



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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"

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - July 12/13, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

First Reading - Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

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

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

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.



Fr. Shanthaiah will be on annual leave from July 14 until August 22nd.

In his absence, Mass will be officiated by Fr. Deva Kolukuri and Fr. Rembert Fernando.

Confession will not be heard during the weekdays and will only be heard on a Saturday morning from 8:30-9:00am and then after the Saturday morning Mass until 10:30am.

Peter's Pence collection will be taken up at St. Gerard's this 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.

The Call of Guadalupe (COG) Theatre group is a Catholic musical theatre group, endorsed by various bishops. On the 26th of July, you are invited to an afternoon tea on how you can be part of this exciting show. You will see a preview of **Mary Magdalene the Musical coming in 2026**. Sumptuous afternoon tea will be provided. Please RSVP via trybooking link by 22nd of July <http://www.trybooking.com/DBRJU> for catering purposes or call 0413398528 or email cogtheatre@gmail.com

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. To be held on 20th July. 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 (3 course meal, wine & beer.) Guest Speaker: Sue Dight Regional Director (Aust & PNG) Mission Seafarers. 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.

Please note in your diaries that the **Saint Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal Collection** will be taken up on the weekend of 26th and 27th July. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Altar Server training will not be held during school holidays. Training will resume on Thursday 31st July.

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. October 3-5: Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill) October 10-12: St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

You are warmly invited to our full-day Women's retreat: Pilgrims of Hope: A Journey with the Lord "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." — Romans 12:12. In this Jubilee Year 2025, you are invited to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a day of rest, reflection, and renewal. Join other women of faith for a retreat that draws us into the heart of what it means to be pilgrims of hope—walking together through life's joys and trials with our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, the source of our hope. The retreat will be led by Fr Nicholas Pearce. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. The day includes Adoration, Confession, music by Alyssa Agius, and time for rest and renewal with other women of faith. The talks, morning tea and lunch will take place at the Park Hyatt. Please join us!

DATE: Saturday 6 September 2025 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1407033>

Dear Parishioners, Reverend Fr. Michael Shadbolt is profoundly grateful and thanks the Parishioners of St. Gerard's, for their incredible generosity and well wishes and he will keep you all forever in his prayers.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 12 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Ivy Savannah (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Maive Meerwald and Wally Nicholas
(*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 13 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the family of Cataldo & Emilia Minutolo
and their children Vince, Tony, Frank and Carter

Mass 10:30am Kenneth, Margaret & Alexander Stewart
(*Remembrance* ✚)

and Repose of the soul of Gladys Dias (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Thanksgiving on the 99th Birthday of Rita Culloden

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm José Benjamin (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Monday July 14

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of Caitan & Carmina D'Souza ✚
and Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Thanksgiving on the birthday of Aaron Mroczkowski

Tuesday July 15 - Saint Bonaventure

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of Raymond & Florence Rathod ✚

Wednesday July 16

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for favours granted
and to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

and Phyllis Michael (*Remembrance* ✚) and for the souls of
the Michael's Family

Thursday July 17

Mass 9:15am Edward Baldsing (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Rosamma Sebastian (*9th Death Anniversary* ✚)

Friday July 18

Mass 9:15am Maria Gatt & Sister Luisa Farrugia (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Claude Isaacs (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Page Hamilton Quyn

(*Death Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and Giovanni Mete (*1st Death Anniversary* ✚)

Saturday July 19

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the family of Cataldo & Emilia Minutolo
and their children Vince, Tony, Frank and Carter

Saturday Vigil, July 19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Magdaline Ghosh (*5th Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Anthony William D'Souza

(*Remembrance and Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 20 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the family of Cataldo & Emilia Minutolo
and their children Vince, Tony, Frank and Carter

Mass 10:30am Michael & German DePenha (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Thanksgiving on the 93rd birthday of Cathy Kronfeld

and Joseph Enoka (*10th Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Vikram Kumar (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Please pray for...

Our sick: Lovett & Frances Dos Remedios, Heather Fernandez, Steven & Monica Dickson, Ricky & Katrina, Sandy Hayman, Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas, Fr. Brendan Lane, Giuseppina Bonato, Anne Moorthy, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette Mary Whetton, Lucia, Angelina Mercuri, Sean VanTwist, Dale Rozario, Mauraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak, Gration Vettivelu, Private Intention, Angele Pacifique, Rocco, Belinda Claite, Lyane Watson, Christine Joseph, Cristina de Gallegos, Manuel Mira

The recently deceased: Gavin Akom, Frederick Thomas, Edwin Donat, Belinda Claite, Tony Zaher, Brendan O'Connor, De Boora Roland, Cristel Louis Bassy, Vikram Kumar, Sister Stella Maris, Francesco Brasacchio

Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Tanya Rozario, Magdaline Ghosh

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 19

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday, July 26

Knights of the Southern Cross

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 19

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, July 20

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, July 26

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, July 27

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm B. Collins

Parish Groups

Monday

Senior Legion of Mary 10:00 - 11:15am

Junior Legion of Mary 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30pm

Tuesday

State School Catechism Classes 4-5pm

(No classes during School Holidays)

Wednesday

Knights of the Southern Cross meet

7:30pm first Wednesday of the month

Thursday

Coffee Club 10:00am - 11:00am

Altar Server Training 5:30pm - 6:30pm

(No training during School Holidays)

Legion of Mary (Group 2) 7:00 - 8:00pm

Weekly Collection - July 6, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,630.50

Presbytery: \$675.80

Daily Antiphons - Monday July 14 to Saturday July 19, 2025

Monday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 14

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 15 - Saint Bonaventure

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

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

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

Communion 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.

Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 16

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

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: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 17

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 18

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

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

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 19

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: His love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.