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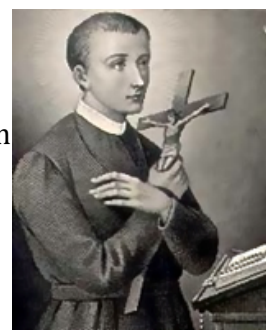
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) - September 15, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

First Reading - Isaiah 50: 5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading - James 2: 14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel Reading - Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

March for Babies will be held on Saturday, 12 October at 1pm. A bus will be leaving from St. Gerard's at 11am. If you are interested in coming along, please leave an envelope at the piety stall with your name and contact number. The cost is \$10 per family/person and \$5 for pensioners. Please come and support this very worthy cause as every life matters. For further information please contact Maree on 0407 762 057.

Parish Office hours - amendment:

Please note amended parish office hours from September 25th until October 29th during Sinthia's annual leave. During these dates, the office will be open to visit *only* on a Monday and Thursday between 10am and 2:00pm. Please email any requests or queries to dandenongnorth@cam.org.au. Thank you.

On the 21st & 22nd of September there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.



Resurrection Parish - 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough, are Celebrating 50 Years of Worship & Service on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September, at all Masses - Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 9 & 11am. **BOOK LAUNCH:** 50 years of memories (\$25.00 copy). INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT following 11am Mass With multicultural food delights for purchase. All welcome... special invite to past parishioners.

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.

Catholic Theological College - Sign up for one or more short, online presentations. Engaging Your Faith: October 2024. Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekends here in Victoria. 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 and with tools to help keep the passion alive. 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 We are also offering a weekend in Trafalgar, Gippsland on November 16 -17th, 2024. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Following the Messiah: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see John 6:15).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see Daniel 7:13-14). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see John 18:36). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see Galatians 5:6).

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel. Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 14 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Filomena Giuliani (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Darryl Williams (*40th day Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 15 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Daniel Thomas Milloy (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Victor Jayamaha (*Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Prayer of thanksgiving & for the Souls in Purgatory

Monday, September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus, Holy Spirit and
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

and Maria Milicia (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Tuesday, September 17

Mass 9:15am Gerardo Imbriano (*Remembrance* ✚)

Wednesday, September 18

Mass 9:15am Maureen Francois (*Remembrance* ✚)

Thursday, September 19

Mass 9:15am Anna Pradel (*First Year Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Ratika & Family (*Thanksgiving*)

Friday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gōn, Paul Chōng Ha-Sang & Companions

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus, Holy Spirit and
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, September 21 - Saint Matthew

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving for blessings - the D'Silva Family

Saturday, September 21 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm For the Soul of Jerry Rodrigues (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Hervé and Suzanne Latouche (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 22 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Hyacinth Ludwick (*5th Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Daisy Hart (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 5:30pm Edna & Roy DeKauwe (*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, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Ron Jabke, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwest, Carmela Fato, Lawton Ho, Pierina Nogarín, Marie Talary

The recently deceased:

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

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Daniel Thomas Milloy, Giovanni Marotta, Filomena Giuliani, Jessica Cabral

Church Cleaning

Saturday, September 21

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary,
Rebecca

Saturday, September 28

Legion of Mary & J. Okoduwa

Reading Roster

Saturday, September 21

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, September 22

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, September 28

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, September 29

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm L. Hector

Confession will resume its usual hours and days from Tuesday, 17th September.

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.

Please see www.stgerards.org.au for updates.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, September 16 to Saturday, September 21, 2024

Monday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian

Entrance Antiphon: The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of Him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes again.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: It is You who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 17

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: We are His people: the sheep of His flock.

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

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 18

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

Thursday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 19

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gōn, Paul Chōng Ha-Sang and Companions

Entrance Antiphon: The blood of the holy Martyrs was poured out for Christ upon the earth; therefore they have gained everlasting rewards.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, when Your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who acknowledges Me before others I will acknowledge before My heavenly Father, says the Lord.

Saturday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 21 - Saint Matthew

Entrance Antiphon: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Their message goes out through all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are God: we praise You; You are the Lord: we acclaim You; the glorious company of apostles praise You. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: I did not come to call the just, but sinners, says the Lord.