



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - September 7, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading - Wisdom 9: 13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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

Second Reading - Philemon 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

Gospel Reading - Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Orders for God's Word 2026, Divine Mercy Calendars and Columban Calendars 2026, are to be placed directly at the Piety Stall. Please visit the stall on a Sunday before and after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses.

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 ask that you please keep Fr Shanthaiah and his family in your prayers. Father has travelled to India due to the death of his brother, Balaraju Sylvester MARNENI. The Funeral will be held on 3rd September Wednesday at 11 a.m in Hyderabad. Please keep Fr Shanthaiah in your prayers. Please also remain 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 to anyone. 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...

Blessed Fr. Jacques D. Laval - Mass 9th September, 6:00pm

A French mass, in honour of the Blessed Father Jacques D. Laval, Apostle of Mauritius, will be celebrated in St. Gerard Church on Tuesday 9th September at 6:00 pm with Father Jean Sebastien Gery. The mass is firstly for praying for the canonisation of Blessed Fr. Laval and also for sick people seeking healing through the intercession of the Blessed Father.

All are welcome.

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, 23 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.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained by Dr Edward Sri / RCIA Program

We were very fortunate to have had Dr Edward Sri present to our parish last Monday night to over 200 people. We will be commencing his **Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained** on **Thursday 25 September 7pm - 9pm**. This beautifully crafted video series provides a deep exploration into our faith that will benefit all who attend. Whether you are considering becoming Catholic, are new to the faith or are an experienced Catholic you are guaranteed to learn something and find it to be a worthwhile experience. To register, please contact Jeff on 0477188883, the parish office or scan the QR code found on the notice board, or at the Church entry/exits.

Every Life Matters, March For Babies - October 11

The 2025 March for the Babies will be held on Saturday, October 11th, as a peaceful walk through our beautiful Treasury Gardens.

Please wear pink or blue to show your support for the babies!

A bus will be leaving from St. Gerard's at 11:30am. Please leave your name and contact number at the piety stall if you would like to come. There is no cost for the bus; thanks to a wonderful family in our parish who will be supplying the bus.

Please join us in supporting this very important event, because every life really matters!

****Amendment to Confession days and times****

Until Fr Shanthaiah returns, confession will only be heard on a Saturday from 8:30am - 9:00am and after the Mass until 10:30am. Thank you.

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 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 School Holidays)

Legion of Mary (Group 2)

7:00 - 8:00pm

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 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* ✙)

Mass 10:30am 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* ✙)

and Giuseppe Calapa and Sara Bonarrigo
(*1st Year Death Anniversary* ✙)

Monday September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of Verna & Maria Isaacs ✙

and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni from Issabelle and
Christelle D'Vaz and Luke Lewis

**10:00am The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Whole School
living Rosary in the PAC centre. All welcome**

Tuesday September 9

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the birthday of Ariana Lopez

Mass 6:00pm Mass in honour of Blessed Fr. Laval

Wednesday September 10

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of P.K. Sebastian ✙

Thursday September 11

Mass 9:15am Jessica Cabral (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

and Repose of the soul of Rosamma Sebastian ✙

Friday September 12

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the Wedding Anniversary of Steby & Renju
and Veronica Baptiste (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Saturday September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday September 13 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday September 14 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass 8:30am Pasquale Isabella, Giovanni Paola, & Tiodoro Ricci
(*Remembrance* ✙)

and Thanksgiving on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy
Cross and for the abandoned souls in Purgatory

Mass 10:30am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✙)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Mass

Mass 5:30pm Mijo (Michael) Snr & Anka Glavacevic (*Remembrance* ✙)

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, Christine Joseph, Cristina de Gallegos, Anne Daley, Manuel Mira, John Keble, Francis Salmon, Fr. Michael Shadbolt, Carlton Jackson

The recently deceased:

Rita Harbour, Dolores Azzopardi, Muthu Patrick, Srimal Fernando, Apolonio Rosare, Ilma Watts, John Cleary, Balaraju Sylvester Marneni, Romolo Isma

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Maria Milicia, Giuseppe Calapa, Sara Bonarrigo, Pasquale Isabella, Giovanni Paola, Tiodoro Ricci

Church Cleaning

Saturday, September 13

R. Quyn, Fernando family, T. Bui

Saturday, September 20

Knights of the Southern Cross

Reading Roster

Saturday, September 13

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, September 14

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, September 20

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, September 21

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Weekly Collection

August 31, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,428.70

Presbytery: \$613.40

Daily Antiphons - Monday September 8 to Saturday September 13, 2025

Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Responsorial Psalm: With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise; from you rose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save His people from their sins.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 9

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassionate to all His creatures.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 10

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassionate to all His creatures.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 11

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Friday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 12

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 13

Saint John Chrysostom

Entrance Antiphon: Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendour of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them, and We will come to them. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.