

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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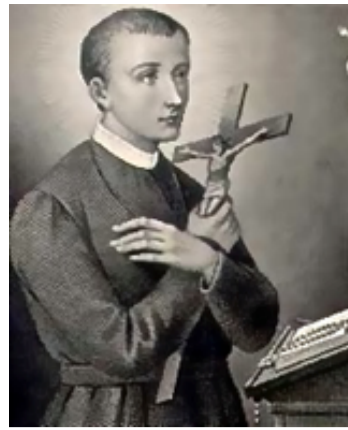
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Sunday, 17th October, 2021
Mass to be held at 8:30am this weekend - click [HERE](#) to watch this Mass

Entrance Antiphon: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

First Reading - Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Second Reading - Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel Reading - Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

MASS and INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, October 16th - St. Gerard Majella

Please click [HERE](#) to watch this Mass

Mass 11:00am Joseph Michael Ludwick
(45th Anniversary of Death)

Sunday, October 17th

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 10:30am Fr Roger Ryan
(Remembrance)

Monday, October 18th

Saint Luke

Mass Special intentions of Vivian

Tuesday, October 19th

Mass Special intentions of Vivian

Wednesday, October 20th

Mass Yvonne Emmanuel
(Remembrance)

Thursday, October 21st

Mass Special intentions of Vivian

Friday, October 22nd

Mass Special intentions of Vivian

Saturday, October 23rd

Mass Mr & Mrs Edmonds
(Remembrance)
and
Trudie Chmielewski
(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

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Anto Patterson

From Fr. Shanthaiah

Dear Parishioners,

We will live-stream Mass on **Sunday October 17th, at 8:30am**
****Please note time change for this weekend only.**

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.

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 Luke - Patron of Physicians and Surgeons - Feast day October 18

Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). We know few other facts about Luke's life from Scripture and from early Church historians. It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile. In Colossians 10-14 speaks of those friends who are with him. He first mentions all those "of the circumcision" -- in other words, Jews -- and he does not include Luke in this group. Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelising Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, that we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Lk.4:25-27), and that we hear the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan (Lk.17:11-19). According to the early Church historian Eusebius Luke was born at Antioch in Syria. In our day, it would be easy to assume that someone who was a doctor was rich, but scholars have argued that Luke might have been born a slave. It was not uncommon for families to educate slaves in medicine so that they would have a resident family physician. Not only do we have Paul's word, but Eusebius, Saint Jerome, Saint Irenaeus and Caius, a second-century writer, all refer to Luke as a physician. We have to go to Acts to follow the trail of Luke's Christian ministry. We know nothing about his conversion but looking at the language of Acts we can see where he joined Saint Paul. The story of the Acts is written in the third person, as an historian recording facts, up until the sixteenth chapter. In Acts 16:8-9 we hear of Paul's company "So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' " Then suddenly in 16:10 "they" becomes "we": "When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them." (visit catholic.org to continue reading)

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.

Cup of Salvation: Scott Hahn reflects on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honours.

But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His Cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (see Psalm 75:9; Jeremiah 25:15, 28; Isaiah 51:17). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptised—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare Luke 12:50).

In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading. Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (see Leviticus 5:17–19).

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see Hebrews 9:12).

And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death.

He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see Colossians 1:24). We must remember that we have been baptised into His passion and death (see Romans 6:3).

In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood (see Mark 14:23–24).

PARISH NOTICES

FEAST OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA - Saturday 16 October beginning 11:00am

Please join us in celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Gerard Majella, beginning with Mass at 11:00am to honour our patron saint. Please click [HERE](#) to watch this Mass live. The day will continue with a zoom meeting from 1:00pm, with 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. We look forward to seeing you then. 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:

As we approach the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit: www.aidtochurch.org/Masses

Meditation on Jesus on zoom

Meditation on the name Jesus has helped many to ease the distress caused by Pandemic. Those who wish to join zoom meditation may contact Fr. Gilbert. Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com
Dates to be confirmed with Fr. Gilbert.

Southern Cross Church Supplies

The season of Advent is just 6 weeks away, with the First Sunday of Advent occurring this year on the 28th November! Southern Cross Church Supplies have a wide range of Advent Candle Sets (in differing diameters and lengths), as well as several Advent wreaths. We also stock the full range of the usual Sanctuary and Church-ware requirements, the 2022 Ordo, and daily Mass books. 2021 Advent Catalogue can be viewed on the website, www.southerncrosschurchsupplies.com.au where you will see the full catalogue under the Catalogues page heading. There is a comprehensive range of Nativity Sets, Religious Christmas Gifts and Children's Books. It is possible to purchase on-line through the website. However, you may open an account (you can set up an account if you do not already have one), goods with an invoice (to be settled within 30 days of the invoice date). The prices on the website are our recommended retail prices, but account customers receive church prices on candles – church prices are on average 10% to 15% less than the recommended retail price given on the website. Orders can be telephoned or emailed.

Lockdown Light—a weekly series

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time.

Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at www.bit.ly/LockdownLight