



## 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 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"

## Fifth Sunday of Easter - Readings for Mass (Year C) - May 17/18, 2025

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

### First Reading - Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

### Second Reading - Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## Prayer to St Gerard Majella

Great protector of the family, St Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love Him with all their hearts. We ask you to pray also that those who take the lives of unborn innocents and attack the dignity of motherhood, may come to see the error of their ways, and that all may value the true holiness of Christian family life. God, our loving Father, Your love gives life to the world. Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife. May Your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



**St Gerard's Catholic Primary School 2026 Prep (Foundation) Enrolments** are now open and Parish families are our first category for enrolments. If you have or know of a child who will be starting school next year please contact the School Office on 9791 7553 or [email:principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au) to arrange a meeting and tour with the Principal Mr Paul Cowan. We also have Open Days this term on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 21 May and Thursday 29 May from 9.30 am – 5.00pm. Families are welcome to come at any time on these days, there is no need for an appointment. Please visit our website <https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au>

**FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (7th-18th October 2025)** - Fr. Joseph Panackal IVdei invites you to journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece & Turkey in this 12-day pilgrimage for a price of \$8290 + tips (20+ pilgrims).

**SHRINES OF OUR LADY (18th Aug- 3rd September 2025)** - Fr Johnson Malayil, CRS, would like to invite you for a 16-day Jubilee pilgrimage, departing on the 18th of August 2025. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8890 + tips (30+ pilgrims).

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Catholic priest, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

**Continuing the 17-18 May and 24-25 May, Mass attendance in the Archdiocese will be recorded.** This annual count taken in May is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years. We thank you for your participation and assistance.

**Church Cleaning volunteers required.** Please call 9792 4422 if you can help clean our Church. It will be one hour of your Saturday every month or so. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity. We also require more **volunteers to read** at the Sunday 8:30am Mass please.

**Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver: Annual Mission Dinner** will be held on Sunday 15 June 2025 at 1.00 pm at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver - Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions. Bookings close 6th June. Tickets: \$45.00 per person. Bookings: 154 Cotham Road, Kew 3101 or phone 9817 3715.

**Theology of the Body: An Introduction - Why does the Church teach what it does about love, sex, and relationships?** In a world full of conflicting messages, discover the beauty and truth behind God's design for human love. Join us for a four-week journey through Fr. Mike Schmitz's video series on Theology of the Body, the Church's teachings and how they apply to our lives today. To be held on Tuesday May 20th & 27th at St Peter's Parish Centre, 583 Toorak Rd, Toorak from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Ages 18+ Suggested donation: \$10-\$20 per session (to cover cost of food, venue, & presenters) Visit: [www.trybooking.com/DATSJ](http://www.trybooking.com/DATSJ) Contact Stephanie de Niese - [steph@movementwithsteph.com.au](mailto:steph@movementwithsteph.com.au) or call 0438 590 890.

**The Vibrant Parish Formation Series** - Tuesdays: 10 June, 1 July, 12 August, 9 September, 6.30pm-9pm. Mulgrave Country Club, Corner of Wellington and Jells Roads, Wheelers Hill. (Repeat) Wednesdays: 14 May 2025, 11 June, 2 July, 13 August, 10 September, 6.30pm-9pm. Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine. Topics include: May – Formation: The Superpower of Small Groups with Everett Fritz. June – Worship: *I have called you friends* with Katherine Stone MGL. July – Hospitality: Transformation for host and guest. August – Service: Beyond the church doors. September – Evangelisation: Bridging the gap between parish and school. Further details/registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/DAKMJ>

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## **Saturday Vigil, May 17 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

## **Sunday, May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Mass 8:30am Ivan & Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✠)  
and Jonathan Thornton (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

12:00pm Baptism Congratulations & blessings for;  
*Austin Peter Angelopoulos & family*

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Jose Benjamin (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

## **Monday May 19**

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

## **Tuesday May 20**

Mass 9:15am Wayne Deabe (*12th Death Anniversary* ✠)

## **Wednesday May 21 - Parish office closed today**

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

## **Thursday May 22**

Mass 9:15am Sheila White (*Death Anniversary* ✠)  
and Thanksgiving in honour of St. Rita of Cascia

## **Friday May 23 - Parish office closed today**

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

## **Saturday May 24 - Our Lady Help of Christians**

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Ayesha Sequiera (*Remembrance* ✠)  
and Thanksgiving to Mary Help of Christians and for  
the Abandoned Souls in Purgatory

## **Saturday Vigil, May 24 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Mass 5:30pm For the souls of Mary and Marshall Pereira  
(*Remembrance* ✠)

## **Sunday, May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Mass 8:30am Joe and Liz Ciseau (*Remembrance* ✠)

Mass 10:30am Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing for *Logan Bats and  
Ivan John Anthony*. May God bless them both  
together with their family.

and Salvatore Messina (*First Death Anniversary* ✠)

and Antonio, Filippa & Sebastian Virgulto  
(*Remembrance* ✠)

and Francis Anthony (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

Mass 5:30pm Zdenka Halupa (*First Death Anniversary* ✠)

## **Please pray for...**

**Our sick:** Lovett & Frances Dos Remedios, Heather Fernandez, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Jeanne Joseph, Fr. Brendan Lane, Colin Hillas, Giuseppina Bonato, Anne Moorthy, Ricky & Katrina, Stella Joseph, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette Mary Whetton, Lucia, Angelina Mercuri, Sean VanTwest, Fr. Michael Shadbolt, Tony Zaher, Dale Rozario, Mauraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud

## **The recently deceased:**

Pope Francis, John Cook, Joseph Fernandes, Angela Paola, Gerard David, Audrey Fernandes, Rosaria Scollo

## **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

John Selvaraj

## **Church Cleaning**

**Saturday, May 24**

Moses Family, Vincent & Rebecca

**Saturday, May 31**

Legion of Mary

## **Reading Roster**

**Saturday, May 24**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, May 25**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am R. Gonsalves

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, May 31**

5:30pm B. Collins

**Sunday, June 1**

8:30am M. Naidoo

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

**Parish Office** - The parish office will be closed, Wednesday 21st May and Friday 23rd May. Therefore, the office will only be open Monday 19th May, Tuesday 20th May and Thursday 22nd May. The bulletin will be printed on Tuesday 20th May (it is usually printed every Friday). We ask that all Mass intentions and notices you wish to have included in the bulletin, (to appear on the weekend of 24/25 May), be given to the office no later than Tuesday 20th May at 11am.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in anticipation of your understanding.

# Daily Antiphons - Monday May 19 to Saturday May 24, 2025

## Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 19

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Not to us, O Lord, but to Your name give the glory.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and remind you of all I have said to you. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

## Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 20

**Entrance Antiphon:** Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of His Christ, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your friends tell the glory of Your kingship, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

## Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 21

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my mouth be filled with Your praise, that I may sing aloud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to You, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord has risen and shone His light upon us, whom He has redeemed by His Blood, alleluia.

## Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 22

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us sing to the Lord, for He has gloriously triumphed. The Lord is my strength and my might: He has become my salvation, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Proclaim His marvellous deeds to all the nations.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow Me. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ died for all, that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and is risen, alleluia.

## Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 23

**Entrance Antiphon:** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise You among the nations, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you My friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told Me. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.

## Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 24 - Our Lady Help of Christians

**Entrance Antiphon:** Who is this arising like the dawn, fair as the moon, resplendent as the sun, terrible as an army with banners.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve, nor punish us for our faults.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God, and pondered it in her heart. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on the earth; for He has so exalted your name, that your praise shall be undying on our lips.