



## ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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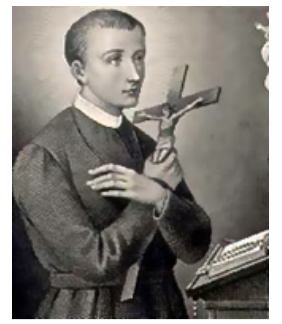
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## Saints Peter and Paul - Readings for Mass (Year C) - June 28/29, 2025

**Entrance Antiphon:** These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

### First Reading - Acts 12: 1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord set me free from all my fears.

### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 16: 13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Peter said to Jesus: you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.

### 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](mailto: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>

**CatholicCare Victoria thank the parish of St. Gerard's** for their generous support of the 2025 Appeal. This parish donated \$901.35 for which they were deeply grateful for. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**This weekend at all Masses we will have a collection for the 2025 Catholic Mission Church Appeal.**

Expressions of interest organising team, cast, crew, and marketing to be involved in 'Unforgettable Mary Magdalene' - The Musical. Information, afternoon tea & extracts of musical will be performed on July 26. For more information and registration of your interest please visit: [cogtheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:cogtheatregroup@gmail.com) or [www.trybooking.com/DBRJU/](http://www.trybooking.com/DBRJU/)

**Invitation Changes Everything: Build a Parish That Reaches Out** - Can a simple invitation really change a life? Join us at St Michael's Berwick on Sunday 20 July from 2:30pm - 5:30pm with international evangelist Michael Harvey to discover how invitation can become a part of our parish culture. Free event but please register at <https://tinyurl.com/Michaelharvey-Berwick>. For more information contact Jeff 0477 188 883 or Alizarin 0457 778 889.

This Sunday **29 June**, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional **Peter's Pence** collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. **Peter's Pence** is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. Please find below information for the Peter's Pence Collection. On the official website [ObolodiSanPietro.va](http://ObolodiSanPietro.va), it is possible to: View or download the **official video**, available in **several languages or**; Make a **donation** through secure digital channels.

**Yarra Theological Union** - Study Theology at Yarra Theological Union (YTU) in Box Hill or online. We are a Catholic College of the University of Divinity offering Undergraduate and Postgraduate Courses. Visit our website for more information and timetable. [www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au) Classes start late July (click) [Timetables and Units for Semester 2, 2025](#). Contact the Dean via email [dean@ytu.edu.au](mailto:dean@ytu.edu.au) and he will guide you through the process of enrolment and discuss any questions you may have, Looking forward to welcoming you to YTU.

We ask our parish to congratulate and to pray for the following candidates receiving their sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday evening, 29th June:

**Dhanya Caballero, Thien Huong Dang, Akash Emmanuel, Elijah Hayat, Jehan Jinn Jose, Ariana Lopez, Lorenzo Crisostomo Paguio, Lemilo Saletele, Ethan Singh, Antonia Trovarelli & Benjamin Chua Wen Yeung**  
Thank you Bishop Tony Ireland, Dorothy Stack, and all teachers of the Catechumen for your time, efforts and assistance leading up to this very sacred day.

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## **Saturday Vigil, June 28 - Saints Peter and Paul**

Mass 5:30pm      Congratulations to the children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation  
*and*      Lespoir and Cecile Families (*Remembrance* ✙)  
*and*      Thanksgiving Mass for the Rodrigues Family

Mass 7:00pm      Maronite Community

## **Sunday, June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul**

Mass 8:30am      Margaret Collins (*Remembrance* ✙)  
*and*      Intentions of the Oblak Family & the health of Maria  
Mass 10:30am      For the soul of Emild Dias (*Remembrance* ✙)  
*and*      Antonio Lidonnici & Nicola Paola (*Remembrance* ✙)  
*and*      Teresa Maria Lucia (*Recently Deceased* ✙)  
*and*      Repose of the souls of Antonette & Charles Henry Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✙)

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

## **Monday June 30**

Mass 9:15am      Thanksgiving on the birthday of Rupert Rodrigues

## **Tuesday July 1**

Mass 9:15am      Nora McMahon, Margaret Brady and Michael Sheehan (*Remembrance* ✙)

## **Wednesday July 2**

Mass 9:15am      Colleen Baptiste (*Death Anniversary* ✙)  
*and*      Jessica Cabral (*Remembrance* ✙)  
*and*      God's blessing for the employment of Melissa & Gino

## **Thursday July 3 - Saint Thomas**

Mass 9:15am      Nora McMahon, Margaret Brady and Michael Sheehan (*Remembrance* ✙)  
*and*      Repose of the soul of Michele Martyn (*Remembrance* ✙)  
*and*      Antonypillai Alfred (*53rd Death Anniversary* ✙)

## **Friday July 4**

Mass 9:15am      Thanksgiving offering for Our Lady of Lourdes from Issabelle, Christelle D'Vaz and Luke Lewis

## **Saturday July 5**

Mass 9:15am      Cyril O'Shaughnessy (*Remembrance* ✙)

## **Saturday Vigil, July 5 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 5:30pm      Thanksgiving Mass for Claris Sebastampillai  
Mass 7:00pm      Maronite Community

## **Sunday, July 6 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 8:30am      Repose of the soul of Simone Valadon (*Remembrance* ✙)  
Mass 10:30am      Repose of the soul of Doris Pereira (*Remembrance* ✙)  
*and*      Benoy Karumathy & Peter Parokkaran (*Remembrance* ✙)  
Mass 5:30pm      Nora McMahon, Margaret Brady and Michael Sheehan (*Remembrance* ✙)

## **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, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette Mary Whetton, Lucia, Angelina Mercuri, Sean VanTwest, Tony Zaher, Dale Rozario, Mauraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak, Gration Vettivelu, Private Intention, Angele Pacifique, Rocco, Belinda Claite, Lyane Watson, Christine Joseph

## **The recently deceased:**

Julian Maugey, Catherine Suresh, Teresa Maria Lucia, Stella Joseph, Sapienza Lamanna

## **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Benoy Karumathy, Peter Parokkaran, Giuseppina Golotta

## **Church Cleaning**

**Saturday, July 5**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday, July 12**

Gonsalves Family, Mario, L. Harper

## **Collection for Fr. Michael**

**\$2,315**

Thank you for your generosity.

## **Weekly Collection - June 22, 2025**

Thanksgiving: \$1,338.50

Presbytery: \$588.95

## **Reading Roster**

**Saturday, July 5**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, July 6**

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am R. Gonsalves

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, July 12**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, July 13**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm B. Collins

**Thanksgiving envelopes** are available for collection from the foyer of the church. 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. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

## Daily Antiphons - Monday June 30 to Saturday July 5, 2025

### Monday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 30

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

### Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 1

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** O Lord, Your kindness is before my eyes.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

### Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 2

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father gave us birth by His message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of His creation. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

### Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 3 - Saint Thomas

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are my God, and I confess You; You are my God, and I exalt You; I will thank You, for You became my saviour.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.

### Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 4

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

### Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 5

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord for He is good!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.