



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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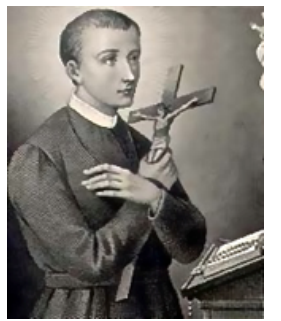
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - July 5/6, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading - Isaiah 66: 10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

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

Second Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of His message live within you. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. 'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. 'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

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>

Peter's Pence collection will be taken up at St. Gerard's next weekend on Saturday the 12th and Sunday the 13th July. 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. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

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 or www.trybooking.com/DBRJU/

Invitation Changes Everything: Build a Parish That Reaches Out - Do you wish you were more comfortable with inviting people to church? Well you're invited to our "Invitation changes everything" event where you will be presented with a practical technique to overcome your fear of inviting people. With decades of experience in 18 countries, international speaker Michael Harvey will equip you with the ACORN method of inviting. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Michaelharvey-Berwick>. For more information contact Jeff 0477 188 883 or Alizarin 0457 778 889.

Dandenong Deanery - LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO - The Year of the Jubilee. To be held on Wednesday, 23rd July 2025 at St John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant, Caroline Street, Dandenong. New start time: 5.45pm for 6pm start. COST: \$48 per person for a 3 course meal with wine & beer. Guest Speaker: TBA. Please RSVP: by Friday 18th July to Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au. Payment by cash, cheque or direct into bank only.

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 Classes start late July (click) [Timetables and Units for Semester 2, 2025](#). Contact the Dean via email dean@ytu.edu.au and he will guide you through the process of enrolment and discuss any questions you may have.

The **Catholic Mission collection** from last weekend raised was \$1,326.05. We thank you for your generosity and support.

Harvest Time: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel: Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church. Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12-13; Joel 4:13), the seventy are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church. Carrying out the work of the seventy, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom. She offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth, "every town and place He intended to visit." Our Lord's tone is solemn today, for in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom. But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle. The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven. In this week's Psalm, we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the Exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord and sing praise to the glory of His name.

Daily Antiphons - Monday July 7 to Saturday July 12, 2025

Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 7

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: In You, my God, I place my trust.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His gospel. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 8

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: In my justice, I shall see Your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 9

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 10

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 11 - Saint Benedict

Entrance Antiphon: There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.

Responsorial Psalm: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* When the Spirit of truth comes, He will teach you all truth, and bring to your mind all I have told you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 12

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

