



## ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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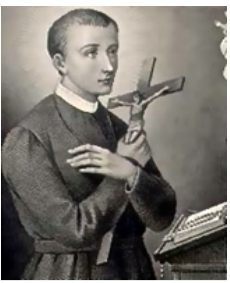
**Office Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday until October 10**

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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - September 20/21, 2025

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading - Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat. Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

### Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

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

### Gospel Reading - Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

**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.**



**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained by Dr Edward Sri / RCIA Program** - We were very fortunate to have had Dr Edward Sri recently present to our parish 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 0477 188 883, the parish office or scan the QR code found on the notice board, or at the Church entry/exits.

**A Marriage Encounter weekend** is a gift for every married couple, and every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We offer 2 further weekends in 2025. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: October 3-5: Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill). October 10-12: St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or Website: wwme.org.au

**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!

**40 Days For Life Campaign - September 24 - November 2**

The international pro-life campaign, 40 Days for Life, will be running in Melbourne this year from 24th September to 2nd November. To sign up or for more details, please go to [40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne](https://40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne). You can also speak to your parish contact, Andrew Vaccaro on 0404 390 824 or [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net). A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex if you'd like to be part of a team effort. Donations gratefully accepted and will go towards supporting local pregnancy support: 40 Days for Life Melbourne, BSB: 063 167 ACC: 110 533 37

**Welcome Our Lady into your home!**

**The Legion of Mary** invites Parishioners to welcome the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their homes. It is an opportunity for the family to pray together, seeking our Blessed Mother's intercession. If interested, please register your name in the sheet in the church foyer. The coordinator will contact you to discuss your availability to host the statue of Our Lady.

**Altar Server training** will conclude Thursday 18th September and resume on Thursday 16th October. Please call Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287 should you have any further queries. Thank you.

**Printing of the Parish Bulletin**

All bulletin notices and Mass intentions will need to be received by the Parish on a Tuesday for the next few weeks please. The bulletin will be printed on a Thursday instead of the usual Friday. Please have all notices to the Parish office by Tuesday of each week, the latest, to ensure it can be added to the weekend bulletin. Until 10th October, the parish office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The Church will be closed after the morning Mass on these days also. 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 - 8:00 pm

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

## **The recently deceased:**

Srimal Fernando, Apolonio Rosare, Ilma Watts, John Cleary, Balaraju Sylvester Marneni, Romolo Isma, Joseph Charbine, George Bongares, Carmela Barbato, Michael Harbour, Sister Ramina Coutinho

## **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Lena & Noel Hayman,  
Noel & Doris Bocks, Ronald Jabke,  
Anna Pradel, Edna DeKauwe

## **Church Cleaning**

**Saturday, September 27**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday, October 4**

Gonsalves Family, Mario, L. Harper

## **Reading Roster**

**Saturday, 27th September**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, 28th September**

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am R. Gonsalves

5:30pm J. Panicker

**Saturday, 4th October**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, 5th October**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm B. Collins

## **Saturday September 20 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 5:30pm For the Soul of Jerry Rodrigues (*Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## **Sunday September 21 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Mass 10:30am For blessings upon Fr. Michael Shadbolt  
and Anna Pradel (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 3:30pm French Mass

Mass 5:30pm Lena & Noel Hayman and Noel & Doris Bocks  
(*Remembrance* ✚)

## **Monday 22nd September**

Mass 9:15am Daisy Hart (*Death Anniversary* ✚)  
and Hyacinth Ludwick (*6th Death Anniversary* ✚)  
and Diamante Ricci (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

## **Tuesday 23rd September - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

Mass 9:15am For the soul of Yasin Merchant (*Remembrance* ✚)  
and for the abandoned souls in Purgatory

## **Wednesday 24th September**

Mass 9:15am Fr. William Van Kooy (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

## **Thursday 25th September**

Mass 9:15am Marissa and Tony Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✚)

## **Friday 26th September**

Mass 9:15am Ivan Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✚)

## **Saturday 27th September - Saint Vincent de Paul**

Mass 9:15am Trilby Domingo (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

## **Saturday, 27th September - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 5:30pm Repose of the soul of Belinda Claite ✚  
and For the Souls in Purgatory

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## **Sunday, 28th September - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 8:30am Repose of the soul of Belinda Claite ✚  
and Pasquale Isabella, Giovanni Paola, & Tiodoro Ricci  
(*Remembrance* ✚)  
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes on the first birthday  
of Luke Lewis

Mass 10:30am For Blessings upon Fr Michael Shadbolt  
and Ivanka Gunewardene (*Death Anniversary* ✚)  
*Welcome Rite Blessing for children to be baptised*

Mass 5:30pm Mijo (Michael) Junior & Ana Glavacevic  
(*Remembrance* ✚)

## **Confession Resumes**

Confession will be heard  
Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am to  
8:50am and after Mass on  
Saturday until 10:30am.

## **Weekly Collection**

**September 14, 2025**

Thanksgiving: \$1,399.65

Presbytery: \$723.80

## **Mass at St. Gerard's**

Maronite Mass - Every Saturday at 7:00pm

Tamil Mass - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

French Mass - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month 3.30pm (*Rosary 2.45pm*)

# Daily Antiphons - Monday September 22 to Saturday September 27, 2025

## Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 22

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done marvels for us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Let your light shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

## Tuesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. *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.

## Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 24

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Blessed be God who lives for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

## Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 25

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord takes delight in His people.

**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:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

## Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 26

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Hope in God, I will praise Him, my saviour and my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

## Saturday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.