

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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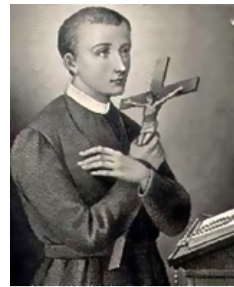
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Office: Monday & Thursday only from 9.30am to 2.30pm for the Month of April

Confession: Tuesday-Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday after Mass until 10:30am

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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 parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer. *"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"*

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 15/16, 2023 (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

Gospel - John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Please Note: The office will only be open on a Monday and Thursday for the month of April. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

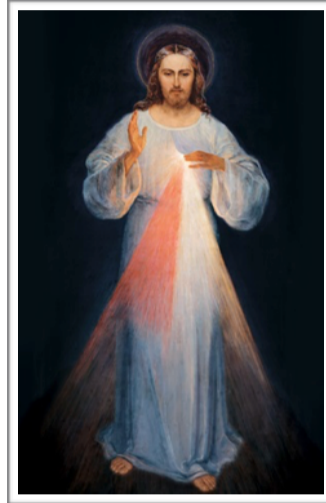
Fr Shanthaiah will advise the date that Adoration will re-commence as soon as possible.

Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture

Aid to the Church in Need is launching an annual *George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture* with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May. The keynote speaker will be Mr David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal. For information and to register, please visit www.trybooking.com/

Divine Mercy Celebration at St Gerard's Church on the 16th April 2023 presided by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

**Starting from 1 pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confession and Adoration
A solemn Mass at 3pm by Bishop Lesile Tomlinson
Please come along join us for a Sausage sizzle and refreshments after Mass
This is a fundraising event for the replacement of the church doors**



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Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

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George Cardinal Pell was arguably the most significant leader in the history of the Australian Church. As well as a lasting impact here, he played a key role reforming the global English liturgy, the Vatican's finances and in numerous Church debates. Our speaker Bishop Elliott was a life-long friend and co-worker who will help us to understand his legacy. Topic: The Pell Legacy. Speaker: Bishop Peter Elliott. Date: Monday 17th April. Time: 7.30pm (NB: dinner is available for purchase on this occasion). Venue: St Gerard's Catholic Church Hall, 71 Gladstone Rd, Dandenong North (The Nott is being renovated). Register: GodandBeer.com.au. Contact: John.jtsmyth@gmail.com

God and Beer - An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross to bring together people of all ages from across the south-east suburbs of Melbourne each month. Our aim is to inspire and strengthen Christians by providing ideas and inspiration for renewing the Church by drawing on the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic tradition.

His Mercy Endures: Scott Hahn Reflects on Divine Mercy Sunday

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see **1 Peter 4:17**). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight—we must believe and love what we have not seen (see **2 Corinthians 5:7**). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass.

Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see **Hosea 2:20-25**).

This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see **Revelation 4:11**). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 15, Vigil - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass 5:30pm Christopher Rodrigo (*Death Anniversary*)
and Diago D'Souza (*For the soul*)
and Arcangela Occhietti (*1st Death Anniversary*)

Sunday, April 16 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Presided by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving and In honour of Divine Mercy
and Jim & Audrey Pacey and George De Dunker
(*Death Anniversaries & Remembrance*)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

1:00pm Confessions, Rosary, Chaplet and Adoration

Mass 3:00pm Presided by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

**Please Note: There is NO evening Mass on
Sunday 16th April.**

Monday, April 17

Mass 9:15am Denzil & Mary (Pray for good health)

Tuesday, April 18

Mass 9:15am Elizabeth Gabriel (*Death Anniversary*)

Wednesday, April 19

Mass 9:15am Eamon Flynn (*Death Anniversary*)

Thursday, April 20

Mass 9:15am Alexander & Margaret Stewart
(*Death Anniversary*)

Friday, April 21

Mass 9:15am Jai Serong (Pray for good health)

Saturday, April 22

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, April 22 - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 5:30pm Roger Dalta & Anne-Marie
(*Death Anniversary*)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:30am Giovanni Cardamone (*Death Anniversary*)

Mass 10:30am William Hart (*Death Anniversary*)
and *Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing*

Mass 5:30pm Violet & Anthony Saliba (Remembrance)
Sylvia Domenici (Remembrance)
Cliff Micallef (Remembrance)

Other Masses at St. Gerard's

Maronite Mass - Every Saturday at 7:00pm

Tamil Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

French Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month. Rosary at 2.45pm and
Mass at 3.30pm.

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Denzil & Mary Considine, Steven Dickson, Jerome Santiago, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw Dennis, Allan Welsh, Carl De Rozario, Doreen Oliver, Kathleen James, Marie Blandin de Chalain, Clita Martinelli, Lalitha Kurup, Alessandro Zaia, David Giacotto, Mila, Steven Dickson, Sarah Cleary, Monica Kelly, Anne Moorthy, Mayelin Do Santos, Reed Crawl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Pradel, Giovanna & Giuseppe Campasso, Maria Perez, Marie Teycheney, Rita Kaczowski, Flavia Petrucci, Josie Surace, Julia, Claris Sebastianpillai, Gertrude Baldsing, Pina Lidonnici, Dolly Azzopardi, Annie Gatt, Caterina Giammarino, Katie Kronfeld, Leon, Isabella, Louis Jean-Pierre, Jeanne Joseph, Jennifer Hidge, Giovanna McKercher, Luciano Cudrig, Gerard Wilson, Crystal Wilson, Frances DosRemedios, Charlie Cassar, Debbie Juchno, Vaz Godwin, Tyron Francisco

The recently deceased: Baby Angelopoulos, Sandra Wickremasooriya, Imelda Ennis.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Elizabeth Gabriel, Eamon Fylnn, Alexander & Margaret Stewart, Filomena Giuliani.

Reading Roster

Saturday, April 22

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, April 23

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, April 29

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, April 30

8:30am G. DosRemedios

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm J. Panicker

Church Cleaning

Saturday, April 22

Kronfeld Family

Saturday, April 29

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Confession

Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday from 8:20am to 8:50am including after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

Church Open Hours

The Church will be locked each weekday at 2:30pm.

On the weekend, the Church will be open at 8:30am and locked after the 5:30pm Mass, Saturday & Sunday.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 17, to Saturday, April 22, 2023 (Year A)

Monday of the Second Week of Easter - April 17

Entrance Antiphon: Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are all who put their trust in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter - April 18

Entrance Antiphon: Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man must be lifted up so that all who believe in Him may have eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory, alleluia.

Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter - April 19

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of Your name to my kin, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

Thursday of the Second Week of Easter - April 20

Entrance Antiphon: O God, when You went forth before Your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy are those who have not seen Me, but still believe! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Friday of the Second Week of Easter - April 21

Entrance Antiphon: You have redeemed us, Lord, by Your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

Saturday of the Second Week of Easter - April 22

Entrance Antiphon: O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; He has shown pity on all people. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Father, I wish that, where I am, those You gave Me may also be with Me, that they may see the glory that You gave Me, alleluia.