

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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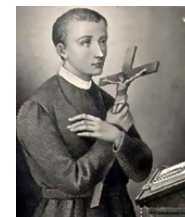
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *Visit website for updates*

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

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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 - Mass Readings (Year A) - May 23 & 24, 2026

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 our Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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

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.

Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria who continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith. **Watch John's moving testimony and download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

This year marks 100 years of **World Mission Day**, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united

FRANCISCUS: Celebrating 800 Years of St Francis of Assisi! - The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are hosting a 2-day Conference at St Anthony's, Hawthorn on the weekend of 30th-31st May to celebrate this Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi; to reflect upon and share about the amazing life and enduring legacy of this great saint. Each day will commence with registration at 8:30am and a 9am talk; each day concluding at 5pm. Across the 2 days, there will be six talks, a workshop, a Q&A Panel, as well as daily Mass and concluding each day with Evening Prayer. Light lunch provided. No registration fee but opportunity to donate to support the running of the Conference. For details and to register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMBUF>

Next weekend, the 30th and 31st May, we will be hosting a speaker from Catholic Mission to discuss how our parish can contribute and make a difference. Catholic Mission is the Pope's official mission agency- supporting the Church in over 160 countries and more than 1,100 dioceses, while also helping form seminarians, catechists and future Church leaders. We thank you in advance, in anticipation of your generosity.



Spiritual Adoption

During the month of May we have registered 94 people who have spiritually adopted a baby in the womb. All are champions of life whose prayers will bring life to their adopted child. If you would like to register and join us, the sheets will be available in the church foyer until the end of May or in the parish office. Collect a prayer card from the Church foyer or text Clarke on 0402 341 649.

The 6th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Other (Sunday) Assemblies continues this weekend.

This year marks a significant milestone—25 years of national attendance data, beginning with the first count in 2001. The 2026 results will provide valuable insights into long-term trends, particularly in understanding the ongoing effects of the pandemic, which influenced attendance in 2021.

Melbourne
Corpus Christi
Procession

Jesus himself came near
and was walking with them.
LUKE 24:15

SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 2PM
STARTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
CONCLUDES AT FED SQUARE

Together with Archbishop Peter A. Comensol, let us bring Christ in the Eucharist - our light - into the heart of the city of Melbourne. Communities are invited to bring their banners!

VISIT: [HTTPS://MELBOURNECATHOLIC.ORG/EVENTS/MELBOURNE-CORPUS-CHRISTI-PROCESSION](https://melbournecatholic.org/events/melbourne-corpus-christi-procession)

Please note: The Church will be locked each weekday at 2:30pm. On the weekend, the Church will be locked after the 5:30pm evening Mass.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 23rd May - Pentecost Sunday

Mass 5:30pm Rachel Radeve (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Thanksgiving Mass for Branca Patel
and Frederick Thomas (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, 24th May - Pentecost Sunday

Mass 8:30am Aurore La Rue (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Serge Savannah (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Patrick Scanlon (*40th day Remembrance* ✠)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 5:30pm Zdenka Halupa (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✠)

Monday, 25th May - Our Lady, Help of Christians

Mass 9:15am Ivan and Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Gerard Collins (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Intercessory prayers from St. Monica for private Intention

Tuesday, 26th May - Saint Philip Neri

Mass 9:15am Marissa Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Intercessory prayers from St. Monica for private Intention

Wednesday, 27th May

Mass 9:15am Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Mary Adolphus (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)
and Ive Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Zora Skoblar (*24th Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Rogelio Reyes & Milagros A. Reyes (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Intercessory prayers from St. Monica for private Intention
and Margaret Thomas (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Thursday, 28th May

Mass 9:15am Wilma Walles (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Ive Glavan (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Intercessory prayers from St. Monica for private Intention

Friday, 29th May

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of Antonette and Charles Henry Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✠)

Saturday, 30th May

9:15am Deceased staff members of the Little Flower of Jesus School and abandoned souls ✠

Saturday Vigil, 30th May - The Most Holy Trinity

Mass 5:30pm Sunny Rodrigues (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, 31st May - The Most Holy Trinity

Mass 8:30am Joe & Liz Ciseau (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
Mass 5:30pm Cyril O'Shaughnessy (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Sunny Rodrigues (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

Please pray for...

Our sick: Maria Tomaselli, Ricky Fagan, Anne Moorthy, Lynette Whetton, Lucia, Gration Vettivelu, John Keble, Pamela Chen, Michael Bruno, Steven Dickson, Derek Chater, Franca Rechichi, Marion Quyn, David Naidoo, Barbara Daniells, Jackie Foulstone, Sean Van Twest, Damien Gerard Misquith, Christopher Patterson, Gabby Vettivelu, Gerard

The recently deceased:

Serge Savannah, Carmel Mary, Heather Fernandez, Sunny Rodrigues, Agnes Thi Xuan Dao Le

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Apolonio Rosare, Edgar Peiris, Jane Cassar, Angeline Cooke, Frederick Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Harvey James Westbrook, Paul Van Sang Luong

Church Cleaning

Saturday, May 30

Mulipola Family

Saturday, June 6

R. Quyn, Xavier family,
T. Bui and Sheela

Weekly Collection

May 17, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,415.50

Presbytery: \$703.55

Reading Roster

Saturday, May 30

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, May 31

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm L. Hector

Saturday, June 6

5:30pm J. Fernando

Sunday, June 7

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Confession

Confession will not be heard on Sunday or Monday.

Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday from 8:20am to 8:50am including after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

Daily Antiphons

Monday, May 25th to Saturday, May 30th, 2026

Monday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 25 - Our Lady Help Of Christians

Entrance Antiphon: Who is this arising like the dawn, fair as the moon, resplendent as the sun, terrible as an army with banners.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are you, O blessed Virgin Mary; without dying you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on the earth; for He has so exalted your name, that your praise shall be undying on our lips.

Tuesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 26 - Saint Philip Neri

Entrance Antiphon: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has made known His salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: As the Father loves Me, so I also love you; remain in My love.

Wednesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 27

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Thursday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 28

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Friday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 29

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Saturday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - May 30

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the fullness of His message live within you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.