

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Confession: *Amendment * No daily confession from 11-16 May. Resuming Saturday, 16th May Prior to & after Mass. See Website *

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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"

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mass Readings (Year A) - May 9 & 10, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - John 14: 15-21

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, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon: If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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.

God and Beer Monday 11th May A Man For All Seasons: Remembering George Cardinal Pell Cardinal

George Pell was a significant figure in Australian public life and in the life of the Catholic Church from the time of his appointment to the episcopacy in the 1980s until his death in 2023. He had many enemies but he also had many friends and was revered by young Catholics on the orthodox end of the theological spectrum. Tracey Rowland, a friend of the cardinal's and one of the premiere theologians in the world today, has compiled the stories of people who knew the cardinal well into a new book. This promises to be an evening of good conversation, fellowship, and faith. We hope you'll join us! [Buy the book](#): Remembering George Cardinal Pell - Recollections of a Great Man of the Church. Speaker: Tracey Rowland. Date: Monday 11th May. Time: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. **Venue: St Gerard's Catholic Church - Parish Hall, 71 Gladstone Rd, Dandenong North (behind the church). ** Tickets: [Free \(but limited\)](#)

The Wonder of Pentecost, A Sacred Music Concert at St Peter's Toorak

DATE: Friday 22 May 2026 · 7pm LOCATION: St Peter's Catholic Church, 581 Toorak Road, Toorak.

BOOKING: trybooking.com/DJRJP. Experience the beauty of a centuries-old musical tradition in a historic church.

This event forms part of the St Peter's *Encountering Beauty* 2026 Sacred Music Concert Series, which draws from the Church's rich musical tradition. Each performance within the series offers a distinct programme. Across the series, audiences encounter stunning live performances from Melbourne's leading singers and musicians. Original compositions and timeless classical pieces encompass choral works, Gregorian chant, ancient polyphony and organ repertoire, enriched by strings, harp and chamber orchestra. Admission is by donation, supporting this concert series and helping make the Church's rich musical tradition accessible to all. Light refreshments will be served during the evening.

To assist with catering, please book your place in advance: trybooking.com/DJRJP

Seminary Enquiry Day 2026 - The Archbishop invites all young men to join him at Corpus Christi College on Saturday, 23rd May 2026. Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. You may or may not be considering a vocation, however, you are encouraged to join and hear more about a vocation and enjoy lunch with current Seminarians. Please email vocations@cam.org.au for more information and to rsvp.



Spiritual Adoption

Beginning this Sunday, 10th May, we invite everyone to spiritually adopt a child in the womb at risk of abortion. Sign up and become a champion for the unborn and be a voice for a baby that does not have one. This will involve commitment to prayer for the next nine months. Spiritual adoption is open to all ages. For more information, please see Clarke after the 8:30 and 10:30am Mass or text on 0402 341 649.

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

46. Synodality and patience

God's timing is often slower than ours, but always wiser.

47. Synodality calls us forward

We are invited not to cling to the past, but to move forward in faith.

48. Synodality strengthens communion

Communion grows when voices are respected and discernment is shared.

49. Synodality and trust in God

Ultimately, synodality is an act of trust that God is still guiding His Church.

50. Walking together with Christ

We walk together because Christ walks with us. That is the deepest meaning of synodality.

The 6th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Other (Sunday) Assemblies will continue for the month of May. 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.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 9th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 5:30pm Pierino Rivalta (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Thanksgiving for favours granted
and Thanksgiving on the birthday of Charlene Fernando
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter - **Happy Mother's Day**

Mass 8:30am Bruno Marino (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Serge Savanah (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Pierino Rivalta (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✠)



Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Rita Joseph (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Pierino Rivalta (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✠)

Monday, 11th May

Mass 9:15am Betty Tolan (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)
and Rita Joseph (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, 12th May

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving - Being saved from an accident
and Rita Joseph (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Jeanne Joseph (*1st Month Death Remembrance* ✠)
and Private intention of Arnold Johnson

Wednesday, 13th May

Mass 9:15am Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Nat Modica (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Rita Joseph (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

Thursday, 14th May - Saint Matthias

Mass 9:15am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Rita Joseph (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and For a Family Intention

Friday, 15th May

Mass 9:15am Rita Joseph (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Abraham Oravankarayil (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Mike Lovett (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Thanksgiving on the 60th Wedding Anniversary of
Bev and Kevin Shannahan

Saturday, 16th May

9:15am Rita Joseph (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Stanley Van Twest (*Birthday Rememb. & Death Anniv.* ✠)
and Sharlane Van Twest (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Saturday Vigil, 16th May - The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 5:30pm Congratulations to the children being Confirmed
and Trevor Pereira (*Remembrance* ✠)
7:00pm Maronite Mass

Sunday, 17th May - The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 8:30am Rosina Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Serge Savanah (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
Mass 3:30pm French Community
Mass 5:30pm Rita Joseph (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Thanksgiving for favours received
and Mario Civitante (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

Please pray for...

Our sick: Heather Fernandez, 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

The recently deceased:

Serge Savanah, Roberto Morando, Jeanne Joseph, Patrick Scanlon, Mitchel Agullo, Rita Joseph, Liberata Fortuna, Michael Hoare, Carmel Mary, Fr. Peter Foley, Fr. Grant O'Neill, Eleonora Fogal

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Pierino Rivalta, Frank and Christine Messina, Mario Civitante, Yvonne Bower

Church Cleaning

Saturday, May 16

Tamil Community

Saturday, May 23

Frank, Zenon, Betty, Robert, Kim

Weekly Collection

May 3, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,762.70

Presbytery: \$1,013.50

Reading Roster

Saturday, May 16

5:30pm Confirmands

Sunday, May 17

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am Catechists

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, May 23

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, May 24

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am K. Lopez

5:30pm J. Panicker

Amendment to Confession

Confession will not be heard on a weekday from Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May.

Confession will resume on Saturday, 16th May prior to the morning Mass from 8:30am until 9:00am and after the Mass until 10:30am. Thank you.

Daily Antiphons - Monday, May 11th to Saturday, May 16th, 2026

Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 11

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

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord takes delight in His people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you also will be My witnesses. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 12

Entrance Antiphon: Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Your right hand has saved me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; He will lead you to the whole truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory, alleluia.

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 13

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of Your name to my kin, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord, to be with you for ever. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 14 - Saint Matthias

Entrance Antiphon: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of His people.

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

Communion Antiphon: This is My commandment: Love one another as I love you, says the Lord, alleluia.

Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 15

Entrance Antiphon: You have redeemed us, Lord, by Your Blood from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God is king of all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter - May 16

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

Responsorial Psalm: God is king of all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I went from the Father and came into the world; and now I leave the world to return to the Father. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Father, I wish that, where I am, those You gave Me may also be with Me, that they may see the glory that You gave Me, alleluia.

