



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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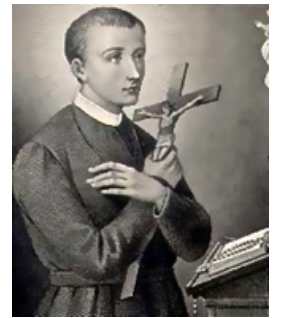
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - August 31, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

First Reading - Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 3: 17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm: God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading - Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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

Gospel Reading - Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

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...

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.

Making Missionary Disciples How do we move from simply "going through the motions" in our faith to truly living as missionary disciples of Christ?

In this inspiring and practical talk, Dr. Edward Sri offers a roadmap for deepening personal conversion, growing in love for Jesus, and confidently sharing the Gospel with others.

Drawing on Scripture, the lives of the saints, and his own pastoral experience, Dr. Sri challenges us to embrace the call to evangelisation in everyday life—with clarity, charity, and courage. [Visit his website](#). For more information about Dr Edward Sri's Australian Tour visit [Parousiamedia.com](#). Topic: Making Missionary Disciples. Speaker: Edward Sri. Date: Monday 1st September. Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk Venue: St Gerard's Catholic Church, Parish Hall, 71 Gladstone Rd., Dandenong North.

Tickets: Free (donations gratefully accepted) - tickets are limited.

Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com Visit: Godandbeer.com.au for tickets.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL - LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT

ECHO SOLIDARITY. To be held on Wednesday, 10th September, at St John's

Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant Caroline Street, Dandenong. Arrive: 5.45pm for 6pm start. COST: \$48 per person for a 3 course meal, wine & beer. Guest Speakers: Fr Brian Collins & Vicki Russel. RSVP: Friday 5th September to Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email: Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN - Concluding this weekend

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.

YCW – Young Christian Workers (Holdings) Melbourne invites you to join us to celebrate the contributions women have made to Australian YCW as we celebrate the centenary of YCW. Bookings essential: <https://events.humanitix.com/100-years-of-ycw-women-in-action>. Sunday 31st August. Registrations at 10:30 for a 11am start. Catholic Theological College, Knox Room 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. All tickets: \$25 + \$2.17 Humanitix booking fee includes light lunch.

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

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, Angele Pacifique, Rocco, Christine Joseph, Cristina de Gallegos, Anne Daley, Manuel Mira, Elizabeth Wilson, Francis Salmon, John Keble, Fr. Michael Shadbolt

The recently deceased: Desmond Marmion, Jenny Elias, Rita Harbour, Dolores Azzopardi, Muthu Patrick, Srimal Fernando, Apolonio Rosare, Ilma Watts, John Cleary

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Maria Paola, Denzil Hookens, Lakmani Siriwardene, Dorothy Siriwardene, Calvin Fernando

Church Cleaning

Saturday, September 6

Gonsalves family, Mario

Saturday, September 13

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Reading Roster

Saturday, September 6

5:30pm J. Fernando

Sunday, September 7

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm B. Collins

Saturday, September 13

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, September 14

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Weekly Collection

August 24, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,162.50

Presbytery: \$590.45

Saturday, August 30 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Apolonio Rosare (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and Maria Paola (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and John Cleary (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, August 31 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Denzil Hookens (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Mass10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Monday September 1

Mass 9:15am Michael Thompson (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Anna Mary Rafiah (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Tuesday September 2

Mass 9:15am Repose of the Soul of Michelle Martyn ✚

Wednesday September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great

Mass 9:15am Srimal Fernando (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and Calvin Fernando (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Lakmani Siriwardene & Dorothy Siriwardene
(*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and Repose of the Soul of Bertha Ratnayake ✚

Thursday September 4

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Friday September 5

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the abandoned souls in Purgatory

Saturday September 6

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving offering for Our lady of Lourdes from
Nigel and Maria Rodrigues

Saturday, September 6 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 7 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Father's Day!

Mass 8:30am Maria Milicia (*1st Year Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Pasquale Isabella, Giovanni Paola, & Tiodoro Ricci
(*Remembrance* ✚)

Mass10:30am Thanksgiving Mass to Our Lady for all blessings received for
the Rosary Group and prayers for God's blessings on all the
Ave Maria Rosary families

12:00pm Baptisms

Mass 5:30pm Maria Milicia (*1st Year Death Anniversary* ✚)

THE 48 HOUR PERPETUAL ROSARY BOUQUET (A Gift to The Blessed Virgin Mary for Her Birthday)

Commencing Friday 5th September at 6pm and concluding Sunday 7th September at 6pm. We invite everyone to take part in this Birthday Rosary Bouquet, praying the Rosary anywhere, any time, during the 48 hours. Please record your name in the timeslot of your choice, in which you will be praying the Rosary. The Rosary Bouquet sheet is on the table in the church foyer.

The Parish name and individual names will be placed with the Scroll which will be presented during Mass at
St. Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Monday 8th September 2025, at 12.10pm.

Daily Antiphons - Monday September 1 to Saturday September 6, 2025

Monday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 1

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; He sent Me to bring Good News to the poor. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 2

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 3

Saint Gregory the Great

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed Gregory, raised upon the throne of Peter, sought always the beauty of the Lord and lived in celebration of that love.

Responsorial Psalm: I trust in the kindness of God for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Lord sent Me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 4

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has made known His salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come follow Me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of My people. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

Friday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 5

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

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: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

Saturday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 6

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: God Himself is my help.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.