

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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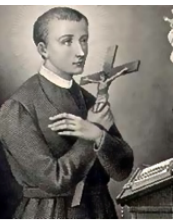
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Confession: Until April 7th, NO weekday Confession. Only Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *check website *

Parish Secretary & Safeguarding Officer: Sumitha Moses Parish Secretary: Sinthia Stellato Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass Readings (Year A) - April 5, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading - Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



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"

Prayer to Saint Gerard Majella



Great protector of the family, Saint 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.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session - 2 May 2026 - The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 50+, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome. The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May, 10.00am–11.30am in person at The Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne. Email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish. All are welcome.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. To be held on April 24 - 26th St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or E:vicbookings@wwme.org.au, W: wwme.org.au

The Parish office will be closed on Friday, 3rd April and will re-open on Monday, 13th April.
We wish you all every blessing during this Holy Week and Sacred Paschal Triduum.
God bless you all - Fr Shanthaiah and staff.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12th

St. Gerard's parishioners are invited to join St. Mary's Parish in Dandenong for their Divine Mercy Celebration beginning at 1:30pm with Exposition then at 3:00pm Novena followed by Mass. Mass will be held as usual at St. Gerard's at 8:30 and 10:30am and 5:30pm.

Please note the following:

Altar Server Training will resume on Thursday, 30th April. Please call Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287 if you have any queries.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Fr. Michael's Gregorian Mass. There will be announcement soon in regards to where the Masses will be held. Should you wish to contribute, please visit the Piety Stall.

Confessions

Daily confession will resume from Tuesday, 7th April. From this date, confessions will also be heard on a Saturday, from 8:20am to 8:50am, and after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am. Confessions will not be heard on a Sunday.

Since signing the Decree of Convocation of the Melbourne Synod by the Archbishop, each week, we will share frequently asked questions regarding Synods.

13. Why discernment is essential - Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

14. Synodality begins locally - Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

15. A listening Church is a credible Church - In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.

16. Synodality and the margins - A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

17. Synodality requires humility - Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility—from leaders and from communities—so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.

18. Is synodality slow? - Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.

19. Synodality and joy - When people are invited to participate meaningfully, joy increases. A synodal Church is not weighed down by bureaucracy but energised by shared mission.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, 4th April - Holy Saturday - No morning Mass

From 9:00am Confessions until 10:00am

6:00pm Maronite Easter Mass

8:30pm *Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord*

*Please note: Daylight savings ends tonight ***

Sunday, 5th April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass 8:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Monday, 6th April

Mass 9:15am Ben Martin (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and For the health of Karen & Hermione Daniells

Tuesday, 7th April

Mass 9:15am For the prayer intentions of the St. Gerard's
Monica's Prayer Group

11:00 am Rosary followed by Funeral of Ben Martin

6:30pm *St. Gerard's Monica's Prayer Group*

Wednesday, 8th April

Mass 9:15am For deceased members of the Daniell's family ✚

and Francesca and Angelo Pane (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Thursday, 9th April

Mass 9:15am Fr. Michael Shadbolt (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and For the health of Karen & Hermione Daniells

Friday, 10th April

Mass 9:15am Vivian MacDonald (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Angelina Sacco (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Saturday, 11th April

9:15am Mass in honour to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00pm Maronite Mass

Saturday Vigil, 11th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass 5:30pm Annesley, Rita and Candice Fernando

(*Remembrance* ✚)

Sunday, 12th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass 8:30am Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Mass

Mass 5:30pm Antonio & Carmela Bruno (*Remembrance* ✚)

Please pray for...

Our sick: Heather Fernandez, Maria Tomaselli, Ricky Fagan, Jeanne Joseph, Anne Moorthy, Lynette Whetton, Lucia, Gration Vettivelu, John Keble, Pamela Chen, Michael Bruno, Steven Dickson, Derek Chater, Franca Rechichi, Robyn Coffey, Marion Quyn, David Naidoo, Barbara Daniells, Jackie Foulstone, Sean Van Twest

The recently deceased:

Ben Martin, Connie Smith, Vinay Ghokle, Rita Culloden, Karine Johnston

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Carmela Tucci, Nicoletta Tucci, Santina Gullo

Church Cleaning

Saturday, April 11

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, April 18

Legion of Mary

Weekly Collection

March 29, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,474.00

Presbytery: \$795.50

Reading Roster

Saturday, April 11

Divine Mercy Sunday

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, April 12

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, April 18

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, April 19

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm B. Collins

Junior Legion of Mary Retreat

will be led by Deacon Rhys

Lowther on Saturday, 11th April.

Please see flyers in the Church

foyer or call 0423 838 756 or email

president@legionofmary.net.au.

All juniors as well as children not
in the Legion are welcome.

Topic: Divine Mercy - The reason
for the Season.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 6th to Saturday, April 11, 2026

Monday within the Octave of Easter - April 6

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord has led you into a land flowing with milk and honey, that the law of the Lord may always be on your lips, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - April 7

Entrance Antiphon: He gave them the water of wisdom to drink; it will be made strong in them and will not be moved; it will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; mind the things that are above, alleluia.

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - April 8

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all who seek the Lord rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Thursday within the Octave of Easter - April 9

Entrance Antiphon: They praised in unison Your conquering hand, O Lord, for wisdom opened mouths that were mute and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of Him, who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light, alleluia.

Friday within the Octave of Easter - April 10

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led His people in hope, while the sea engulfed their foes, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

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

Saturday within the Octave of Easter - April 11

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: All of you who have been baptised in Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.