



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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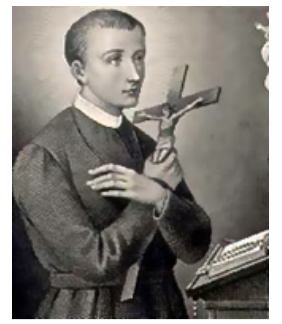
Parish Secretary: Sinthia Stellato (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

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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"

Pentecost Sunday - Readings for Mass (Year C) - June 7/8, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading - Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - John 14:15-16,23-26

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. '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.'

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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>

Invitation from Archbishop Peter Comensoli (Please also see notice board)

Dear friends in Christ,

In this Jubilee Year of grace, I warmly invite you to join us for the **Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, 22 June 2025**, beginning after the 11am Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral** making our way through the CBD and concluding at **Federation Square**. This is a special and meaningful opportunity for our entire Archdiocese—Parishes, Schools, Migrant groups, and families—to come together in joyful witness to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

With every blessing in Christ, +Peter A Comensoli

Thanksgiving envelopes will be available for collection from the foyer of the church from next weekend (14/15 June). Should you wish to change your contributions, update your information or, sign up to receive thanksgiving envelopes, please contact the parish office on 9792 4422. We thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

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>

There will be a training workshop for current or prospective **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs)** run at ACU's Melbourne Campus, at the Mercy Lecture Theatre in Young St, Fitzroy with sessions on Friday 11 July 6 – 9pm AND Saturday 12 July 9am – 4pm. They will utilise the St Mary of the Cross Chapel on campus for ritual modelling purposes. If you are interested in attending, please see Fr. Shanthaiah or contact the office on 9792 4422.

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, 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
and Malcolm Highmoor (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving for Fr. Michael from the Parish
and Giuseppe Raiti (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Fiore Mete (*Birthday Remembrance* ✝)

Monday June 9 - Public Holiday - Parish Office Closed

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Rose Rodrigues
and Harold Edmonds (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Tuesday June 10

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Nathan Lopez
and Thanksgiving & blessings for Mary Shanthi Fernando
and Joan Isaacs (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Wednesday June 11 - Saint Barnabas

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni and
Thanksgiving for Dominic D'Vaz's Birthday

Thursday June 12

Mass 9:15am Alfred Layton (*Remembrance* ✝)

Friday June 13 - Saint Anthony of Padua

Mass 9:15am William Issaeff (*4th Death Anniversary* ✝)

Saturday June 14

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 65th Wedding Anniversary
of Serge and Jacqueline Savanah
and Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✝)
and Stanley Van Twest Junior (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Saturday Vigil, June 14 - The Most Holy Trinity

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

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 15 - The Most Holy Trinity

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Oblak family & for Maria's health
and Zora & Ivan Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✝)
and Thanksgiving to St Anthony & Thanksgiving on the
Wedding Anniversary of Nigel & Maria Rodrigues

Mass 10:30am Margaret Layton (*Remembrance* ✝)

and For the repose of the soul of Raymond Pereira ✝

and For the repose of the soul of Doris Pereira ✝

Mass 3:30pm French Community

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

Please pray for...

Our sick: Lovett & Frances Dos Remedios, Heather Fernandez, Steven & Monica Dickson, Ricky & Katrina, Sandy Hayman, Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas, Fr. Brendan Lane, 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, Private Intention

The recently deceased:

Gerard David, Audrey Fernandes, Rosaria Scollo, Mario Marateo, Donna Layton, Joe Barca, Sister Ritty

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Andrew Morais, Giuseppe Raiti, Malcolm Highmoor, Fiore Mete, Joan Isaacs, Harold Edmonds

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 14

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday, June 21

Moses Family, Vincent & Rebecca

Weekly Collection - June 1st, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,304.60

Presbytery: \$625.50

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 14

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, June 15

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, June 21

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, June 22

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm B. Collins

Reading Roster

Copies of the reading roster are available for collection from the sacristy. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Daily Antiphons - Monday June 9 to Saturday June 14, 2025

Monday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 9

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Entrance Antiphon: The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise; from you rose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: A wedding was held in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; then Jesus performed the first of His signs and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Tuesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time- June 10

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your face shine on me.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Let Your light shine before all, that they may see Your good works and glorify Your Father. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Wednesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 11 - Saint Barnabas

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed is this holy man, who was worthy to be numbered among the Apostles, for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

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

Communion Antiphon: I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father.

Thursday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 12

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm: The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Friday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 13 - Saint Anthony of Padua

Entrance Antiphon: Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints, and let the Church proclaim their praise. Their names will live on and on.

Responsorial Psalm: To You, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 14

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Turn my heart to do Your will; teach me Your law, O God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.