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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"**

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) June 22/23, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading - Job 38:1, 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Mark 4: 35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

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 or Josephine on 0408 324 971.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

ST. GERARD'S PARISH CENSUS

We invite each member of our parish to participate in our census. You may fill in the census card or complete this 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.



Thanksgiving envelopes may be collected from the foyer of the Church.

We thank you for your continued support of our Church, priests, staff and parish.

Your thanksgiving number may have changed as we continue to upgrade and improve our system. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer wish to receive the envelopes or should you have amendments or any other questions in regards to your thanksgiving, please email the parish office at dandenongnorth@cam.org.au.

Thank you once again for your support.

Please note:

The office telephones are still out of order. Please email your query and contact details to dandenongnorth@cam.org.au
We are doing all we can to have this problem rectified as quickly as possible.
Our apologies for the inconvenience this may cause.

Fr Sebastian Arockia (St Mary's Parish, Dandenong) would like to invite you for a 14-day Streams of mercy pilgrimage with Medjugorje, departing on 8th of September 2024. This pilgrimage features the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina for an all-inclusive price of \$7990. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

"Is there more to life than this?" There will be an information session held in the hall next Tuesday, 25th June from 6pm – 8pm to discuss the introduction of Alpha to St Gerard's. Alpha is an evangelisation program aimed at bringing people to Jesus in a welcoming atmosphere. If you would like to be a part of the program and can help build our parish community, please contact Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883 to express your interest in attending the information session.

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions while living authentically in another culture? If you're happy for the trip, come to Palms' Discovery information session at Altona on 11 July. Meet Soraya and returned Palms participants to discover more about Assignments Aboard. Alternately, please enquire at palms.org.au. To be held at Mary Help of Christians Church Hall, 97 Railway St N, Altona on Thursday, 11th July 2024 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. To contact call 0422 472 567 or email palms@palms.org.au.

In the Storm : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do you not yet have faith?" Our Lord's question in today's Gospel frames the Sunday liturgies for the remainder of the year, which the Church calls "Ordinary Time."

In the weeks ahead, the Church's liturgy will have us journeying with Jesus and His disciples, reliving their experience of His words and deeds, coming to know and believe in Him as they did.

Notice that today's Psalm almost provides an outline for the Gospel. We sing of sailors caught in a storm; in their desperation, they call to the Lord and He rescues them.

Mark's Gospel today also intends us to hear a strong echo of the story of the prophet Jonah. He, too, was found asleep on a boat when a life-threatening storm broke out that caused his fellow travellers to pray for deliverance, and then to marvel when the storm abated (see Jonah 1:3–16).

But Jesus is something greater than Jonah (see Matthew 12:41). And Mark wants us to come to see what the Apostles saw—that God alone has the power to rebuke the wind and the sea (see Isaiah 50:2; Psalm 18:16). This is the point of today's First Reading.

If even the wind and sea obey Him, shouldn't we trust Him in the chaos and storms of our own lives?

As with the Apostles, the Lord has asked each of us to cross to the other side, to leave behind our old ways to travel with Him in the little ship of the Church.

In their fear today, they call Him, "Teacher." And it is only faith in His teaching that can save us from perishing. We should trust in Christ, and trust like Christ—who was able to sleep through the storm, confident that God was with Him (see Psalm 116:6; Romans 8:31).

We should live in thanksgiving for our salvation, as today's Epistle tells us—as new creations, no longer for ourselves but for Him who died for our sake.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, June 22nd - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Philomena Bowes (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Marise & Philippe Gnany (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
and Vidot & Tirant families (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 23rd - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Florrie Dos Remedios (*Remembrance* ✚)
and For the abandoned souls in Purgatory
and Irmtraud Chmielewski (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Antonio & Angelina Sacco (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Giuseppe & Filomena Gigliotti (*Remembrance* ✚)
and John McIntyre (*3rd Anniversary of Death* ✚)
and Salvatore Messina (*1st Month Remembrance* ✚)

Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing for Eleanor Rosemary Bowles & family

Mass 5:30pm Milagros Sinad Reyes (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Monday, June 24th - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving for blessings from Joshep Chung
and Vincent Huy & Joshep Roi (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Tuesday, June 25th

Mass 9:15am Geraldine Treck (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Gwendoline Freeman (*Repose of her soul* ✚)

Wednesday, June 26th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 70th Wedding Anniversary of
John and Doreen Cook

Thursday, June 27th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, June 28th - Saint Irenaeus

Mass 9:15am For the souls of Antoinette, Malcolm and Royston ✚
and Ajit de Silva (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Saturday, June 29th - Saints Peter and Paul

Mass 9:15am Margaret Collins (*Remembrance* ✚)
and For the repose of the souls of Antonette Vettivelu &
Charles Henry Vettivelu ✚

Saturday Vigil, June 29th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Pouponneau Families (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 30th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Thanksgiving Mass - Isapela and Ioane Mulipola's 40th
Wedding Anniversary
Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving on the birthday of Rupert Rodrigues
and Antonio, Sebastiano & Filippa Viroldo
(*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
and Jacinto, Domingas, Bento and Arminda Soares
(*Remembrance* ✚)
Mass 5:30pm Theresa Furnell (*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, Dino Antonucci, Ron Jabke

The recently deceased:

Ethan Crasto, Ingram Mirando, Marl Domesanz, Salvatore Messina, Alan D'Lima, Domingo Canteras, Father Brendan Dillon, Francesco Lidonnici, Andre Beaufond, Milagros Sinad Reyes, Giuseppina Golotta, Maureen Francois, Mary Thisgaard, Daniel Joseph Blonarowich

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Philomena Bowes, Jacinto Soares, Domingas Soares, Bento Soares, Arminda Soares, John McIntyre, Noel Anthony, Florrie DosRemedios

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 29

Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands,
L. Harper

Saturday, July 6

Ratika & Family

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 29

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, June 30

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm L. Hector

Saturday, July 6

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, July 7

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm J. Panicker

***Dear Readers, please collect
the new reading roster from the
sacristy.***

Daily Antiphons - Monday, June 24 to Saturday, June 29, 2024

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

Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 24th - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Entrance Antiphon: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the Light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

Tuesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 25th

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: God upholds His city for ever.

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: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 19th

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me the way of Your decrees, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Thursday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 20th

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: For the glory of Your name, O Lord, deliver us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Friday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 28th - Saint Irenaeus

Entrance Antiphon: The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and peace, and turned many away from evil.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget You!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sicknesses, and endured our suffering. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Remain in Me, as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Saturday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - 29th June - Saints Peter and Paul

Entrance Antiphon: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.