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Confession: From August 5th -September 14th, Confession will only be heard on a Saturday after Mass until 10:30am. On a weekday, please ask the priest officiating their availability. Thank you.

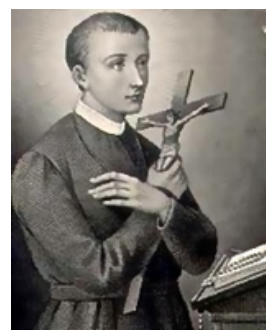
Parish Secretary: Sinthia Stellato (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday) **Office closed Friday 6 September**

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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"

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) - September 1, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

First Reading - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading - James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father gave us birth by His message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of His creation. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Until September 14th, Confession will *only* be heard on a Saturday after the Mass until 10:30am.

On weekdays, Fr. Michael will be available to hear confession however, if another priest is officiating, please ask their availability. Thank you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you considering becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? The RCIA program prepares adults to become Catholic and will be commencing at St Gerard's in October. For more information, please contact the office on 9792 4422 or dandenongnorth@cam.org.au.

Safeguarding Sunday, 8th September 2024 - "Every Conversation Matters."

The Parish of St. Gerard's and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

St Elizabeth's Parish are delighted to announce that their Church Dinner & Dance will be held on Saturday, **21st September 2024!** Please save the date to celebrate this epic event together. Your participation is crucial in making this a memorable occasion and supporting our wonderful community! Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Please note that the Parish office will be closed on **Friday, 6th September**. The Church will be locked after the morning Mass on this day. Please use the Adoration Chapel for private prayer. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Radio Maria Australia is a Catholic radio station bringing Christ into your every day! Our station broadcasts 24/7, with interesting and inspiring shows and podcasts, daily masses and Rosary prayers, and a variety of positive music - all to foster faith, hope and God's love. You can tune in live via: www.RadioMaria.org.au Digital Radio: 202.928.

40 Days For Life are holding a World Day Against Abortion event on Saturday 7th September at St. Philip's Catholic Parish, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North. Details in flyers in the entrance or www.trybooking.com/CUGWI. The speakers booked promise to make this an event worth attending. We hope to see you there! 40 Days for Life will be running again this year from 25th September to 3rd November. We are looking for volunteers and a sign-up drive is happening on Sunday 8th September – please look out for the 40DFL sign up sheet in the foyer and add your name to the volunteer list or ask about what's involved <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne>

The Archbishop's Campaign - An invitation from the Archbishop

'Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as the first disciples responded to Jesus' invitation to "Come, follow Me" and with Him grow the early Church, so too are we called to continue this vital and life-giving work today. To do this, we have this year streamlined our approach to fundraising by moving to just one annual campaign for the purposes of the Archdiocese.

Your contribution to this campaign supports the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese and helps build the community of faith in the future. Thank you for your generosity and support. Yours in Christ, Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne.'

The focus of this year's campaign is support for the formation of new priests and for the care of retired priests - those who have served the community of faith in the past and those who will do so in the future.

Collections will be taken up after each Mass. There is also a QR code to scan and donate directly (please see the bulletin board).

Alternatively, there are pledge cards in the foyer of the Church for you to fill in, and return in the postage paid envelope supplied. For more information or, to donate online, please visit melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign.

Thank you for your support of the Archbishop's Campaign.

God and Beer - Topic: The Eastern Catholic Churches with Speaker, Fr Collin Nunis to be held on Monday, 9th September at 6.30pm. Dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. Cost is free. For tickets visit: GodandBeer.com.au.

Many Catholics are unaware that the Catholic Church contains many 'churches' or rites in addition to the Roman Catholic Church (aka Latin Rite). These are often referred to as the Eastern Catholic Churches. Some of the more well-known of these are the Byzantine, Maronite, Melkite and Syro-Malabar. United in faith and in unity with the Pope, these Eastern Catholic Churches often have different rites of the Mass, some married priests and distinctive customs all while maintaining full communion with the Catholic Church and possessing the fullness of the Catholic faith. Due to recent waves of immigration from Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East, these Catholics have also become a significant part of the Catholic Church in Australia.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, August 31 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm For Holy Souls in Purgatory

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

Mass 8:30am Sister Benedicta Nunes RSCJ (*Recently Deceased* ✙)
and Chol Deng (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving Mass - Zilah Martin
and Pasquale Isabella Snr and Pasquale Isabella and
Tiodoro Ricci (*Remembrance* ✙)

12:00pm *Congratulations to Baby Vaeda James Marcellino
and family on your Baptism*

Mass 5:30pm For Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday, September 2

Mass 9:15am For justice and peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine

Tuesday, September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great

Mass 9:15am Lakmani Siriwardene & Dorothy Siriwardene
(*Remembrance on their birthday* ✙)

Wednesday, September 4

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Thursday, September 5

Mass 9:15am For the repose of the soul of Victor Jayamaha ✙

**Friday, September 6 - Please note; office is closed today and the Church will
be locked after the morning Mass.**

Mass 9:15am Intention of Thanksgiving

Saturday, September 7

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 1:00pm French Mass in Honour of Blessed Fr. Laval

Saturday Vigil, September 7 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Lorraine Benjamin (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 8 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni from
Isabelle and Christelle D'Vaz

Mass 10:30am Mervin Chamerette (*Recently Deceased* ✙)
and Thanksgiving Mass for the Ave Maria Rosary Group
and all the deceased members of their families
and Brigadier Flavian D'Lima (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 12:00pm Tamil Mass in honour of Our Lady of Vailankanni

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, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Ron Jabke, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwest, Carmela Fato, Lawton Ho, Pierina Nogarin, Maria Milicia

The recently deceased:

Lorraine Benjamin, Sr. Benedicta Nunes RSCJ, Chol Deng, Pascoale Fernandes, Flavian D'Lima, Hetty Benker, Charles Aquilina

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Pasquale Isabella Senior, Pasquale Isabella, Tiodoro Ricci, Mary Petersen

Church Cleaning

Saturday, September 7

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, September 14

Linda and Family

Reading Roster

Saturday, September 7

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, September 8

8:30am M. Naidoo

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, September 14

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, September 15

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

God our Father,

In Your wisdom and love You have created us and called us Your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them Your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (source - nolacatholic.org)



Daily Antiphons - Monday, September 2 to Saturday, September 7, 2024

Monday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 2

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love Your commands.

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

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed Gregory, raised upon the throne of Peter, sought always the beauty of the Lord and lived in celebration of that love.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is just in all His ways.

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

Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 4

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent Me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 5

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow Me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of My people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

Friday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 6

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: The salvation of the just comes from 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: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

Saturday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 7

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.