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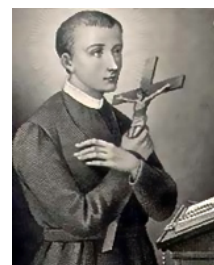
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - 19 January 2025

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

First Reading - Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim His marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Gospel - John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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.

Rosary for Life continues after the 8:30am Mass. Everyone is welcome to join every Sunday and pray a Rosary devoted to babies in danger of abortion. Together, let's pray to end abortion.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained returns this Sunday 19 January at 9:30am in the Majellan room where we will explore Catholic teaching through a video presentation featuring Dr Edward Sri exploring the topic, 'The Last Things: What happens after we die?.' Contact: Jeff Zaher 0477 188 883. All are welcome.

Please note; Fr. Shanthaiah will be visiting his family in India on his Jubilee year from Monday 3rd February and will return on Thursday 20th February.

Fr. Michael, Fr Martin and Fr Raju will celebrate Masses in his absence.



Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday, 14th January, Father Shanthaiah begins celebrating his 40th Ordination Jubilee Year.

The Mass on the 14th January was con-celebrated by Father Raju, Father Sebastian and Father Devaraj.

Fr Shanthaiah is most grateful to everyone for their well-wishes and congratulations. He will be celebrating this milestone later this year with his St. Gerard's Family. Thank you to all who assisted in helping Fr Shanthaiah celebrate this very special day.



FROM LEFT: FR. RAJU, FR. SHANTHAIAH, FR. SEBASTIAN AND FR. DEVARAJ

In the Wedding : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of "epiphanies." The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God.

Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel's promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism.

This week we're at a wedding. We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare Genesis 2:23–24 and Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17)?

Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading.

When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see Jeremiah 2:20–36; 3:1–13). But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see Hosea 2:18–22).

That's why in today's Gospel Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast.

Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see John 3:29), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see Matthew 22:1–14). By His New Covenant, He will become "one flesh" with all humanity in the Church (see Ephesians 5:21–33). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see 2 Corinthians 11:2).

The new wine that Jesus pours out at today's feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today's Epistle says. This is the "salvation" announced to the "families of nations" in today's Psalm.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Mr & Mrs Anthony Pool (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Mr & Mrs Roger Raffaut (*Remembrance* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Elodie Kathalea Gaspard (*Recently Deceased* ✙)
and Special Intention

Mass 10:30am Francesca Campisano
(*First Year Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Joseph D'Costa (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Angelo Pane (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Monday, January 20

Mass 9:15am Grenville Francis (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Maria Milicia (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

Tuesday, January 21 - Saint Agnes

Mass 9:15am Anthony Denis Domingo (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Lily Anne Mary Alfred (*25th Death Anniversary* ✙)

Wednesday, January 22

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Thursday, January 23

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Friday, January 24 - Saint Francis De Sales

Mass 9:15am Alexander Lourdunathan (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Intention - for Healing

Saturday, January 25 - The Conversion of Saint Paul

Mass 9:15am Ivan Skoblar (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✙)

Saturday Vigil, January 25 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, January 26 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Elodie Kathalea Gaspard (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Welcome Rite Blessing - Congratulations to the following children who will be baptised next weekend: *Amelia Laurretta, Jaziel Hosana Jagon and Lenny Makris*

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

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, Ricky & Katrina, Stella Joseph, Amber Bulte, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau

The recently deceased:

Joelle Lebrasse, Serge David, Gerry Duff, Guida Maria DaCosta Borges, Gina Caglioti, Rose Poss, Joseph D'Costa, Fr. Bruno Carrera, Louisa D'Silva

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Francesca Campisano, Maria Milicia, Peter O'Shea, Angelo Pane

Church Cleaning

Saturday, January 25

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday, February 1

Knights of the Southern Cross

Reading Roster

Saturday, January 25

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, January 26

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, February 1

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, February 2

8:30am D. Naidoo

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm L. Hector

Volunteers Needed!

We require volunteers to please assist with morning tea after the Sunday, 10:30am Mass. Should you be able to help, please email the office dandenongnorth@cam.org.au We also require more volunteers to assist with Church Cleaning. If you can please help with cleaning, we would be most grateful.

'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. The event begins at 6pm with live music and dinner in St Mary of the Cross Square. **Venue:** Cathedral Hall, ACU, Fitzroy. **Date:** Thursday 6th February from 6pm-9.30pm. **Tickets:** GodandBeer.com.au **Cost:** \$30 adults / \$20 concession / Free for children under 10. Tickets include live music and simple dinner.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, January 20 to Saturday, January 25, 2025

Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - January 20

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - January 21 - Saint Agnes

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed is the Virgin who by denying herself and taking up her cross imitated the Lord, the spouse of virgins and prince of martyrs.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will remember His covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

Wednesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - January 22

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - January 23

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His Gospel. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Friday Second Week in Ordinary Time - January 24 - Saint Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Responsorial Psalm: Kindness and truth shall meet.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Saturday Second Week in Ordinary Time - January 25 - The Conversion of Saint Paul

Entrance Antiphon: I know the one in whom I have believed and I am sure that He, the just judge, the mighty, will keep safe what is my due until that day.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

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

Communion Antiphon: I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given Himself up for me.

