

# ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH Parish Priest: Fr. Shanthaiah Marneni

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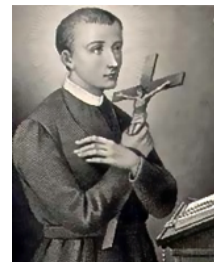
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) November 17, 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### First Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

### Second Reading - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

### ROSARY FOR LIFE!

Rosary for Life begins on Sunday, the 24th November after the 9.30 Mass and every Sunday ongoing, here at St. Gerard's Church. Everyone is welcome to join and pray a Rosary devoted to those babies in danger of abortion. Together, let's pray to end abortion.

### THANKSGIVING OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners, This weekend will conclude our parish offertory giving process. For those of you who have returned your pledge cards, thank you very much for doing so. For those who haven't returned your pledge cards as yet, you can return them in the offertory collections at Mass, at the designated box in the foyer of the Church or to the parish office. There will also be generic pledge cards on the pews this weekend that can be filled out and returned straight away. Thank you for your faithful participation in our parish offertory process over the past few weeks. Each offering, no matter the amount, is an expression of love and gratitude to God. It is a testament to your faith and trust in His provision.

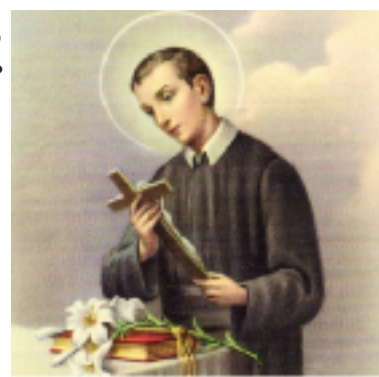
## Prayer to St Gerard Majella

**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.**



## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### RCIA PROGRAM - SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED

Join us Sundays from 9:30am – 11am in the Majellan room for a 20 week exploration of the richness of the Catholic faith through a video presentation featuring Dr Edward Sri. This week's theme: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: The Mystery of Jesus' Death & Resurrection. Contact: Jeff Zaher 0477188883. All are welcome.

### WHOLE SCHOOL LIVING ROSARY - FEAST DAY OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, 21st November 2024 10:00 a.m. (following Morning Mass) in St Gerard's Performing Arts Centre. All are welcome to join us as the children of St. Gerard's present this special time of prayer and reflection with our school community.

### CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA - PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2024

**Thank you!** Last weekend, we conducted CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Thank you for enabling CatholicCare Victoria and their Catholic Prison Chaplains to continue being messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to learn more about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515.

### WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

In the chaotic lead up to Christmas, this Advent retreat will provide rest in reflection and contemplation. Held in the heart of Melbourne where Mary MacKillop lived, worked and prayed. Facilitator Rita Malavisi, has been a Sister of St Joseph for over thirty years. She trained as a primary school teaching, working in city and country schools. Rita is involved in adult faith formation and is a trained Spiritual Director. She is the current National Chair of one of the Spiritual Direction Networks. To book call 9926 9300 or visit [www.mmhc.org.au](http://www.mmhc.org.au) or email [admin.mmhc@sosjspiriti.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosjspiriti.org.au). Date: Monday 9 December to Wednesday 11 December 2024. Location: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre 362 Albert Street East Melbourne. Cost \$480 with Accommodation and \$400 without.

### ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI INVITES REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR PARISH

Embarking on the journey to the Year of Jubilee 2025 and counting down one year until the Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025, you are invited to the Archdiocesan Celebration on Sunday, 24th November, 2024. Held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne with an 11:00 am Solemn Mass. Commissioning of Parish and Community Representatives to return to their communities with joyful proclamation of the upcoming Year of Jubilee. From 12noon to 2:00pm. Festival in the Cathedral grounds launching ACYF. Food, fun, Music. Enquiries: [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) or (03) 9926 5761.

### Hope in the Tribulation: Scott Hahn reflects on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen “since the beginning of God's creation” (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a “devolution” of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4).

Into this “uncreated” darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save “the elect,” the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil, November 16 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass 5:30pm** For the departed souls of the Knights of the Southern Cross and for their families

*and* For the repose of the soul of Ophelia Rodrigues  
(*First year Death Anniversary* ✚)

**Mass 7:00pm** Maronite Community

### Sunday, July November 17 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass 8:30am** For the repose of the soul of Burty François ✚

*and* For the soul of Frank Marchese (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

**Mass 10:30am** Glen Nicolay (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

*and* For the soul of Morina ✚

*and* Repose of the soul of Nicola Torelli (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

*and* Thanksgiving prayers for graces received and for the good health of Una Martin and prayers for the parish

**Mass 3:30pm** French Community

**Mass 5:30pm** For the deceased members of the Fernandes Family ✚

### Monday, November 18

**Mass 9:15am** For the deceased members of the Colaco & Rodrigues families ✚

*and* For the repose of the soul of P.K. Sebastian ✚

*and* Muriel & Aloysius De Silva (*Remembrance* ✚)

### Tuesday, November 19

**Mass 9:15am** For souls of the deceased members of the D'Silva Family ✚  
*and* Devasia Mangara (*Remembrance* ✚)

### Wednesday, November 20

**Mass 9:15am** For the deceased members of the Rebello Family ✚

*and* Thanksgiving on the 15th birthday of Raphael Rodrigues

### Thursday, November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Mass 9:15am** Deceased members of the Papalado & Tomaselli families  
(*Remembrance* ✚)

*and* Repose of the soul of P.K. Sebastian (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

### Friday, November 22 - Saint Cecilia

**Mass 9:15am** For the deceased members of the Pinto Family ✚

*and* Thanksgiving on the Wedding Anniversary of Peter and Cecilia Donald

### Saturday, November 23

**Mass 9:15am** Regina Mira (*First Year Death Anniversary* ✚)

### Saturday, November 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe

**Mass 5:30pm** Regina Mira (*First Year Death Anniversary* ✚)

*and* For the repose of the souls of Ralph Latouche and  
Josianne & Jacques Rosette (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)

**Mass 7:00pm** Maronite Community

### Sunday, July November 24 - Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe

**Mass 8:30am** For the repose of the soul of Burty François ✚

*and* Ravinia Delpeche (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

*and* Salvatore Messina (*6 month Death Anniversary* ✚)

*and* Antonino, Filippa and Sebastian Virgulto (*Remembrance* ✚)

**Mass 10:30am** Welcome Rite Blessing for Baptisms

First Holy Communions

Glen Nicolay (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

*and* Deceased members of the family of Heather Fernandes ✚

*and* Regina Mira (*First Year Death Anniversary* ✚)

**Mass 5:30pm** Repose of deceased souls of the Daniels & Anthony Family ✚

### Please pray for...

**Our sick:** Mary Considine, Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Maria Oblak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Elajah Isah, Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Christine Joseph, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwest, Carmela Fato, Pierina Nogarin, Marie Talary, Gabby, Una Martin, Roma Walles, Barbara Adolphus, Jasmine Jimenez, Francis Salmon

*\*Please note: the sick list will be updated on December 1st. Please contact the Parish office before November 29 to advise if you wish a name to remain on this list. Thank you.\*\**

### **The recently deceased:**

P.K. Sebastian, Windsor Valladares, Bernadette DeBoucherville, Glen Nicolay, Ashwin Esa, Solita Carrasco, Teresita Arrastra, Marguerite Valery, Burty François, Maria Leta Sequeira, Pierre Lindsay Clark, George Tour

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Sebastian, Muriel & Aloysius DeSilva, Regina Mira, Nicola Torelli, Frank Marchese, Ivan and Zora Skoblar

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, November 23**

Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

**Saturday, November 30**

J. Mackie & Ratika & Family

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, November 23**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, November 24**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, November 30**

5:30pm B. Collins

**Sunday, December 1**

8:30am M. Naidoo

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, November 18 to Saturday, November 23, 2024

### Monday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 18

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.

**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:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

### Tuesday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 19

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The one who is victorious I will sit beside Me on My throne.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent His Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

### Wednesday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 20

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!

**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:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

### Thursday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 21

#### The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Entrance Antiphon:** Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

### Friday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 22 - Saint Cecilia

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

**Responsorial Psalm:** How sweet to my taste is Your promise!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

### Saturday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - November 23

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

