

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/>

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Sunday, 10th October, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading - Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with Your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading - Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

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

Gospel Reading - Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

MASS and INTENTIONS

****Please note that during lockdown, Fr Shanthaiah will offer the Masses privately for the allocated intention.****

Saturday Vigil Mass, October 9th

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Angelo & Maria Rizzuto
(Remembrance)

Sunday, October 10th

Mass 10:30am Katherine Grange
(Remembrance)

Monday, October 11th

Saint Francis of Assisi

Mass Noel & Doris Bocks
(Remembrance)

Tuesday, October 12th

Mass D'Souza & Family
(Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, October 13th

Thursday, October 14th

Mass Ken Dean
(Recently Deceased)

Friday, October 15th - St. Teresa of Jesus

Mass For Holy Souls

Saturday, October 16th -

Feast of St. Gerard Majella

Presentation to be held via zoom. Book via <https://www.trybooking.com/816920> to receive the link to the zoom meeting. For enquiries or assistance with the booking, please contact Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883 or the Parish office on 9792 4422.

Mass Joseph Michael Ludwick
(45th Anniversary of Death)

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 and Dinuk Wickremasinghe, Carl DeRozario, Anton Jayamaha, Joseph Irudairaj, Cedric & Deborah Rowland, Michelle Bugone, Simone Valadon

The recently deceased: Desiré Philogen, Chinnaiah Raminidi, Rose Rego, Joseph Lourdu

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Anthony Babu, Mrs. Sylvia De Penha and Ken Dean

From Fr. Shanthaiah

Dear Parishioners,

We will live-stream Mass on Sunday October 10th, at 10:30am. Please click [HERE](#) to watch this Mass.

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

Please stay safe and healthy and be assured that we will continue to pray for you all.

God bless you, from Fr Shanthaiah & staff.

To Donate to St. Gerard's

We have received requests regarding donations to our Parish. Here are the details, should you wish to contribute.

We thank you for your generosity and support.

For Parish/Thanksgiving

Account Name:

St. Gerard's Church

BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 53812 1322

For Presbytery/Priests

Account Name:

St. Gerard's Presbytery

BSB: 083 347

Account: 669 675878

To Donate to SVDP

Volunteers from the Society of St. Vincent De Paul assist the needy in Dandenong and surrounding suburbs with food and various other amenities. Should you wish to donate and help them with their tireless work, please do so by donating to the following:

Account Name: SVDPS

Vic. Inc. - SC Gift Funds

BSB: 063 000 **Account**

Number: 106 07556

Description/Reference:

Dandenong North 252

Saint Teresa of Jesus - Thursday October 15

St. Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful.

She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.



PRAYER and REFLECTION

Daily Prayers for Healing of Body, Mind and Soul

My Most Loving Father, You have promised, "I am the God who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)

I place in Your loving care, my sick body, worried mind, my emotional wounds and sinful nature. I believe that only You have the power to heal me completely. Loving Father, I trust in Your love for me, help me to love You more. Help me to increase my faith in You. I surrender to You (mention your illness or emotional hurt). Cleanse me with the precious blood of Jesus, purify me and set me free from anger, resentment, hatred, unresolved hurts and greed. Help me to remember that the power of the Holy Trinity dwells within me and all power to forgive and overcome sin is in me. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and Your peace. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, please protect us.

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul.

Lay Your hands gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen.

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.

Wisdom and Riches: Scott Hahn reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The rich young man in today's Gospel wants to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He seeks what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviours to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see Revelation 1:14).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us."

PARISH NOTICES

FEAST OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA - Saturday 16 October 2021 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please join us on the Feast Day of Saint Gerard Majella to honour our patron saint. During this zoom meeting, we will have a presentation on Saint Gerard, updates on what has been happening in our parish, as well as reports given on two major events - the Plenary Council, and the Take The Way of The Gospel project. This is a free event but please book via <https://www.trybooking.com/816920> in order to receive the link to the zoom meeting. For enquiries or assistance with the booking, please contact Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883 or the Parish office on 9792 4422.



Piety Stall News

The St. Gerard's Piety Stall has just received delivery of Cardinal Pell's Journals volumes 1 & 2. If you have previously ordered these books, please contact Susan directly on mobile 0408329787 or 97950011 to arrange a day and time to collect. You may also call Susan should you wish to order Word 2022 diaries and 2022 Columbian calendars.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

That Catholic Shop is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com.

Reading Roster for 2022

Should you wish to volunteer to read at Mass, please contact the office by 15th October either by phone or email. If you are already listed as a volunteer, there is no need to let us know as we have your details on file. We thank you in advance.

Catholic Theological College

Free online Open Day Information Session "Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research" Wednesday 13 October at 7pm. This session will outline how to get started.

Book via our website: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>. CTC offers two higher degrees by research – the Master of Philosophy and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Normal entry requirements are through a Coursework Master's degree, or a Graduate Diploma or the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology, all of which must include the Research Methodologies online unit and a 16,000 word Minor Thesis completed with a grade of 75 and above. Candidates who have a prior research or honours degree and an appropriate thesis may also be considered for enrolment. Higher Degree by Research (HDR) can be undertaken in any one of our specialised fields of study such as Systematic Theology, Church History, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Moral Theology, Liturgy and Philosophy.

Life, Marriage and Family Sunday - Sunday 10th October, 2021 - Prayer for Married Couples

God our Father,

we look back today with gratitude to the time when You first blessed our love.

We thank You for the happiness we have known together and for sustaining us in the sorrows we have shared.

We ask forgiveness for any failure on our part;

for any times when we became difficult to live with; for any lack of sympathy and understanding;

for anything which spoiled even for a moment the relationship You desire for us.

After these many years of life together, increase and deepen our love by the power of Your Spirit so that we, and our family may always be one with You.

Bless our marriage Lord, with peace and happiness, and make our love fruitful for Your glory and our joy.

Saints Anne & Joachim...Pray for us. Amen.