



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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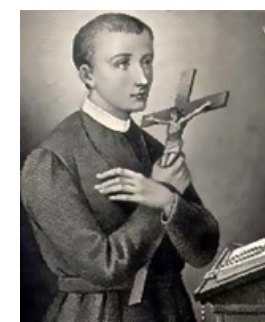
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) Readings for Mass (Year C) - November 1/2, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain He will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, He will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; He will take away His people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that He has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading - Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at His appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that He would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of His Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* This is the will of My Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given to Me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by His disciples and a great number of people. When He was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then He went up and put His hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and He said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people.' And this opinion of Him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

Communion Antiphon: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in Me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will not die for ever.

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

Join us this Thursday, 6th November at 7pm as we explore the topic of - THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: The Mystery of Jesus's Death & Resurrection. 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. For more information, contact Jeff on 0477 188 883.

Knights of the Southern Cross Dandenong North Branch appointments to KSCV State Council

Congratulations go to the following KSC Dandenong North Branch Members, who have received the following appointments on the KSC Victorian State Council, following their recent State Conference: Deputy State Chairman and State Communications Officer - Andrew Vaccaro (of St Gerard's Dandenong North). State Secretary and State Order Development Officer - Michael Palma (of St Kevin's Hampton Park). State Treasurer and State Membership Officer - Carmine Miranda (of St Mary's Dandenong). State Planning Officer - Wilhelm Morgan (of St Gerard's Dandenong North). State Economic Officer - Peter Butler (of St Justin's Wheelers Hill). After 7 years as State Secretary, Andrew Vaccaro assumes the role of Deputy State Chairman to State Chairman Glenn Morris, who continues into his second year in the role. Carmine Miranda continues into his third year in the role of State Treasurer; Michael Palma returns for his second stint as State Secretary and continues as State Order Development Officer. Wilhelm Morgan continues as State Planning Officer, and Peter Butler joins State Council as State Economic Officer. This is wonderful news for our local KSC Branch, one of the most active in Victoria.

Australia Catholic Youth Festival 2025 - The Archdiocese of Melbourne is anticipating welcoming young people and groups to the Festival later this year. 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.

THE BETHANY WAY INTRODUCTORY RETREAT - 'At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus' to be held on Saturday 8 November 2025, 12noon - 4pm Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. All are invited to this free retreat opening anew key passages of Scripture relating to Jesus' relationship with the family at Bethany. Discover Bethany, and your relationship with Jesus Christ, with reflective talks and plenty of time for personal prayer. The retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way, a new immersive formation offering in 2026. Learn more and register: <https://melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway>

Please note that our monthly **Million Of Monicas** prayer gathering will not be held on the first Tuesday of November due to the Melbourne Cup. Instead, it has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 11th November**. We look forward to seeing you then as we continue to pray together with hope and perseverance.

****Please do not park in the carpark opposite our church (on Gladstone Road) when you come to Mass. There is limited parking for the stores and we have received several complaints. Thank you. ****

November Masses - Please bring your November mass envelopes to the office or hand directly to Fr Shanthaiah.

Please note that the Church will be opened at approximately 8:00am and then locked at 2:30pm each weekday.

Amendment to Office Hours and Confession

Please note that Tuesday 4th November is a Public Holiday and the Office will be closed. Confession *will not be heard* on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th November. Usual hours and days for confession will recommence after this break.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 1st November

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed - All Souls' Day

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 2nd November Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving to Jesus of Divine Mercy, The Blessed Mother and Saint Carlo Acutis for prayers answered
and Cynthia Scanlon (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Helen Clarke Milloy (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

Monday 3rd November

Mass 9:15am For all Saints and all Souls

and Giovanni & Angela Paola (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Private Intention

and Thanksgiving on the birthday of Niel Harikrishnan & Sheetal Lopez

Tuesday 4th November - Saint Charles Borromeo - (Office Closed)

Mass 9:15am For the deceased souls of the Legion of Mary (*Remembrance* ✠)

and For the soul of Prudence Candappa (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Pasquale Isabella (*Remembrance* ✠) and all Saints and all Souls

Wednesday 5th November

Mass 9:15am Ruby Anthony (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

and Thanksgiving for good health

and Peter Comiac (*Remembrance* ✠)

Thursday 6th November

Mass 9:15am Julia Henigman (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Ivan Skoblar (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

and Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Mavis Mantel (*Remembrance* ✠)

7:00-9:00pm RCIA - Symbolon Program in the Majellan Hall

Friday 7th November

Mass 9:15am Ante & Ljuba Bekavac (*Remembrance* ✠)

and For the deceased souls of the Martin Family (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Bradley Lopez

Saturday 8th November

Mass 9:15am For blessings upon Fr Michael Shadbolt

and Conrad Chmielewski (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

and Pasquale Isabella and Mariangela Stranges (*Remembrance* ✠)

Saturday Vigil, 8th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Mass 5:30pm Private Intention

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Mass 8:30am Private Intention

and Ravinia Delpech (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

and Eunice Scanlon (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Mass 10:30am Ivan Skoblar and Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✠)

and Tiodoro & Diamante Ricci (*Rememb.* ✠) & for all Souls & Saints

and Bridghet Lobo (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm For the Souls of Anna & Mijo (*Remembrance* ✠)

and For the forgotten souls in Purgatory and thanksgiving to Saint Expedite

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 VanTwest, 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, Chanelle, Susan McKenna

The recently deceased:

Prudence Candappa, Anthony Machado, Antoinette Cortese, Clarice Giacomini, Gaspar Raj Malavarpu, Tommaso Lucia

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Remembering the souls of all the faithful departed.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 8

R. Quyn, Fernando Family, T. Bui

Saturday, November 15

Knights of the Southern Cross

Weekly Collection

26th October, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,401.00

Presbytery: \$756.30

Reading Roster

Saturday, 8th November

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, 9th November

8:30am G. VanHees

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Saturday, 15th November

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, 16th November

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am Catechist Children

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Daily Antiphons - Monday November 3 to Saturday November 8, 2025

Monday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 3

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in Your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If you stay in My word, you will indeed be My disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Tuesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Responsorial Psalm: In You, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Wednesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 5

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are the merciful who give to those in need.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Thursday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 6

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Friday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 7

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Whoever keeps the word of Christ grows perfect in the love of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Saturday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 8

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, Lord.

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

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.