

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, please contact the Safeguarding Officer, Sumitha Moses.

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

<https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/>

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Sunday, 15th August, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

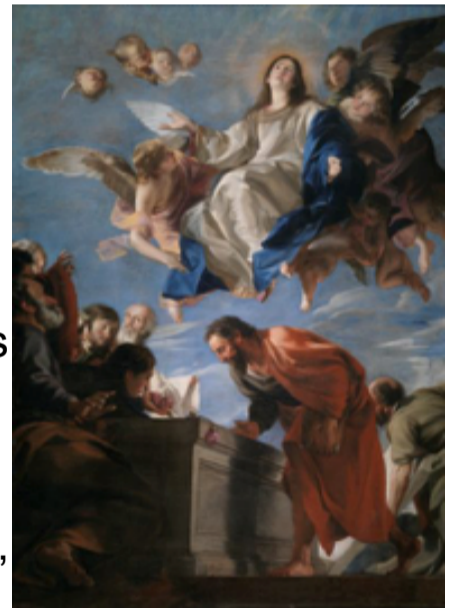
First Reading - Revelation 11: 19; 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm: The queen stands at Your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Luke 1: 39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Communion Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed, for He who is mighty has done great things for me.

Daily Antiphons - Monday August 16 to Saturday August 21, 2021

Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 16, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, remember us, for the love You bear Your people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 17, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord speaks of peace to His people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 18, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Your strength gives joy to the king.

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

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 19, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Saint Bernard - Friday, August 20, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Filled by the Lord with a spirit of understanding, blessed Bernard ministered streams of clear teaching to the people of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Teach me Your paths, my God, and lead me in Your truth.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: As the Father loves Me, so I also love you; remain in My love, says the Lord.

Saint Pius X - Saturday, August 21, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord chose him for Himself as high priest, and, opening His treasure house, made him rich in all good things.

Responsorial Psalm: See how the Lord blesses those who fear Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has laid down His life for His sheep.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass, August 14th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 5:30pm The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, August 15th

Mass 8:30am The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 10:30am The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 16th

Mass 9:15am Victor Anthony
(Remembrance)

Tuesday, August 17th

Mass 9:15am Charles Lovett
(Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday, August 18th

Mass 9:15am Jude Valadon
(Anniversary of Death)

Thursday, August 19th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

and Elizabeth Panicker
(Anniversary of Death)

Friday, August 20th - Saint Bernard

Mass 9:15am Eugene Duhau
(Remembrance)

No Adoration due to restrictions

Saturday, August 21st - Saint Pius X

Mass 9:15am Noel & Doris Bocks
(Remembrance)

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher, Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, Karen Daniells, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Rosemary Zaher, Allan Welsh, Kusum Wickremasinghe, Carl DeRozario, Anton Jayamaha, Joseph Irudairaj, Cedric & Deborah Rowland, Michelle Bugone

The recently deceased: Jacques Duhau, Aliya Marie Wylie, Santhampillai Mathaspillai, Christopher and Joseph, Lisa Andrews, Marie Therese Villena Savanah

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Elizabeth Panicker

Reading Roster

August

Sat. 14th 5:30pm Lockdown
Sun. 15th 8:30am Lockdown
10:30am Live-stream
5:30pm Lockdown

August

Sat. 21st 5:30pm B. Collins
Sun. 22nd 8:30am R. Noble
10:30am M. Naidoo
5:30pm J. Panicker

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 21st August,
Legion of Mary

Saturday, 28th August,
Gonsalves Family,
M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

Church Closed

We sadly entered another lockdown and the Church remains closed. This current lockdown commenced at 8:00 pm, Thursday 5th August, and has now been extended until 19th August.

We will live-stream Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, 15th August, at 10:30am.

Please click the following link to watch this Mass:

<https://fb.me/e/1OJ6jwKOo>

Our Website will be regularly updated with information regarding the parish. Please visit stgerards.org.au.

Our staff will work remotely, Monday to Friday from 9.00am-2.30pm. Please phone 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au. Please visit our website stgerards.org.au for all news and information.

Marian Coronavirus Prayer

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you during this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them all at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue and timely help in all of our needs. You are our Mother - Pray for us to your Son, Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

Information Session Amended Date - Permanent Diaconate

Due to Covid restrictions the information session date has been moved into September. **No longer on Saturday 14 August, the Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 4 September.** For further information contact Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

First Holy Communion Candidates

We congratulate the following children, who are to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st August, at St. Gerard's. May God bless and protect them always.

Martin Allendes-Arias, Devaan Ariyatillake, John Audy, Duane Collom, Catherine Dinh, Hope Donovan, Filomena Mae Doroon, Kevan Fernando, Trevor Fernando, Sherhom Gamas, Tiffany Huynh, Isaiah Hayat, Amy Labour, Levi Lopez, Dahlia Maliko, Minh-Dang Nguyen, Ashton Nisanthan, Dominique Perumal, Aswin Sheen, Ella Torelli, Alessia Trovarelli, Amy Varghese

Natural Fertility Awareness Week August 23-29, 2021

Billings LIFE is pleased to launch Natural Fertility Awareness Week with a free Webinar presentation on this year's theme *Tracking Fertility :Tracking Health*. An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on Monday 23rd August @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST. To register please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-webinar-tracking-fertility-tracking-health-tickets-163000285241>

Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the Billings LIFE website:

<https://billings.life/en/>

The Future of Catholicism in Australia: Forum 2

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform invites Australian Catholics to the second in a series of convocations via Zoom on Thursday 26 August 2021, 7:30pm-9:00pm. This forum will bring together diverse but complementary perspectives on the current state and future prospects for our church in Australia. The

Convocation will be opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann. Guest speakers will be: Dr Jessie Rogers, Ms Debra Zanella, Mr Robert Fitzgerald and Prof Emer John Warhurst. As we look forward to the first assembly of the Plenary Council, 3-10 October 2021, we focus more closely on the outcomes to be expected.

Pope Francis has stressed the engagement of all Catholics, beginning with local communities, as integral to plenary councils and to the universal Synod on Synodality in 2023. The aim of this convocation is to emphasise the importance of a successful Plenary Council for all Catholics in Australia. We will be highlighting the matters that Catholics want addressed and resolved. The voices of the people, the sense of the faith of the faithful, must be heard in free and open discussion, particularly on matters such as the Church's governance, and the inclusion and engagement of all Catholics. For further information contact Kevin Liston via

E. auscathcoalition@gmail.com Ph. +61 411 197 829 or www.acccr.com.au

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God!
O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector.

O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as her child: With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve Him faithfully to the end of my life. O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way.

O my spiritual father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings. Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the hour of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.