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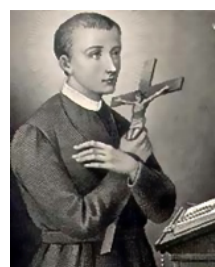
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) July 7, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading - Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection in 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 call the parish office on 9792 4422 (phones are now repaired) or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au.

Thank you once again for your support.

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.



Be a part of the first Alpha at St Gerard's

Alpha will be starting at St Gerard's on Tuesday, 30 July from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Alpha is an evangelisation program comprising of 8 weekly sessions, aimed at bringing people to Jesus and building our parish community. We start with a meal, have a short talk on life's challenging questions, and then discuss them in a friendly 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 register.

This weekend, 6th and 7th July, we will have the collection for the **St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

God and Beer July

Topic: The Armour of God: Prayer and Spiritual Combat. **Speaker:** Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. **Date:** Monday 15th July. **Time:** 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.

Prayer is the foundation of the spiritual life but for many people it is a struggle. In this presentation, Catholic speaker and evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will explore the various challenges that undermine our relationship with God. He will outline a comprehensive strategy to counteract the negative impact of sin on our hearts and lives. This talk will be of great value to all men and women but with a special emphasis on empowering men to take on the role of spiritual leaders within their families and communities, fostering a stronger, faith-based foundation for all.

For those who have registered to purchase tickets for Fr Michael's 60th Anniversary of Ordination, please visit the piety stall to finalise your purchase.

We are seeking volunteers in preparing for the event and for cleaning up on the day.

Please contact the office on 9792 4422 should you be able to assist.

Thank you to all who have offered their support and help in coordinating this wonderful celebration.

"Son of Mary" : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead.

But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognise Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God.

All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbour, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham (see Romans 9:3, 7).

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master (see Matthew 10:24). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offence in Him (see Luke 7:23). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 6th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Thanksgiving Mass on the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Humesh and Bernie
and Thanksgiving Mass for the Fernando Family
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 7th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
Mass 10:30am Carmela Bruno (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Victor Jayamaha (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)
and For the soul of Barbara Steponavicius ✠
and Maria Bambina (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

12:00pm Congratulations to Eleanor Rosemary Bowles on this day of your Baptism. May God bless you and your family.

Mass 5:30pm For the Holy Souls

Monday, July 8th

Mass 9:15am Frank-Mark Imbrogno (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Thanksgiving - Personal Intention

Tuesday, July 9th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony from Barbara Adolphus

Wednesday, July 10th

Mass 9:15am Fr. Francis Xavier MSFS (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Conlith Ludwick (*First Death Anniversary* ✠)

Thursday, July 11th - Saint Benedict

Mass 9:15am Trilby Domingo (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)
and Jessica Cabral (*Death Anniversary*)

Friday, July 12th

Mass 9:15am For the deceased members of the Anthony Family
and for the good health of Hermione and Karen Daniells
and Thanksgiving on the successful surgery and healing of Kevin Shannahan

Saturday, July 13th

Mass 9:15am Kenneth Stewart (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)
and For the Soul of Anthony William D'Souza ✠
and Thanksgiving Mass for Celine Indumathy Kakumanu

Saturday Vigil, July 13th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm For the soul of Carmin & Caitan D'Souza ✠
and Annesley & Rita Fernando (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Fitch & Esparon Families (*Death Anniversaries* ✠)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 14th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish
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, Dino Antonucci, Ron Jabke, Giuseppina Bonato, Prasad Weerasuriya

The recently deceased:

Francesco Lidonnici, Nicoletta Tucci, Andre Beaufond, Milagros Sinad Reyes, Giuseppina Golotta, Maureen Francois, Mary Thisgaard, Daniel Blonarowich, Andja Spoljaric, Ellie Arthur, Simon Watson

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Jessica Cabral, Francis Anthony, Giovanna McKercher, Frank-Mark Imbrogno, Vernon James, Sister Clementina, Barbara Steponavicius

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 13

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday, July 20

Knights of the Southern Cross

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 13

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, July 14

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, July 20

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, July 21

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 8 to Saturday, July 13, 2024

Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 8

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

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

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 9

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 10

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Seek always the face of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 11 - Saint Benedict

Entrance Antiphon: There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and by name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us see Your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 12

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: My mouth will declare Your praise.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! When the spirit of truth comes, He will teach you all truth and bring to your mind all I have told you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 13

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.