



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.

Parish Secretary: Sinthia Stellato (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

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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"**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - July 27, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

First Reading - Genesis 18: 20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

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.



St Gerard's Catholic Primary School 2026 Prep (Foundation) Enrolments are now open and Parish families are our first category for enrolments. If you have or know of a child who will be starting school next year please contact the School on 9791 7553 or email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and tour with Principal Mr Paul Cowan. Families are welcome for a school tour, there is no need for an appointment. Please visit <https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au>

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...

Please note that the **Saint Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal Collection** will be at all Masses this weekend. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Altar Server training will resume this week on Thursday 31st July. Please call Ron Maroun should you wish to join or have any queries on 0412 212 287.

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>

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

In 2024, the Archdiocesan Development Office introduced a streamlined approach to fundraising. This approach, called the **Archbishop's Campaign**, is a single annual campaign and reduces the number of separate special Sunday plate collections in parishes each year.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund and other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and service organisations.

Non-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports seminarian formation and evangelisation initiatives such as the Australian Catholic Youth Festival and World Youth Day.

Any unallocated and loose collections will go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund.

The collections will commence on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of August. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Parish Groups

Monday

Senior Legion of Mary 10:00 - 11:30am
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 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, Cyril Maurier, Pacifico, Antonio, Eduardo, Danilo & Ramon Glico

Mass 10:30am Blessings upon Fr Michael
and Ernesto Bonato (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 5:30pm Belinda Claite (*Recently Deceased* ✙)
and Margaret Marmion (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Josephine Binny (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Monday July 28

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of the Nicholas family
(*Remembrance* ✙)
and Belinda Claite (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Tuesday July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of Antonette & Charles Henry Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Belinda Claite (*Recently Deceased* ✙)
and Private Intention for a successful surgery and healing

Wednesday July 30

Mass 9:15am Blessings upon Fr Michael
and Milagros Agustin Reyes (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Thursday July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 60th birthday of Tyron Rodrigues
and Claire D’Sousa (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Friday August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Mass 9:15am Denzil Hookens (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from Nigel and Maria Rodrigues

Saturday August 2

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving offering for Our Lady of Vailankanni from Isabelle & Christelle D’Vaz and Luke Lewis

Saturday Vigil, August 2 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the soul of Rajiah Fernando (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, August 3 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Repose of the soul of Simone Valadon (*Remembrance* ✙)
Mass 10:30am Blessings upon Fr Michael
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

The Funeral of Marie-Claire de Chalain will be held on Monday, August 4th. Rosary to begin at 10:30am followed by the Funeral Service at 11:00am.

Please pray for...

Our sick: 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 VanTwest, 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, Elizabeth Wilson, Francis Salmon

The recently deceased:
Gertrude Baldsing, Francesco Brasacchio, Domenico Nicolaci, Hayden Taylor, Josephine Binny, Milagros Agustin Reyes, Marie-Claire de Chalain

Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Francesca Lattanzio Antonucci, Dino Antonucci, Margaret Marmion, Ernesto Bonato

Church Cleaning

Saturday, August 2

Legion of Mary

Saturday, August 9

Gonsalves Family, Mario, L. Harper

Reading Roster

Saturday, August 2

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, August 3

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm L. Hector

Saturday, August 9

5:30pm J. Fernando

Sunday, August 10

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm M Yallapa

Weekly Collection - July 20, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,431.50

Presbytery: \$659.55

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.

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.

Daily Antiphons - Monday July 28 to Saturday August 2, 2025

Monday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 28

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father gave us birth by His message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of His creation. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Entrance Antiphon: Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless the Lord at all times.

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: Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.

Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 30

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

Responsorial Psalm: Holy is the Lord our God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you My friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Thursday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 31 - Saint Ignatius Loyola

Entrance Antiphon: At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Responsorial Psalm: How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were kindled!

Friday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Entrance Antiphon: The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Sing with joy to God our help.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield his fruit in due season.

Saturday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 2

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise You!

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

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

