

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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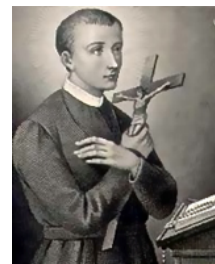
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Office Hours: Monday & Thursday only from 9.30am to 3.30pm for the Month of April

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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"

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 9th April, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading - Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 10 to Saturday, April 15, 2023 (Year A)

Monday within the Octave of Easter - 10th April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord has led you into a land flowing with milk and honey, that the law of the Lord may always be on your lips, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

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

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - 11th April

Entrance Antiphon: He gave them the water of wisdom to drink; it will be made strong in them and will not be moved; it will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; mind the things that are above, alleluia.

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - 12th April

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all who seek the Lord rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Thursday within the Octave of Easter - 13th April

Entrance Antiphon: They praised in unison Your conquering hand, O Lord, for wisdom opened mouths that were mute and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

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

Friday within the Octave of Easter - 14th April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led His people in hope, while the sea engulfed their foes, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to His disciples: Come and eat. And He took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Saturday within the Octave of Easter - 15th April

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You, Lord, for You have answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: All of you who have been baptised in Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday - April 8th - No Morning Mass

9:00-10:30am Confession
6:00pm Maronite Easter Vigil Mass
8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - April 9th (Fr. Michael Shadbolt's Birthday)

8:30am Candice Fernando (*For the repose of her soul*)
10:30am Antonio Puleio (*Death Anniversary*)
and Carmela & Antonio Bruno (*Death Anniversaries*)

No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Monday, April 10

Mass 9:15am Vivian MacDonald (*Death Anniversary*)
and Peter Hart (*Death Anniversary*)
and Angelina Sacco (*Birthday Remembrance*)

Tuesday, April 11

Mass 9:15am Malcolm Farquharson (*Remembrance*)

Wednesday, April 12

Mass 9:15am Ana Rodriguez (*Special intention for healing*)

Thursday, April 13

Mass 9:15am Muriel De Silva (*Death Anniversary*)

Friday, April 14

Mass 9:15am Bertha Ratnayake (*Birthday Remembrance*)

Saturday, April 15

Mass 9:15am Sandra Wickremasooriya (*Recently Deceased*)

Saturday, April 15, Vigil - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass 5:30pm Christopher Rodrigo (*Death Anniversary*)
and Diago D'Souza (*For the repose of 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 and Adoration

Mass 3:00pm Presided by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

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

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 Crowl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Pradel, Giovanna & Giuseppe Campasso, Maria Perez, Marie Teycheney, Rita Kaczkowski, 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: Giustino DeLuca, Ratnam, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Bernard Caszo, Carmelo Tumino, baby Angelopoulos, Sandra Wickremasooriya.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Peter Hart, Vivian MacDonald, Antonio Puleio, Muriel De Silva, Christopher Rodrigo, Harold Scanlon, Leslie Marcar.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, 15 April

Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands
& L. Harper

Saturday, 22 April

Kronfeld Family

Easter Reading Roster

Holy Saturday- 8th April

Easter Vigil Mass

8:30pm

Readers: 1. A. Miranda
2. C. Fernando
3. E. Ebert
4. M. Yallapa
5. I. Mulipola

Easter Sunday - 9th April

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am J. Abraham

Reading Roster

Saturday, April 15 - Divine

Mercy Sunday Vigil

Mass

5:30pm P. Kroon

Divine Mercy Sunday, April

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8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Panicker

3:00pm J. Abraham

Saturday, April 22 - Vigil

Mass

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, April 23

8:30am R. Noble

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

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

He is Risen, Happy Easter

Wishing all Parishioners a Blessed and Holy Easter. Today we remember Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks for what he brought to our world.



Thank You: A big thank you to all the Volunteers for your love, support and hard work you pour into our parish, We are so thankful to God for bringing such an amazing volunteers to our parish.



Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2023: 'Recognised, healed and sent'

In his Easter message this year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli draws our attention to three important things that flow from the resurrection. Like Mary, we are recognised by the risen Christ, who knows us intimately; we are invited to share in his healing peace; and we are sent out in his name, so that we might share these gifts with others, living 'each day illumined by his resurrection, as the reason for our hope'.

Continue reading: [Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2023: 'Recognised, healed and sent'](#)

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 not available 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.

Seeing and Believing: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptised into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."