



# 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"

## Sixth Sunday of Easter - Readings for Mass (Year C) - May 24/25, 2025

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

### First Reading - Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** O God, let all the nations praise You!

### Second Reading - Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading - John 14: 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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)

**Concluding this weekend 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Concluding this coming week, 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 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>

**“A Mother's Life Shouldn't Be Left to Chance”** 📅 Thursday, 5 June | 🕒 7:00 PM | 📍 St Peter's Parish Centre, Toorak



With Abraham Muma, Health Coordinator at Chilonga Mission Hospital, Zambia.

It's a rare opportunity to hear from a frontline leader supporting mothers who walk for days - while in labour - just to give birth in makeshift shelters. This public evening is free and open to all.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

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

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

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

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

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

Mass 10:30am Salvatore Messina (*First Death Anniversary* ✙)  
and Antonio, Filippa & Sebastian Virgulto  
(*Remembrance* ✙)

and Francis Anthony (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

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

### **Monday May 26 - Saint Philip Neri**

Mass 9:15am Oblak Family intentions for the health of Maria

### **Tuesday May 27**

Mass 9:15am Mary Adolphus (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

and Zora Skoblar (*23rd Death Anniversary* ✙)

and Ivan Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✙)

### **Wednesday May 28**

Mass 9:15am Pasquale Isabella (*90th Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

### **Thursday May 29**

Mass 9:15am Antonette Vettivelu (*3rd Death Anniversary* ✙)

### **Friday May 30**

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### **Saturday May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### **Saturday Vigil, May 31 - The Ascension of the Lord**

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### **Sunday, June 1 - The Ascension of the Lord**

Mass 8:30am Repose of the Soul of Simone Valadon  
(*Remembrance* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Marisa Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

and Antoinette Antony (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 5:30pm Jose Benjamin (*Remembrance* ✙)

### **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, Muraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak

### **The recently deceased:**

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

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Mary Curic, Zdenka Halupa, Pasquale Isabella, Salvatore Messina, Doris Santeneer

### **Church Cleaning**

**Saturday, May 31**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday, June 7**

Gonsalves Family, Mario, L. Harper

### **Reading Roster**

**Saturday, May 31**

5:30pm B. Collins

**Sunday, June 1**

8:30am M. Naidoo

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

**Saturday, June 7**

5:30pm D. Franklin

**Sunday, June 8**

8:30am D. Naidoo

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

**On June 8th, Fr Michael Shadbolt will celebrate the 8:30am and 10:30am Mass.**

**We will be hosting a farewell gathering after the 10:30am Mass in his honour.**

**We ask for all to gather in the portico for this event.**

**Volunteers for this occasion are required. Please advise the Parish office your availability on 9792 4422.**

**Fr Shanthaiah will be away on his annual retreat from Monday 26th May until Friday 30th May.**

**Fr. Michael Shadbolt will be saying Mass in his absence.**

## Daily Antiphons - Monday May 26 to Saturday May 31, 2025

### Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 26 - Saint Philip Neri

**Entrance Antiphon:** The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord takes delight in His people.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you also will be My witnesses. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** As the Father loves Me, so I also love you; remain in My love, alleluia.

### Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 27

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your right hand has saved me, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; He will lead you to the whole truth. *Alleluia!*

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

### Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 28

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord, to be with you for ever. *Alleluia!*

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

### Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 29

**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 has revealed to the nations His saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. *Alleluia!*

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

### Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 30

**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:** God is king of all the earth.

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

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

### Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Entrance Antiphon:** Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your firm believing, that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** All generations will call me blessed, for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name, alleluia.