



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"

The Ascension of the Lord - Readings for Mass (Year C) - June 1, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading - Ephesians 1: 17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Go and teach all people My Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 24: 46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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 on 9791 7553 or email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and tour with Principal Mr Paul Cowan. Families are welcome for a school tour, there is no need for an appointment. Please visit <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

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 or phone 9817 3715.

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: 11 June, 2 July, 13 August, 10 September, 6.30pm-9pm. Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine. Topics: 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. Free and open to all.

God and Beer June 16th: "Signs of Hope and a New Pope." The media love to talk about the decline of Christianity and "dwindling congregations", however around the world Christianity is growing rapidly and within the Church there are many groups and movements that are having great success. Fr Dean Mathieson will offer a refreshing and inspiring perspective on the Church's vitality around the world. He'll share stories and insights about where the Catholic faith is growing and flourishing—and introduce us to the newly elected Pope Leo XIV, his background, and the early signs of his papacy. Come and be encouraged by the signs of renewal and grace at work in the Church today. Fr Dean Mathieson is parish priest of St Peter's in Toorak with a deep love for the Church and a passion for evangelisation. He brings together theological depth and a pastor's heart. Visit the website for the Truth, Beauty, Goodness Project to find out more about his events. Topic: Signs of Hope and a New Pope Speaker: Fr Dean Mathieson. Date: Monday 16th June. Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. Tickets: Free at Godandbeer.com.au

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, May 31 - The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 5:30pm Leslie Low Key (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 1 - The Ascension of the Lord

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

and Helen Clarke Milloy (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

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

and Antoinette Antony (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

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

Monday June 2

Mass 9:15am Maisie and Ivor De Kauwe
(*Death Anniversary and Remembrance* ✚)

Tuesday June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

Mass 9:15am Alan DLima (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Frank Martin (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Wednesday June 4

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 17th Birthday of Nikita Lopez

Thursday June 5 - Saint Boniface

Mass 9:15am Zora & Ivan Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Malcolm Antony (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Friday June 6

Mass 9:15am Rogelio Reyes & Milagros Sinad Reyes
(*Remembrance* ✚)

and Private Intention

Saturday June 7

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, June 7 - Pentecost Sunday

Mass 5:30pm Donna Layton (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

Fr. Michael Shadbolt's Farewell

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Oblak family & for Maria's health

Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving for Fr. Michael from the Parish

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Please pray for...

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

The recently deceased:

Gerard David, Audrey Fernandes, Rosaria Scollo, Mario Marateo, Donna Layton

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Simone Valadon, Francis and Olive Anthony, Leslie LowKey, Marisa Cardamone, Antoinette Antony, Jose Benjamin, Helen Clarke Milloy

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 7

Gonsalves Family, Mario, L. Harper

Saturday, June 14

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 7

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, June 8

8:30am D. Naidoo

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, June 14

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, June 15

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Next Weekend 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.

Please advise the Parish office your availability on 9792 4422. Thank you.

Daily Antiphons - Monday June 2 to Saturday June 7, 2025

Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 2

Entrance Antiphon: You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you will be My witnesses, even to the ends of the earth, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

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: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come to you again, and your heart will rejoice, alleluia.

Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions

Entrance Antiphon: As gold in the furnace, the Lord put His chosen to the test; as sacrificial offerings, he took them to himself; and in due time they will be honoured, and grace and peace will be with the elect of God, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

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

Communion Antiphon: How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His holy ones, alleluia.

Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 4

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send you, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to me, and you also will bear witness, says the Lord, alleluia.

Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 5 - Saint Boniface

Entrance Antiphon: This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* May all be one as You are, Father, and I in You; let the world believe that You sent Me, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Whoever wishes to come after Me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me, says the Lord.

Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 6

Entrance Antiphon: Christ loved us and washed us clean of our sins by His Blood, and made us into a kingdom, priests for His God and Father, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has set His throne in heaven.

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: When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will teach you all truth, says the Lord, alleluia.

Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter - June 7

Entrance Antiphon: The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and His brethren, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will gaze on Your face, 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 Holy Spirit will glorify Me, for He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.