



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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year C) - October 11/12, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading - 2 Kings 5: 14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* For all things give thanks to God, because this is what He expects of you in Christ Jesus. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

The next session will be held on **Thursday 16 October 7pm - 9pm** on the topic of THE BIBLE: God's Love Letter to Humanity . 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.

Contact: Jeff on 0477188883.

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

Embracing and enjoying our Catholic Community!

ST GERARD'S PARISH FEAST DAY

Sunday
19 October 2025
Holy Mass 10:30 am
Lunch 12 pm - 3 pm
St Gerard's Parish Hall
71 Gladstone Road,
Dandenong North

Holy Mass at 10.30 am celebrated by Aux Bishop Thien
Sit down lunch by Wendland Events Catering
Music, games and entertainment, including
children's magician, musical balloon
bios, Parish trivia

\$20 Adults
\$15 Children
\$65 Family
Tickets: 97924422

Australia Catholic Youth Festival 2025

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is early anticipating welcoming young people from various dioceses, schools, parishes, communities and groups to the Festival later this year. Preparations have been underway for many months; however, at this critical juncture, with few weeks until the Festival, I wish to provide a summary of some of this work, and importantly- some key announcements we are able to share regarding registration, programming and speakers. Significant registration information, including pricing, methods of payment, terms and conditions and group types can be found via the registration page of ACYF website: www.acyf.org.au/registration. Last day 30th October 2025

Funeral Notice - Prudence Candappa

We are saddened to share the news that Prudence Candappa, a long time parishioner of St Gerard's Church as passed on peacefully.

There will be a Rosary in St Gerard's Church on Monday 13th October at 6:30pm
Viewing & Requiem Mass will be held in her honour at St John Vianney's Church, Mulgrave
On Tuesday 14th October at 11:00am

Please remember Prudence and their family in your prayers

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.

Life by Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today. There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12-14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites – but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3-8). Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees – that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life. We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance – as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice – falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation. In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith – that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 11th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 12th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Repose of the soul of Leonard Isaacs ✙

Mass 10:30am Giovanna McKercher (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Nicola Torelli (*1st Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Ivan Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Thanksgiving offering to Our Lady of Lourdes
Wendy Lewis Birthday

Monday 13th October

Mass 9:15am Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Hayden Taylor (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

Tuesday 14th October

Mass 9:15am Giovanna McKercher (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Patrick Mackness (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Wednesday 15th October - Saint Teresa of Jesus

Mass 9:15am For the wellbeing and health of the family of
Zvonko Glavacevic
and Raymond & Florence Rathod(*for the repose of soul*)

Thursday 16th October

Mass 9:15am Joseph Michael Ludwick (*49th Death Anniversary* ✙)

Friday 17th October - Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Mass 9:15am Fr. Roger Ryan (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Anthony Machado (*Recently Deceased*)

Saturday 18th October - Saint Luke

Mass 9:15am Mary Curic (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Saturday Vigil, 18th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Ivan Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Giuseppe Compasso (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 19th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of Saint Gerard Majella

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving from the family of Zvonko
Glavacevic

Mass 10:30am Feast Day In honour of Saint Gerard Majella -
Mass officiated by Bishop Thinh Nguyen

Mass 3:30pm French Community

No Evening Mass at 5:30pm

Please pray for...

Our sick: Heather Fernandez, Steven & Monica Dickson, Ricky & Katrina, Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas, Fr. Brendan Lane, Giuseppina Bonato, Anne Moorthy, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette Mary Whetton, Lucia, Sean VanTwist, Dale Rozario, Mauraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak, Gration Vettivelu, Rocco, Christine Joseph, Cristina de Gallegos, Anne Daley, Manuel Mira, John Keble, Francis Salmon, Fr. Michael Shadbolt, Carlton Jackson, Gerard Hoareau.

The recently deceased:

Fr Francis Burns, Walter Nyss, Prudence Candappa, Anthony Machado.

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Victor Vella, Giovanna McKercher, Nicola Torelli, Mary Curic, Joseph Ludwick, Fr Roger Ryan, Patrick Mackness, Guiseppe Compasso, Bertie Ferdinands.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, October 18

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, October 25

Legion of Mary

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.

November Masses

Please bring your envelopes

Reading Roster

Saturday, 18th October

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, 19th October

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm Janet D’Souza

Saturday, 25th October

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, 26th October

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm J. Panicker

Confession Times

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

Weekly Collection

5th October , 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1275.50

Presbytery: \$531.95

Mass 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 3.30pm (*Rosary 2.45pm*)

Daily Antiphons - Monday October 13 to Saturday October 18, 2025

Monday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 13

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has made known His salvation.

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

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 14

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

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

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus

Entrance 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You give back to all according to their works.

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

Communion Antiphon: I will sing for ever of Your mercies, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim Your fidelity.

Thursday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 16

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

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: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Friday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Entrance Antiphon: I am crucified with Christ, yet I live; no longer I, but Christ lives in me. I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given Himself up for me.

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to You Lord in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I am the wheat of Christ to be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may be found to be pure bread.

Saturday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 18 - Saint Luke

Entrance Antiphon: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings glad tidings of peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: Your friends tell the glory of Your kingship, Lord.

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: The Lord sent out disciples to proclaim throughout the towns: The kingdom of God is at hand for you.

