



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.

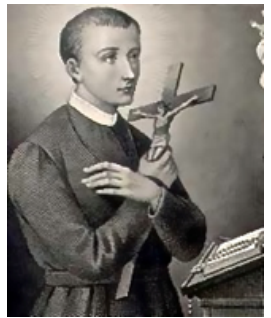
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - August 9/10, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

First Reading - Wisdom 18: 6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Second Reading - Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading - Luke 12: 32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.' Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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.



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

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...

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. Please also visit <https://acyf.org.au/> for more information on this life-changing experience.

Orders for God's Word 2026, Divine Mercy Calendars and the Columban Calendars 2026, are to be placed directly at the Piety Stall. They will only be available by order. Please visit the stall on a Sunday before and after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Should you be unable to attend on these days, please call Susan on 0408 329 787 to place your order.

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 campaign will commence this weekend and continue until 30/31 of August. Donation envelopes can be found at the end of each pew or on the table in the foyer. These envelopes have reply paid stamps so you may return at no cost by post or leave with collectors at the end of the Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

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

The bulletin is printed one week in advance. If you would like your Mass intention included in the bulletin, please submit to the parish office, more than one week before the date you require. Thank you.

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 Repose of the Soul of Joseph Kelly (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Magdaline Ghosh (*5th Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

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

Monday August 11 - Saint Clare

Mass 9:15am Repose of the Soul of Alan D'Lima (*Remembrance* ✙)

Tuesday August 12

Mass 9:15am Claire D'Sousa (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Hedley Simonet (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Jenny Elias (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Wednesday August 13

Mass 9:15am Denis Domingo & Pamela Francis (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Repose of the soul of P.K. Sebastian (*Remembrance* ✙)

Thursday August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Mass 9:15am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Jemma Joseph (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and For Retaline & friends suffering from cancer

Friday August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of the Clements family
(*Remembrance* ✙)
and Victor Anthony (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Bill Dowsey (*First Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Intentions of the Parish

Saturday August 16

Mass 9:15am Sister Celia DosRemedios & Ravi K. (*Remembrance* ✙)
and For the Abandoned Souls in Purgatory
and Repose of the Soul of Marie-claire de Chalain ✙

Saturday Vigil, August 16 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

NO Maronite Mass tonight. Mass will be held Sunday 17 August at 7:00pm

Sunday, August 17 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Ravi K. & Elmer Sequeira (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Gavin Akom (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Repose of the Soul of Ernest D'Sousa ✙
and Domenico Nicolaci (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Repose of the Soul of Desmond Marmion ✙

Mass 3:30pm French Community

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

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community ***change of date for this week only*

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, Muraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak, Gratian Vettivelu, Private Intention, Angele Pacifique, 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, Jenny Elias, Bishop Peter John Elliott

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Darryl Williams, Stefano Giacomini, Sarah Dennis, Rosa Russo

Church Cleaning

Saturday, August 16

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday, August 23

Knights of the Southern Cross

Reading Roster

Saturday, August 16

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, August 17

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, August 23

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, August 24

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am Students

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Weekly Collection - August 3, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,778.00

Presbytery: \$707.30

Fr. Shanthaiah will be on annual leave until August 22nd. In his absence, Mass will be officiated by visiting priests.

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Daily Antiphons - Monday August 11 to Saturday August 16, 2025

Monday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 11 - Saint Clare

Entrance Antiphon: I despised the kingdom of the world and all worldly finery for love of my Lord, Jesus Christ, whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, in whom has been my delight.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: One thing is necessary: she has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 12

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: The portion of the Lord is His people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Take my yoke upon you; learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 13

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be God who filled my soul with life!

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: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe

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

Responsorial Psalm: Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Let Your face shine on Your servant, and teach me Your laws. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Responsorial Psalm: The queen stands at Your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed, for He who is mighty has done great things for me.

Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 16

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

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: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.