



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"**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - August 16/17, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right* of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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

Gospel Reading - Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Millions of Monicas: Praying for Our Children's Return to the Catholic Faith

Are you a mother, grandmother, aunt, or godmother grieving the loss of faith in a beloved child? You are not alone. Join with other women for a peaceful hour of prayer, inspired by St. Monica—whose steadfast, tear-filled prayers led to the conversion of her son, St. Augustine. Become one of the *Millions of Monicas* around the world who are faithfully entrusting their children to God through persistent, hope-filled prayer. There is no cost to attend. Simply bring your rosary and an open heart. We will gather in the church on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month, from 6:30–7:30 PM, **beginning Tuesday, 2nd September.**

For more information contact Betty 0431 374 744, Linda 0408 342 911, or Muriel 0419 304 451.

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.



Dear Parishioners, We need to make you aware that there is a scammer posing as Fr. Shanthaiah asking for gift vouchers. Please do not respond to this text or call, and block the caller immediately. Please be vigilant and do not respond to any request for money or provide any of your personal information without contacting the person they are claiming to be directly. Father will never call or text anyone for any money or donation.

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...

PRAYER FOR LIFE - Mass in Reparation for Abortion

To be held Saturday 23rd August 9am at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, Melbourne. Following by a Rosary, procession and morning tea in the Fitzroy Gardens. All welcome.

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. We are calling 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.

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>

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 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 16 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community *no longer changed.***

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 ✚
 and Mariathan Vethanayagam
 (*36th Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

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

Monday August 18

Mass 9:15am Charles Lovett (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
 and Thanksgiving for being saved from a fracture after
 a fall

Tuesday August 19

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Steby Rodriguez
 and Thanksgiving and blessings on the birthday of
 Amanda Collins

Wednesday August 20 - Saint Bernard

Mass 9:15am Russel McLauchlan (*Remembrance* ✚)
 and Lily Anne Mary Alfred (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
 and Angelo Marateo and all deceased loved ones
 (*Remembrance* ✚)

Thursday August 21 - Saint Pius X

Mass 9:15am Margaret Collins (*Remembrance* ✚)

Friday August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday August 23

Mass 9:15am Louis Charles Kerver (*Remembrance* ✚)

Saturday Vigil, August 23 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, August 24 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 10:30am Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing - Congratulations
 Leander Vivin John and Macey Iris Mercer

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

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, Marie-Claire de Chalain, Maureen Jayamaha, Desmond Marmion, Jenny Elias, Bishop Peter Elliott, Rita Harbour, Domenico Nicolaci, Dolores Azzopardi

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Gavin Akom, Sarah Cleary, Darryl Williams, Ernest D’Sousa, Loredana Munafo, Antonio Occhietti, Umberto Plutino, Sister Celia Dos Remedios, Ravi

Church Cleaning

Saturday, August 23

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, August 30

Legion of Mary

Reading Roster

Saturday, August 23

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, August 24

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am Students

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, August 30

5:30pm J. D’Souza

Sunday, August 31

8:30am G. DosRemedios

10:30am K. Lopez

5:30pm L. Hector

Weekly Collection - August 10, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,222.00

Presbytery: \$628.50

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

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 August 18 to Saturday August 23, 2025

Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 18

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, remember us, for the love You bear Your people.

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

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 19

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord speaks of peace to His people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ was rich because He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 20 - Saint Bernard

Entrance Antiphon: Filled by the Lord with a spirit of understanding, blessed Bernard ministered streams of clear teaching to the people of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Your strength gives joy to the King.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our hearts. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: As the Father loves Me, so I also love you; remain in My love, says the Lord.

Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 21 - Saint Pius X

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord chose him for Himself as high priest, and, opening His treasure house made him rich in all good things.

Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has laid down His life for His sheep.

Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: At Your right stands the queen in robes of gold, finely arrayed.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Teach me Your paths, my God, and lead me in Your truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are you who have believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord will be fulfilled.

Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 23

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: See how the Lord blesses those who fear Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.