



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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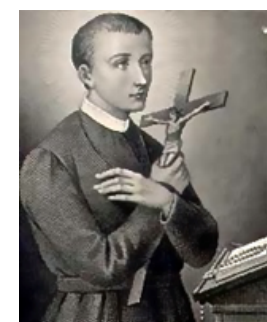
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) July 19/20, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading - Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

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.



KSC Archbishop's Dinner - August 29, 2025

The 25th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Dr Andy Mullins (Education Specialist) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday August 29, anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians should contact Andrew Vaccaro at avaccaro@internode.on.net, or 0404 390 824 by August 8. For further details, refer to the Bulletin Boards.

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

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.

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

Fr. Shanthaiah will be on annual leave until August 22nd. In his absence, Mass will be officiated by Fr. Rembert Fernando and Fr. Deva Kolukuri. Until August 23rd, 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.

SAVE THE DATE

St Gerard's Parish Feast Day
Celebrations

Mass, a catered lunch &
celebration of our community

Sunday
19 October 2025

Details to come...

The Knights of the Southern Cross are hosting an information evening for any Catholic gentlemen wishing to learn about their role within the Church, or with an interest in joining. DATE: Wednesday July 30, 2025. VENUE: Majellan Room.

Commencing promptly at 7.30 pm-9.00 pm followed by a light supper
DRESS CODE: Suit and Tie. Please contact Carmine Miranda - 0412 817 995 or carmine.miranda@bigpond.com

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>

Parish Groups

Monday

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

Junior Legion of Mary 4-5pm

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

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Anthony William D'Souza (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Magdaline Ghosh (*5th Death Anniversary* ✠)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 20 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

and Salvatore Messina (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

and Louis Larue & Rosemary Vidot (*Death Anniversaries* ✠)

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

and Thanksgiving on the 93rd Birthday of Cathy Kronfeld

and Thanksgiving on the 90th Birthday of Ruby Van Twest

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

Mass 3:30pm French Community

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

Monday July 21

Mass 9:15am Antonette Vettivelu (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

and Marco Pradel (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Tuesday July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

Mass 9:15am Mary Petersen (*1st Death Anniversary* ✠)

and Beverley Deabe (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

and Allan Kelly (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

Wednesday July 23

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Thursday July 24

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Tony Domingo (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

and In honour of St. Charbel Makhlouf and St. Christina of
Bolsena

Friday July 25 - Saint James

Mass 9:15am Brendan O'Connor (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

Saturday July 26 - Saints Joachim and Anne

Mass 9:15am Gerard Collins (*Remembrance* ✠)

Saturday Vigil, July 26 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving Mass to Saint Gerard and Our Lady
of Lourdes for favours granted - Fernando Family

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 27 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Patrick Collins Junior (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Leonita Glico Maurier, Pacifico, Antonio, Eduardo, Danilo,
Ramon Glico and Cyril Maurier (*Remembrance* ✠)

Mass 10:30am For blessings upon Fr. Michael Shadbolt

Mass 5:30pm Belinda Claite (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

and Margaret Marmion (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

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, Lyane Watson, Christine Joseph, Cristina de Gallegos, Manuel Mira

The recently deceased:

Belinda Claite, Tony Zaher, Gertrude Baldsing, Gavin Akom, De Boora Roland, Cristel Louis Bassy, Vikram Kumar, Lisette Loizeau, Sister Stella Maria, Francesco Brasacchio, Domenico Nicolaci

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Anthony D'Souza, Magdaline Ghosh, Salvatore Messina, Louis Larue, Rosemary Vidot, Michael & German DePenha, Margaret Marmion

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 26

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, August 2

Legion of Mary

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 26

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, July 27

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm B. Collins

Saturday, August 2

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, August 3

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm L. Hector

Weekly Collection - July 13, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,491.50

Presbytery: \$909.30

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Mass in Reparation for Abortion to be held on Saturday 26th July, 9am at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place Melbourne. Followed by a Rosary, procession, and Morning Tea in Fitzroy Gardens. All welcome.

Daily Antiphons - Monday July 21 to Saturday July 26, 2025

Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 21

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us sing to the Lord; He has covered Himself in glory.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said to Mary Magdalene; Go to My brothers and tell them; I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I Saw His empty tomb. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The love of Christ impels us, so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised.

Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 23

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 24

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

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 Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 25 - Saint James

Entrance Antiphon: As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother mending their nets and He called them.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.

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: They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.

Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 26 - Saints Joachim and Anne

Entrance Antiphon: Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave Him who was a blessing for all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Receive and submit to the word planted in you; it can save your souls. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.