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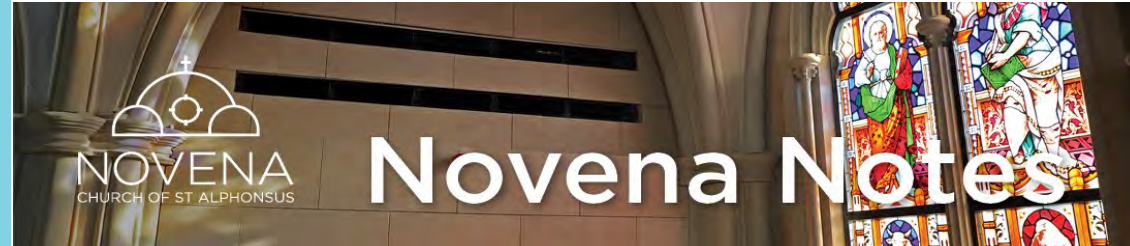
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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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For many are called, but few are chosen

The Lord is generous and calls us to His banquet daily. He wants to feed us with the best – Himself so that we will never go hungry again. He will wipe away every tear and destroy Death forever. We can only begin to understand these mysteries when we respond to His call faithfully.

In this Sunday's gospel reading from Matthew 22: 1- 14, Jesus relates the parable of the King's invitation to everyone to attend his son's wedding. We hear the different responses. Some prioritised other activities over the wedding invitation, while others maltreated and even killed his servants. The King then sent his servants to the crossroads to invite everyone else. They collected the good and the bad alike and brought them to the wedding hall. The King went to the wedding hall and found a man without a wedding garment and threw him out into the dark.

What is Jesus teaching us here? God calls everyone. He wants to share His great love and mercy with everyone. But each one of us has been given the free will to respond. Some are distracted by worldly concerns and deprioritise the Lord's invitation. We may not have farms or run a business but we have other interests and hobbies that may take away our time. I am guilty of spending too much time on the social media, sometimes scrolling mindlessly on feeds that the search engine had personalised for me. Instead of spending quiet time reflecting on the word and listening to Him, I spend an inordinate amount of time watching C-drama, exercise and healthy recipe feeds.

The gospel reading reminds me of the importance of faithfulness and discipline so that I can work towards to be one of "the chosen". Our late priest Fr Simon Pereira was one such fine example. He continued to respond and serve the people of God till the end. He consistently reminded us that God loved us like crazy and in response should we not do the same. He lived with fire and zeal for God.

What about us? Do we run towards God or away from God when circumstances change?

Recently, my friend lost her mother unexpectedly and it was a huge blow to her. She was deeply grieved and shocked. Instead of blaming God for taking her mother away without reason, she ran towards Him. She continued to attend daily mass to be nourished by His Word and Body and visited the Blessed Sacrament daily, seeking the Lord for strength and grace. Presenting herself in front of Him faithfully and consistently for 15 minutes every day was sufficient. She did not run away in anger or use other distractions to numb her pain but focussed on responding to His invitation to be with Him in her current state, to allow Him to heal her, heart to heart.

I was deeply inspired by her faith, consistency and courage. She had put on the wedding garment of faithfulness to sit at His banquet of goodness and mercy.

Reflection by Hope

Readings & responses for the week

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 11 October	Is 25:6-10; Phil 4: 12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.
Monday, 12 October	Gal 4: 22-24;26-27.31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32. May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore.
Tuesday, 13 October	Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11: 37-41. Lord, let your love come upon me.
Wednesday, 14 October SS. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr	1 Pet 5: 1-4; Lk 22: 24-30. Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
Thursday, 15 October St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor	Rom 8:22-27; John 15:1-8. The decree of the Lord are truth and all of them just.
Friday, 16 October St Gerard Majella C.Ss.R.	Phil 3:8-14; John 12:23-32 You are my God, my only good.
Saturday, 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	Phil 3:17-4:1; John 12: 24-26. From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

CHORAL CONCERT



At Church of St Alphonsus, 7 Nov Sat 8.30pm

**Part of proceeds goes to the
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Tickets at \$25 Each

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 2026

2026 Stay-In Weekends: English

Nov 6-8 , Dec 4-6; Bahasa Indonesia 16 -18

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ST GERARD FEASTDAY

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ST. GERARD DEVOTION
THE LIFE & SPIRIT OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

*Feast Day:
The Trials & Triumph
of St. Gerard*

DATE: Friday, 16th October 2026
TIME: Mass at 7.30pm
VENUE: Novena church

ST GERARD FEASTDAY

MASS: 7.30PM

NO ROSARY & 6.30PM MASS

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Presented & Written by: Dr. Jeffrey Morrow & Dr. Edward Sri

STUDY DETAILS

Dates: 2026 | October 15, 22 & 29 and November 5 & 12

Day: Every Thursday

Venue: Pastoral Block (Level 1), Novena Church

Time: 7.45pm - 9.30pm

Course Fee: Love Offering Only

Format: Physical Sessions

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