thursday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 13th - Saint Anthony of Padua

Entrance Antiphon: Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints, and let the Church proclaim their praise. Their names will live on and on.

Responsorial Psalm: It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Friday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 14th

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm: I long to see Your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - 15th June

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Turn my heart to do Your will; teach me Your law, O God. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.