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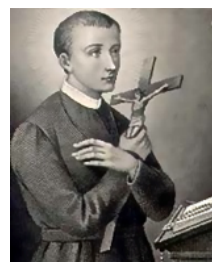
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Third Sunday of Advent - Readings for Mass (Year C) December 15, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading - Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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 - Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection in the Church Foyer.

Thank you for your continued support of our Church and Parish.

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

ROSARY FOR LIFE!

Rosary for Life continues this Sunday, after the 8.30am Mass. All welcome.

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

There will be an evening of Reconciliation held 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 recommence after Christmas.

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED returning Sunday 19 January at 9:30am.

RCIA is now on break over Christmas and will be returning Sunday 19 January. Contact: Jeff Zaher 0477188883.

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.

Please note that the School/Church car park gates will be locked after the Masses during the holidays. From Wednesday, 25th December until Mid January, the gates will be locked after all Masses.

'MARRIAGE' WITH MATT AND CAMERON FRADD @ ACU, MELBOURNE

Join internationally renowned speakers Matt and Cameron Fradd for an evening filled with inspiration, joy and practical wisdom on marriage. Whether you're single, engaged, newly married, or have been together for decades, this event will provide insights, encouragement and laughs for everyone. **Venue:** Cathedral Hall, ACU, Fitzroy. **Time** 6pm-9.30pm and **Date** Thursday 6th February. **Tickets and Details:** GodandBeer.com.au. **Cost:** \$30 adults / \$20 concession / Free for children under 10 and priests and religious. Tickets include live music and BBQ dinner.

ADVENT REFLECTION

Advent Reflection will conclude on Tuesday, 17th December after the 9:15am Mass, in the Majellan Hall.



St. Gerard's Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, 24th December, 2024

5:30pm - Christmas Family Mass

7:00pm - Maronite Mass

11:30pm - Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25th December

8.30am and 10.30am Mass

Please note: No evening Mass on Christmas day.

Thursday 26th, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th December, Mass at 9:15am

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Saturday 28th December Vigil 5:30pm and

Sunday 29th December Mass held at 8:30am, 10:30am, and 5:30pm

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, 1st January 2025 - 9:15am Mass (No evening Mass)

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

Mass 5:30pm Marguerite Valery (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Lilia Amoranto (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30am Marguerite Valery (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni &
St. Anthony
and Elodie Kathalea Gaspard (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Joseph Wright (*First Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Glen Nicolay (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Giovanni, Brigida & Giuseppe Cardamone and
Antonio & Angelina Sacco (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni
and Fiore Mete (*32nd Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm For the soul of Gamiel Wasif ✚ and Thanksgiving
to Jesus and Mary for favour received
and Showri Bhagyam Durgam Kakumanu
(*7th Death Anniversary* ✚)

Monday, December 16

Mass 9:15am Burty François (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Darryl Williams (*Remembrance* ✚)

Tuesday, December 17

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Michele Martyn (*Remembrance* ✚)
and For the health and healing of Cheryl Bride
10:30am Funeral for Aldo Rosario Provenzano ✚

Wednesday, December 18

Mass 9:15am Margaret Karmarkar (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Thanksgiving Mass - Claris Sebastianpillai

Thursday, December 19

Mass 9:15am Anton Ratnayake (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Terry Flynn

Friday, December 20

Mass 9:15am Beverley Deabe (*3rd Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Winston Muller (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

7:00pm-8:30pm **Evening of Reconciliation**

Saturday, December 21

No confessions will be heard today

Mass 9:15am Winston Muller (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Saturday Vigil, December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass 5:30pm Bruno Macri (*7th Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Giuseppe Macri (*1st Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30am Marguerite Valery (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Elodie Kathalea Gaspard (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Private Intention of Thanksgiving
and Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Jordan Fernando

Mass 5:30pm For the repose of the soul of Mercy Xavier ✚

Please pray for...

Our sick: Lovett Dos Remedios,
Heather Fernandez, Steven &
Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman,
Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas,
Giuseppina Bonato, Anne
Moorthy, Jasmine Jimenez, Nick
& Katrina, Stella Joseph

The recently deceased:

Fabian Nazareth, Carmen Felicia
Nanayakkara, Winston Muller,
Mervin Joseph Nathan, Letinic
Jakou, Nikola Vukmirovic, Elodie
Kathalea Gaspard, Aldo Rosario
Provenzano

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Mercy Xavier, Joseph Wright,
Fiore Mete, Lilia Amaranto,
Joseph Gerald Marmion, Lindsay
Clark, Henry Beling, Vincent
Mico Moutou

Christmas Readers

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass

5:30pm G. Van Hees

Midnight M. & D. Naidoo

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am J. Panicker

**Please note: NO EVENING
MASS on Christmas Day**

Church Cleaning

Saturday, December 21

L. Vanculenburg & Family

Saturday, December 28

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary &
Rebecca

Reading Roster

Saturday, December 21

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, December 22

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm B. Collins

Saturday, December 28

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, December 29

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm L. Hector

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

Monday of the Third Week of Advent - December 16

Entrance Antiphon: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no longer fear.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before You with a blameless heart.

Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent - December 17

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth, for our Lord will come to show mercy to His poor.

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: teach us to walk in the paths of knowledge! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come, and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.

Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent - December 18

Entrance Antiphon: Christ our King is coming, He is the Lamb foretold by John.

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Leader of ancient Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: rescue us with Your mighty power. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: His name will be called Emmanuel, which means God-with-us.

Thursday of the Third Week of Advent - December 19

Entrance Antiphon: He who is to come will come and will not delay, and now there will be no fear within our land, for He is our Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Fill me with Your praise, and I will sing Your glory!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Flower of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all His people: save us without delay! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Dawn from on high will visit us, guiding our feet in the way of peace.

Friday of the Third Week of Advent - December 20

Entrance Antiphon: A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse, and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth, and all flesh will see the salvation of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom: free the prisoners of darkness! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Angel said to Mary: Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

Saturday of the Third Week of Advent - December 21

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and His name will be called Emmanuel, because He will be God-with-us.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song to Him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Emmanuel God's presence among us, our King, our Judge: save us, Lord our God! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are you who have believed, that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

