



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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. ****No confession Saturday 2nd August**

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"**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - August 2/3, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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

God and Beer at St. Gerard's - Dr Edward Sri *Making Missionary Disciples*

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people from around the world each year and will be giving a talk here in the St Gerard's hall on **Monday 1 September at 6:30pm**. Discover the true meaning of discipleship in ways that will transform our parishes, ministries, families and communities. Dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. Please register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/GodandBeer/GABSept2025>

Catholic Retreat - A 2-day Retreat for Children and Teens (ages 5 - 15)

Date and Time: August 23 and 24, 2025, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Venue: Holy Family Church, 100 Power Road, Doveton. Parents who wish to enrol their children to the retreat can visit our website www.divinekids.com.au

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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>

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...

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.

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

CONFESSION WILL NOT BE HEARD SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST

Saturday Vigil, August 2 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the soul of Rajiah Fernando
(*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Des Marmion (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, August 3 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Repose of the soul of Simone Valadon ✙

Mass 10:30am Blessings upon Fr Michael

Mass 5:30pm For blessings upon Hermione & Karen Daniels

Monday August 4 - Saint John Vianney

Mass 9:15am Blessings upon Fr Michael Shadbolt
and Sarah Dennis (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

10:30am Rosary and Funeral of Marie-Claire de Chalain ✙

Tuesday August 5

Mass 9:15am Private Intention

10:30am Rosary followed by Funeral of Maureen Jayamaha ✙

Wednesday August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Angelo Marateo & all deceased loved ones (*Remembrance* ✙)

Thursday August 7

Mass 9:15am For the healing of John Keble

Friday August 8 - Saint Mary of the Cross

Mass 9:15am Darryl Williams (*1st Death Anniversary* ✙)

Saturday August 9

Mass 9:15am Glen Latchford (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Stefano Giacomini (*15th Death Anniversary* ✙)
and for the healing of Clarice Giacomini

Saturday Vigil, August 9 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Darryl Williams (*1st Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Roger Savannah (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, August 10 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Blessings upon Fr Michael

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Darryl Williams (*1st Death Anniversary* ✙)

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 VanTwist, Dale Rozario, Mauraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak, Gration Vettivelu, Private Intention, Rocco, Lyane Watson, Christine Joseph, Cristina de Gallegos, Anne Daley, Manuel Mira, Elizabeth Wilson, Francis Salmon, John Keble

The recently deceased:

Gertrude Baldsing, Francesco Brasacchio, Domenico Nicolaci, Hayden Taylor, Josephine Binny, Milagros Agustin Reyes, Marie-Claire de Chalain, Maureen Jayamaha, Desmond Marmion

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Trevin DeKauwe

Church Cleaning

Saturday, August 9

Gonsalves Family, Mario, L. Harper

Saturday, August 16

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Reading Roster

Saturday, August 9

5:30pm J. Fernando

Sunday, August 10

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm M Yallapa

Saturday, August 16

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, August 17

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Weekly Collection - July 27, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,257.50

Presbytery: \$616.55

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.

Dear youth of St Gerard's, Are you interested in a chance to spend three fun-filled days of prayer, music, games and inspiring speakers? This is your chance to ask the difficult faith questions, mingle with Bishops, and connect with other like-minded youth. This is a call out for an expression of interest from those 9 – 25 years of age who would like to attend the Catholic Australian Youth Festival (30 Nov - 2 Dec 2025). Please call 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au if you are interested, and to find out more details such as subsidised costs, the program, and accommodation. Please address your enquiry to Xavier Zaher, Parish Pastoral Council Member and Youth Festival contact.

Daily Antiphons - Monday August 4 to Saturday August 9, 2025

Monday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 4 - Saint John Vianney

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; Your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

Responsorial Psalm: Sing with joy to God our help.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when He comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all His property.

Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 5

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Master, You are the Son of God, You are the king of Israel. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is My Son, My beloved, in whom is all My delight: listen to Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 7

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My Church; the gates of hell will not hold against it. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Friday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 8 - Saint Mary of the Cross

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited Me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul clings to You; Your right hand holds me fast.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Saturday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 9

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

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

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.