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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"**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) July 21, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd ; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow Me. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

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. Tickets are still available to purchase through trybooking.com/csiwj

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.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Thank you for participating in our Parish Census.
We are grateful to you for the time you have taken to register your information.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING will resume from Thursday, 25th July from 5:30pm. Please contact Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287, should you wish to join or have any queries.

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 or register at <https://www.alpha.org.au/try>

Dear Lord, We pray for our parish as ALPHA is due to commence. We pray that we may strengthen our faith and draw more people to Christ - "Go, make Disciples".

Live Your Best Life in Love... A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected. No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts

Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

One Flock : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see Ezekiel 34:23).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (see Mark 6:39) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense

that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see John 10:11), the king they've been waiting for (see Hosea 3:1-5).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see Numbers 27:17). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see John 10:16).

In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:36; Romans 1:16).

Paul, too, in today's Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

Save with CDF Community Fund – it's in everyone's best interest.

On Sunday on the 21st of July, we will be welcoming Aaron Gupta and Bernard Docherty, representatives from the Catholic Development Fund, to introduce us to the CDF Community Fund. They will be giving a short speech and are eager to have a friendly chat with parishioners, so make sure you stick around after Mass and say hello! To find out more, attend Mass on 21 July, or visit their website.

By opening a savings account or Term Investment, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of savings accounts, including **5.35% p.a.* on a 3, 6, 9, and 12-month Term Investment**, it's a way to save while doing good.

To find out more, visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer, scan the QR code, or speak to us on 1800 134 135. *Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.



MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 20th - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Lespoir & Cecile Families (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
and Thanksgiving Mass - Charlene Fernando & Family
and Winston Perera (*20th Death Anniversary* ✚)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 21st - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Marco Pradel (*11th Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Agnes Lam & Francis Lam (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
and Louis Larue & Rosemary Vidot (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Antonette Vettivelu (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Stefaniya Los (*4th Death Anniversary* ✚) and
Anton Los (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Ernesto Bonato & Mario Rossi (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)

No French Mass [French Mass will be held on Sunday 28th July at 4:00pm](#)

Mass 5:30pm For baby Jones and his parents - for baby's health
and Emma Martin (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Monday, July 22nd - Saint Mary Magdalene

Mass 9:15am German De Penha & Gladys Sylvia (*Remembrance* ✚)
and For the healing and health of Michael De Penha

Tuesday, July 23rd

Mass 9:15am Mary Arokianathar (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Beverley Deabe (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Wednesday, July 24th

Mass 9:15am Anthony Joseph Domingo (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Thanksgiving in honour of St. Charbel Maklouf and
Thanksgiving to St. Christina of Bolsena

Thursday, July 25th - Saint James

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 60th Anniversary of Ordination of
Fr. Michael Shadbolt

Friday, July 26th - Saints Joachim and Anne

Mass 9:15am Maurice Domingo (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and For: Reginald, Marino and Preet - to bring them closer to
God

Saturday, July 27th

Mass 9:15am For God's blessing upon Aleesha on this day of her
First Holy Communion
and For the complete healing and recovery of Francis, Peter
Shaw-Dennis and Gameel

Saturday Vigil, July 27th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm For the repose of the soul of Michele Martyn ✚
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 28th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving on the 60th Anniversary of Ordination of
Fr. Michael Shadbolt
4:00pm [French Mass](#)
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, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwist, Carmela Fato

The recently deceased:

Andja Spoljaric, Ellie Arthur, Simon Watson, Ivy Savannah, Noeline Wilson, Christine Sethapathi, Anastasia, Rosalinda Velasco, Giovanni Mete

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Maureen Francois, James O'Shea, Beverley Deabe

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 27

Linda and Family

Saturday, August 3

Moses family, Vincent, Mary and Rebecca

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 27

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, July 28

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, August 3

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, August 4

8:30am D. Naidoo

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Shanthaiah will be on his annual leave from August 6th until September 13th.

Priests have been organised to attend to the sacraments during his absence.

Please ask the officiating priest for their availability to hear confession.

Fr. Shanthaiah has asked for you to please keep him in your prayers.

Thank you.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 22 to Saturday, July 27, 2024

Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go to My brothers and tell them: I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw glory of the risen Christ, I saw His empty tomb. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The love of Christ impels us, so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised.

Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 23

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us Your mercy and love.

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 Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 24

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of Your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 25 - Saint James

Entrance Antiphon: As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother mending their nets and He called them.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go out and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.

Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 26 - Saints Joachim and Anne

Entrance Antiphon: Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave Him who was a blessing for all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.

Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 27

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Receive and submit to the word planted in you; it can save your souls. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.