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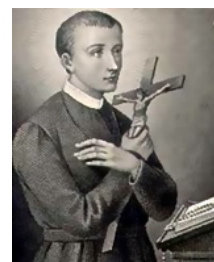
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings for Mass (Year B) November 24, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading - Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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

Second Reading - Revelation 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - John 18: 33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

THANKSGIVING OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your involvement in the Parish Offertory Giving program. It has been so encouraging to see such a large number of pledge cards being returned to our parish office. Thank you to everyone who handed in their cards. You are welcome to commence or amend your pledge today.

We are now in the follow up week where we will be seeking any pledges which haven't been returned. If you haven't already done so, you are encouraged to carefully consider your offering and return your pledge cards to the parish office or into any of mass collections any of mass collections.

New envelopes will be available for collection mid December. We will advise you when they are ready.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Prayer to St Gerard Majella

Great protector of the family, St Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love Him with all their hearts.



We ask you to pray also that those who take the lives of unborn innocents and attack the dignity of motherhood, may come to see the error of their ways, and that all may value the true holiness of Christian family life.

God, our loving Father, Your love gives life to the world. Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife.

May Your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

RCIA PROGRAM - SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED

Join us Sundays 9:30am – 11am in the Majellan room for a 20 week exploration of the richness of the Catholic faith through a video presentation featuring Dr Edward Sri. This week's theme is "THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE LIFE OF GRACE: God's Divine Life Within Us" and next week we explore "WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH?: The Mystery of the Catholic Church." Contact: Jeff Zaher 0477188883. All are welcome.

ROSARY FOR LIFE!

Rosary for Life begins this Sunday, the 24th November after the 8.30am Mass. All welcome.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. GERARD'S - FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 7:00PM TO 8:30PM

We will be holding an evening of Reconciliation (Confessions) on Friday, 20th December from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. Priests are available for individual confessions. Confession will not be held on Saturday, 21st December and will re-commence after Christmas. We will advise you of other parish confession times in the next bulletin.

PIETY STALL

God's Word 2025 is now available at the piety stall. This book has the readings for every day, a small reflection and space to put your own personal thoughts. It makes a great Christmas gift at \$20.00. Divine Mercy and Columbian Calendars are available at \$11.00 each, but we have limited stock. Advent candle sets may be purchased for \$9, just in time for Advent. Christmas cards available for \$4.00 for a pack of 6. All proceeds go to the good work of St Vincent De Paul, Dandenong North.

ENTRY TO CHURCH CARPARK

The entries to and from the school carpark have had gates installed for security reasons. These gates will be open from 6:30am and will close every day at 8:00pm. Please ensure to leave the carpark well prior to this time. Thank you.

Congratulations to the following children upon receiving their First Reconciliation:

Miriam Chua, Levi Joseph, Sebastian Mazzotta, Xavier Sugrue, Matheo Thomas

Congratulations also to the following children receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday:

Xavier Bo, Thien Dang, Xian Dayanghirang, Hayden Francis, Yllejandra Plavijanac

We pray that these children will grow and increase in faith and love of our Lord.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO READ THOMAS AQUINAS?

The Melbourne Thomistic Institute in Camberwell is offering a series of short modules designed to introduce you to the thought of Thomas Aquinas and gradually take you through his Summa Theologiae. After a successful start this year, the series will start again early in 2025. For more information, pick up a leaflet in the Church foyer, or go to www.mti.op.org.au

ADVENT REFLECTION

Advent Reflection will commence on Tuesday, 3rd December after the 9:15am Mass, meeting in the Majellan Hall. Cost for the booklet is a donation of your choice. The group will meet Tuesday, 3rd December, Tuesday 10th December and conclude Tuesday 17th December. All are welcome.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, November 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe

Mass 5:30pm Regina Mira (*First Year Death Anniversary* ✚)
and For the repose of the souls of Ralph Latouche and
Josianne & Jacques Rosette (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, November 24 - Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe

Mass 8:30am For the repose of the soul of Burty François ✚
and Ravinia Delpeche (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Salvatore Messina (*6 month Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Antonino, Filippa and Sebastian Virgulto (*Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Welcome Rite Blessing for Baptisms

First Holy Communion

Glen Nicolay (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and Deceased members of the family of Heather Fernandes ✚

and Regina Mira (*First Year Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 5:30pm Repose of deceased souls of the Daniels & Anthony Family ✚

and Thanksgiving Mass to St. Gerard and St. Joseph

Monday, November 25

Mass 9:15am For the Abandoned souls ✚

and Thanksgiving on the 99th Birthday of Judy Goddard

and Mary Adolphus (*Remembrance* ✚)

Tuesday, November 26

Mass 9:15am Robert Hanson (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Hedley Simonet (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and Fabian Nazareth (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Wednesday, November 27

Mass 9:15am Lise Donaldson (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Ruby D'Souza (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and For the souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 28

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 50th Birthday of Betty

and Deanna Donaldson (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Maria Leta Sequeira (*Months Mind Death Anniversary* ✚)

Friday, November 29

Mass 9:15am Gerry Rebeiro (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and For the repose of the souls of Antonette & Charles Henry

Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Maurice Blom (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Saturday, November 30 - Saint Andrew

Mass 9:15am Ross Knight (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Saturday Vigil, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

Mass 5:30pm Mavis Mantel (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and For the repose of the souls of the Martin Family
(*Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30am For the repose of the soul of Burty François ✚

and Repose of the Soul of P.K Sebastian (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Glen Nicolay (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and Anton & Stefanja Los (*Remembrance* ✚)

12:00pm *Baptism Congratulations to Sofia Occhietti, Mia Metz, Lucas
Parisi, Xavier Parisi.*

God bless you and your families today and always.

Mass 5:30pm Repose of deceased souls of the D'Sousa Family ✚

and Sabato Leone (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Please pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeanne Joseph, Maria Oblak, 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, Christine Joseph, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwist, Carmela Fato, Pierina Nogarin, Marie Talary, Gabby, Una Martin, Roma Walles, Barbara Adolphus, Jasmine Jimenez, Francis Salmon

Please note: the sick list will be updated on December 1st. Please contact the Parish office before November 29 to advise if you wish a name to remain on this list. Thank you.*

The recently deceased:

Glen Nicolay, Marguerite Valery, Burty François, Maria Leta Sequeira, Pierre Lindsay Clark, George Tour

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Regina Mira, Salvatore Messina, Antonio, Filippa and Sebastian Virgulto, Bridghet Lobo, Faustina Desa, Rudy Watts, Egizia Plutino, Patricia O'Shea

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 30

J. Mackie & Ratika & Family

Saturday, December 7

Q. Roland, X. Fernando & T. Bui

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 30

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, December 1

8:30am M. Naidoo

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, December 7

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, December 8

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Daily Antiphons - Monday, November 25 to Saturday, November 30, 2024

Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 25

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Tuesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 26

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 27

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Great and wonderful are all Your works, Lord, mighty God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Thursday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 28

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 29

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Here God lives among His people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 30 - Saint Andrew

Entrance Antiphon: Beside the sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and He said to them: Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men.

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

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

Communion Antiphon: Andrew told his brother Simon: We have found the Messiah, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus.