



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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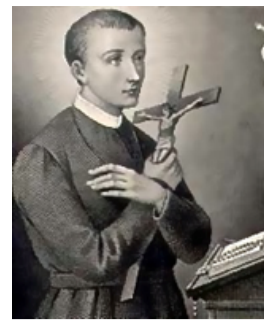
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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"

Third Sunday of Easter - Readings for Mass (Year C) - May 3/4, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name. O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

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

Second Reading - Revelation 5: 11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

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

Gospel Reading - John 21: 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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



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 (03) 9791 7553 or email 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>

Altar Server training resumes this Thursday, 8th May from 5:30pm. Should you have any queries or wish to join, please contact Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287.

DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO: The Year of the Jubilee.

To be held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at St John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant, Caroline Street, Dandenong New start time: 5.45pm for a 6pm start COST: \$48 for 3 course meal Wine & Beer. Guest Speaker: Deacon Peter. RSVP: by Friday 9th May at the latest to Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au. Cash / Cheque or direct into bank only, as we do not have Card facilities. Bank Details: Credited to Dandenong Deanery – Bank: NAB / BSB: 083-347 Account No: 470457830. Please quote your surname as a reference.

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

The four weekends of **3-4 May, 10-11 May, 17-18 May and 24-25 May have been allocated for maintaining an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese.** 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.

This weekend, is the **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal** (previously held during the month of August.) Please donate as your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. Your donation will help those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, refugee and asylum seekers and those experiencing grief and trauma. You can donate using the appeal envelope on the table in the Church foyer, by donating online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9967 2515. All gifts \$2 and above are tax deductible.

The Art of the Ask: How your invitation becomes evangelisation. Thursday 8 May 2025 6 PM Online. Overcome fear of inviting and step out with bold faith by learning practical strategies that make invitation second nature. Join Jeff Zaher as he interviews Michael Harvey, founder of *Back to Church Sunday*, for a powerful online event to equip you to break through fear and embrace a culture of invitation. Michael will challenge us to rethink evangelisation and rediscover the simple, transformational act of inviting. Register at <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

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 Tuesdays: May 6th, 13th, 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 Contact Stephanie de Niese - steph@movementwithsteph.com.au or call 0438 590 890.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, May 3 - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Sunday, May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter

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

and Giovanni Paola, Mariangela Stranges, Pasquale Isabella, Diamante & Tiodoro Ricci and Pasquale Isabella Snr (*Remembrance* ✙)

and Jonathon Thornton (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

12:00pm Baptism Congratulations & blessings for;
Mathías Ash-Langoor & family

Mass 5:30pm José Benjamin (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Monday May 5

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni and for Christelle D'Vaz on her Second Birthday

Tuesday May 6

Mass 9:15am Conrado Adaniel (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Wednesday May 7

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of Anton Ratnayake
(*Remembrance* ✙)

Thursday May 8

Mass 9:15am Constance Pymto (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Joseph Fernandes (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Friday May 9

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 21st Birthday of Bennett Moses

Saturday May 10

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, May 10 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Sunday, May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 10:30am Pierino Rivalta
(*First Year Death Anniversary* ✙)

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, 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, Simon Zaher, Dale Rozario, Mauraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah

The recently deceased:

Maree Kipping, Patricia LeMasson, Pope Francis, John Cook, Joseph Fernandes, Angela Paola

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Rosemary Zaher, Tomaso Raso, Pierino Rivalta, K.T Jose, Iype George

Church Cleaning

Saturday, May 10

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday, May 17

Knights of the Southern Cross

Reading Roster

Saturday, May 10

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, May 11

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, May 17

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, May 18

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm M. Yallapa

The Vibrant Parish Formation Series

Tuesdays: 13 May, 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

Daily Antiphons - Monday May 5 to Saturday May 10, 2025

Monday of the Third Week of Easter - May 5

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

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are they who walk in the way 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: 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 Third Week of Easter - May 6

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: Into Your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to Me will never be hungry. *Alleluia!*

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

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter - May 7

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 all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who believe in the Son have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

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

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter - May 8

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: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. *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 Third Week of Easter - May 9

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

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who eat My flesh and drink My blood live in Me and I in them, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

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

Saturday of the Third Week of Easter - May 10

Entrance Antiphon: You have been buried with Christ in Baptism, through which you also rose again by faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: What return can I make to the Lord for all that He gives to me?

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe it was You who sent Me, says the Lord, alleluia.