



St George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh

Our Parish

4th Sunday after the Glorious Cross and
Feast of the Holy Rosary

Sunday 6th October 2024

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The Gospel

Matt 24: 45-51

'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Season of the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

5th Sunday after the
Glorious Cross

Old Testament
Reading

Song 5: 2-8

Epistle

Phil 2: 12-18

Gospel

Matt 25: 1-13

الإنجيل

متى ٢٤ : ٤٥ - ٥١

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ هُوَ الْعَبْدُ
الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ
عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ
فِي حِينِهِ؟ طُوبَى لِدَلِكِ الْعَبْدِ
الَّذِي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا
هَكَذَا! الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ
عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُمْتَلِكَاتِهِ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ
قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الشَّرِيرُ فِي قَلْبِهِ:
سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي! وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ
رِفَاقَهُ، وَيَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ مَعَ
السَّكَّارِينَ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ
الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي
سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيَفْصِلُهُ،
وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْمُرَائِينَ. هُنَاكَ
يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرِيفُ الْأَسْنَانِ.

Divine Liturgy and Services

Sundays: 9:00am (Arabic), 11:00am (Arabic/English), 6:00pm (English)

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:00am

Wednesdays – Saturdays: 6:00pm

Confessions: By Appointment

Sick Visits: Contact Clergy or the Parish Office (contact details below)

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Bishops Message

Year of Prayer

Fourth Sunday of the Cross and Feast of the Holy Rosary

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In October, the Maronite Church, alongside the Universal Church, celebrates the Month of the Rosary. For Maronites, this devotion is not merely a tradition, but a reflection of the love and relationship we share with the Virgin Mary, who holds a central place in our faith and spirituality. The Rosary, with its focus on the life of Christ and His Blessed Mother, invites us to contemplate the mysteries of salvation.

The Maronites' special connection to the Virgin Mary is rooted both in history and in daily life. From the earliest days of Christianity in Lebanon, Mary has been revered as a mother, an intercessor, and a protector of the faithful. Churches and shrines dedicated to her can be found in every village and town, where the faithful turn to her for guidance, protection, and comfort. The Maronite Liturgy is filled with hymns, prayers, and meditations that honour her. Among these devotions, the Rosary has become one of the most cherished, bringing generations together in prayer and uniting us with Mary in her maternal care.

The Rosary was introduced to Lebanon in 1580 when Pope Gregory XIII sent Jesuit missionaries, Fathers Giovanni Battista Eliano and John Bruno, to Lebanon. They brought with them the Rosary and introduced it to the Maronites who quickly embraced this new form of prayer.

The simplicity and accessibility of the Rosary, combined with its rich mysteries, made it a beloved practice, uniting the people in their devotion to Mary and drawing them closer to Christ through His Mother.

In times of trial, persecution, and hardship, Maronites have turned to Mary through the Rosary as a source of strength, protection, and hope. In this time, as the war in Lebanon and throughout the region continues to escalate and threaten the lives of many innocent people, we offer our prayers for the gift of peace. We trust that, through the power of the Rosary and Mary's maternal love, hearts can be softened, and paths of reconciliation can be found.

Aid to Lebanon

The second plate collections at all Maronite parishes this weekend will be dedicated to supporting the Lebanese fleeing their homes, especially from South Lebanon. Funds will go towards providing them with basic humanitarian needs (food, medicine, clothing, and shelter) through charitable organisations working on the ground. I thank you for your support to this appeal.

Prayer Gathering for Peace

In collaboration with the Australasian-Middle East Christian Apostolic Churches (AMEC), I have invited all clergy and religious sisters to a Prayer Gathering for Peace in Lebanon and the whole world on Wednesday, 9 October 2024, from 2:30 to 3:30pm at Beit Maroun, Strathfield.

In this month of the Rosary, let us keep praying that the war may cease and peace returns to Lebanon, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lebanon.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Reflection of the Week:

"To Work"

To work is fundamental to us, not only to earn an income but it also provides us with opportunity to develop our skills, work as a team, and engage in social networking, among other things. Today's Gospel acknowledges the importance of work and commitment to our tasks.

In the Gospel passage we read that one of the workers (slave) is 'put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time' (v45). One can see this job description as either something menial or of great importance. The slave is there to basically dish out the meal to the other slaves at lunch time. He may be a cook or kitchenhand or simply serves the meal. On the other hand, we can see the job as something very essential – feeding those who are hungry, sustaining and nourishing them with the basic necessity of food.

What we do is important, but we need to be convinced of it. If we feel our work and our efforts, have no meaning or purpose, then we put little effort into doing it. What is the 'why' of our doing?

The Gospel passage makes it clear we need to embrace work, do what should be done and give meaning to the daily but necessary chores that we do. God calls us to make meaning out of our lives and in service to others. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn mshf

Supporting the Lebanese Fleeing the South

The second plate collections during the feast of the HOLY ROSARY VIGILS ON SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER, AND MASSES ON SUNDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2024 is to be dedicated to supporting the Lebanese fleeing the South, providing them with basic humanitarian needs (food, medicine, clothing, and shelter).

Please keep praying for war cease and peace return to Lebanon, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lebanon.

حملة لدعم اللبنانيين النازحين من الجنوب

سيتم تخصيص التبرعات في الصبحون الثانية لعيد الوردية المقدسة في كل القداسات يومي السبت و الأحد ٥ و ٦ تشرين الاول ٢٠٢٤ لدعم اللبنانيين النازحين من الجنوب وتوفير احتياجاتهم الإنسانية الأساسية من الطعام، الدواء، الملابس، والمأوى.

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**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2025
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22 JULY - 11 AUGUST 2025

For all Maronite Youth, Adults & Families, join our Australian Maronite WYD 2025 Group to experience an unforgettable faith journey with God's Grace as we travel to Paris, Lourdes and Rome with Monsignor Shora Maree. Join us as we join Pope Francis with Youth, Adults and Families from all over the world in Rome, a mini World Youth Day where Pilgrims will obtain a plenary indulgence and are able to enter Saint Peter's Basilica by the holy door, experiencing a deep pilgrimage to Rome at a very special time.



OPTIONAL | PRE AND POST TRIPS

- Youth Convention in Lebanon | Pre WYD | 17th - 27th July 2025
- Our Lady of Medjugorje (Bosnia and Croatia) | 10th - 15th August 2025



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THE MODESTY TALK:
A Modern Virtue

7:30 PM
13th October, 2024
Church Hall

Presented by Francis Tamer

PARISH WORKING BEE

We require as many volunteers as possible to help clean our church and improve it's maintenance.

Saturday 26th October 2024
Starting @ 7:00am

For more information, please contact the Parish Office

ROSARY NIGHT

EVERY MONDAY
7.30PM

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." - Blessed Pope Pius IX.

Maronite Ladies of the Gospel present

A Fashion Show
Featuring Designers of Lebanese Origin

When: Tuesday 29 October 2024
Time: 11.30am
Where: Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral Church Hall
Cost: \$120.00 per person (Includes Lunch & Refreshments)

Join Us for an Incredible Day of Fun, Fashion, Raffles & Entertainment

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Maronite Ladies of the Gospel Spiritual Day

The Maronite Ladies of the Gospel warmly invite you to a Spiritual Day Retreat at Beit Maroun, Strathfield, on Wednesday 9 October 2024.

Arrival is at 9am, with the program beginning at 9:30am with Holy Mass, followed by a spiritual talk by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay.

The day will also include a spiritual workshop, the Rosary, and Benediction, concluding at 2pm.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes morning tea and lunch.

Please book by 1 October 2024.

For bookings and inquiries, contact Noelle at 0433 373 720, Shirley Wehbe at 0409 330 028 or Salwa Bader at 0410 466 773.

Memorial Masses

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| Sunday 13 th Oct 2024 | 11am | 1 Year Mass for the Late Koana Zouein | قداس السنة المرحومة كونا زوين | ١١ :٠٠ | الاحد ١٣ ت ٢٠٢٤ |
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Congratulations to the Newly Baptised: Sophia Louise Baissari

Parish Financial Updates

Parish Income (fortnight 30/09/2024 – 13/10/2024)
TBA

Parish Operations Account
\$66,185.02

Parish Loan Balance
\$376,144.95

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