



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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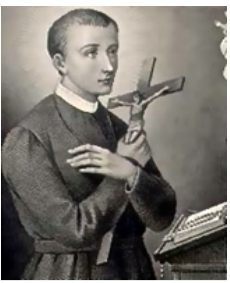
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - September 28, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

First Reading - Amos 6: 1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria, those famous men of this first of nations to whom the House of Israel goes as client. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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: 19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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 Monday 13th October (NB: Venue is back to the Nott!)

Topic: Male and Female He Created Them

Speaker: Matt MacDonald and Stephanie De Niese, Date: Monday 13th October,

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk,

Venue: Notting Hill Hotel, [Steakhouse Room](#), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd. Notting Hill,

Cost: Free (donations gratefully accepted) - tickets are limited, Ticket Link : Godandbeer.com.au, Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

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. You can also speak to your parish contact, Andrew Vaccaro at 0404 390 824 or 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.

A Great Chasm: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door. The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, revelling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them. The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14). The rich man symbolises Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favoured first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away. The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a “great chasm” fixed between himself and God. In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts. But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name. Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. “The Lord loves the just,” we sing in today's Psalm. And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter

Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 18 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew.

This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales for their boys' home in the Diocese of Doba, Chad, Africa. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

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)
RCIA Program 6:00pm - 9:00pm
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, Rocco, Christine Joseph, Cristina de Gallegos, Anne Daley, Manuel Mira, John Keble, Francis Salmon, Fr. Michael Shadbolt, Carlton Jackson

The recently deceased:

Balaraju Sylvester Marneni, Romolo Isma, Joseph Charbine, George Bongares, Carmela Barbato, Michael Harbour, Angelina Mercuri, Cosess D'Souza, Vincent D'Souza.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Belinda Claite, Betty Tolan, Antonio Sacco, Matthew Brown, Ivanka Gunewardene, Jenny Waduge, Colin Layton, Sylvia De Penha.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, October 4

Gonsalves Family, Mario, L. Harper

Saturday, October 11

R. Quyn, Fernando Family, T. Bui

**The Parish Office will be closed
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
until October 10. Apologies for any
inconvenience this may cause.**

Reading Roster

Saturday, 4th October

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, 5th October

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm B. Collins

Saturday, 11th October

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, 12th October

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm L. Hector

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* ✚)

and Cosess D'Souza (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Welcome Rite Blessing for children to be baptised

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

(*Remembrance* ✚)

Monday 29th September - Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Mass 9:15am Antonette & Charles Henry Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Belinda Claite (*Remembrance* ✚)

Tuesday 30th September - Saint Jerome

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony on the 4th Birthday of
Issabelle D'Vaz

and Private Intention

Wednesday 1st October - Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Mass 9:15am Jenny Waduge (*3rd Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Private Intention

and Sister Ramina Coutinho (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and Sister Celia Dos Remedios (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Thanksgiving to the Little Flower of Jesus

Thursday 2nd October - The Holy Guardian Angels

Mass 9:15am Gertrude Baldsing (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

and Jenny Waduge (*3rd Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Sylvia De Penha (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Friday 3rd October

Mass 9:15am Blaz (Blazius) and Ivka Simic (*Remembrance* ✚)

Saturday 4th October - Saint Francis of Assisi

Mass 9:15am For blessings upon Fr Michael Shadbolt

and Vincent D'Souza (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Saturday, 4th October - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For blessings upon Lovro Glavacevic, Johanna Lo and
Michael Glavacevic

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 5th October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Ivan Pattan (*Remembrance* ✚)

and Colin Layton (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Tony Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✚)

12:00pm Baptisms - Congratulations to children and their families

Mass 5:30pm Ivan Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✚)

Confession Times

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

Weekly Collection

21st September, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1273.50

Presbytery: \$639.50

Masses at St. Gerard's

Maronite Mass - Every Saturday at 7:00pm

Tamil Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

French Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month. Rosary at 2.45pm
and Mass at 3.30pm.

Daily Antiphons - Monday September 29 to Saturday October 4, 2025

Monday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Entrance Antiphon: Bless the Lord, all you His angels, mighty in power, fulfilling His word, and heeding His voice.

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing Your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Bless the Lord, all you His angels, His ministers who do His will. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will thank You, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the Angels I will praise You.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 30 - Saint Jerome

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night: he will yield his fruit in due season.

Responsorial Psalm: God is with us.

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

Communion Antiphon: Lord God, Your words were found and I consumed them; Your word became the joy and the happiness of my heart.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led her and taught her, and kept her as the apple of His eye. Like an eagle spreading its wings He took her up and bore her on His shoulders. The Lord alone was her guide.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget You!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I count all things worthless but this: to gain Jesus Christ and to be found in Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thursday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

Entrance Antiphon: Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: He has put His angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Bless the Lord, all you angels, His ministers who do His will. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: In the presence of the Angels I will praise You, my God.

Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 3

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: For the glory of Your name, O Lord, deliver us.

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

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low

Saturday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi

Entrance Antiphon: Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord listens to the poor.

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: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

