

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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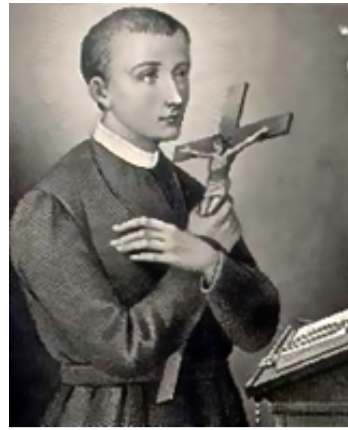
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our 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/>

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Sunday, 21st November, 2021

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### **First Reading - Daniel 7:13-14**

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty.

### **Second Reading - Revelation 1:5-8**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Reading - John 18: 33-37**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Memorial Mass**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8:15am each **Friday** followed by Benediction at 9am, then Mass. This will continue each week or unless otherwise specified.

On Friday 26th November at 6:30pm there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 7pm, for the recently deceased and for those whom have been unable to see their loved ones either overseas or here, due to the covid crisis.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 20th

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass 5:30pm Van Twest & Adolphus Family  
(Remembrance)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, November 21st

8:30am Mass is 'Status unknown' please.

10:30am & 5:30pm for the fully vaccinated. Thank you.

Mass 8:30am Deceased Family of Benedicta Monteiro  
(Remembrance)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Dina Dissegna  
(Remembrance)

### Monday, November 22nd - Saint Cecilia

Mass 9:15am Peter & Cecilia Donald  
Wedding Anniversary - Thanksgiving  
and Benoy Varkey  
(Remembrance)

### Tuesday, November 23rd

Mass 9:15am Deceased members of Remedios  
and Dos Remedios Family

### Wednesday, November 24th

#### Saints Andrew Dūng-Lac & Companions

Mass 9:15am Martin & Michael D'Silva  
(Remembrance)

### Thursday, November 25th

Mass 9:15am Judy Goddard  
Birthday Thanksgiving  
and Deceased members of Cedric  
Monteiro's Family Tree

### Friday, November 26th

Mass 9:15am Robert Hanson  
(Anniversary of Death)  
and All Souls in Purgatory  
and Hedley Simonet  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
and Gratiaen Jones & Maria Di Benedetto  
(Remembrance)

6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament followed by Mass

Mass 7:00pm Mass dedicated to all souls

### Saturday, November 27th

Mass 9:15am Russell McLauchlan  
(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 and Dinuk Wickremasinghe, Carl DeRozario, Anton Jayamaha, Joseph Irudairaj, Cedric & Deborah Rowland, Michelle Bugone, Simone Valadon, Angelo Sciacca, Doreen Oliver, Tina Vaca

**The recently deceased:** Marie-Claire Sybil Reincastle, Moses Marneni, Alexander Joachim, Benoy Varkey, Gratiaen Jones & Maria Di Benedetto

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:** Rudolf Watts

## 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.

## Reading Roster

### November

Sat. 27th	5:30pm	C. Fernando
Sun. 28th	8:30am	G. Markezic
	10:30am	D. Naidoo, Sn
	5:30pm	M. Yallapa

### December

Sat. 4th	5:30pm	D. Franklin
Sun. 5th	8:30am	M. Noble
	10:30am	M. Naidoo
	5:30pm	B. Collins

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday 27th November, 2021**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday 4th December, 2021**

Gonsalves family, M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

## Daily Antiphons

### Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - St. Cecilia - November 22nd, 2021:

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Glory and praise for ever!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

### Tuesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 23rd, 2021:

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give glory and eternal praise to Him!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

### Saints Andrew Dūng-Lac and Companions — Wednesday, November 24th, 2021:

**Entrance Antiphon:** May we never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the word of the Cross is the power of God to us who have been saved.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give glory and eternal praise to Him!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Thursday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 25th, 2021

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give glory and eternal praise to Him!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lift up your heads and see; Your redemption is near at hand. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

### Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time - November 26th, 2021:

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give glory and eternal praise to Him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. *Alleluia!*

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**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

## Parish Notices and Information

### Masses in honour of The Immaculate Conception of Bl. Mary and in honour of St. Joseph

Wednesday, 8th December

9:15 am - Mass, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

6:00 pm Adoration

7:00pm Mass - Concluding the year of Dedication to St. Joseph

### Working Bee

The parish working bee will be held on Saturday, 11 December, between 10am and 12pm. Please notify either Fr Shanthaiah or the office of your availability. We thank you in anticipation of your help and time.

### Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, confessions will be heard on Wednesday, 22 December between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. There will be several priests available on this night.

### Collection for the Catholic Deaf Appeal

There will be a collection held next Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November, for the Catholic Deaf Appeal. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Advent 2021 with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.

Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

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### A Royal Truth: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year? It's the truth that in Jesus God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth"

(see 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89:27-38).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3-5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations

(see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.