



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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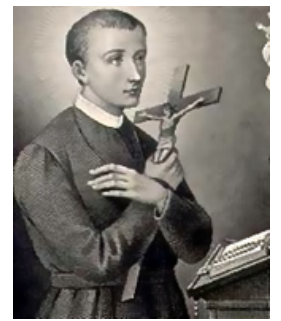
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe

Mass Readings on the Feast of Christ the King (Year C) - November 22/23, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading - 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

Second Reading - Colossians 1: 12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

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, 27th November at 7pm as we explore the topic of - **Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints**. 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.

Gods word 2026, Divine Mercy calendars and Columbian calendars, have arrived. If you have placed an order please collect from the piety stall. It will be held under the counter. If you haven't ordered God's word or calendars, but would like to purchase these, they will be available to purchase on Sunday between 8am and 12pm.




The piety stall has a basket with lost property including Rosaries, sunglasses and prescription glasses, prayer books, Mantelas, ear-pods etc. If the items are unclaimed by the end of the year, they will be donated.

We are also looking for a few more volunteers for the piety stall 1-2 days a month, from 8am-12pm, male or female. Please visit and speak with the volunteers at the stall should you be available to assist.

Parish Finance Report

The end of year parish financial report for 2025 and financial priorities for the future are currently being developed by the Parish Finance Committee and will be presented to the parish in February. For any queries contact Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883.

Advent Retreat – A 1-Day Retreat for Children and Teens (Ages 5–15)

 17 Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025  Time: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM  Venue: Holy Family Church, 100 Power Road, Doveton.
Parents who wish to enrol their children can visit our website: www.divinekids.com.au

Congratulations to the children receiving their First Reconciliation this weekend:

Harlee Ray Joseph, Laloran-Agostinho Da Cruz, Malaika Giselle Bester, Jacomus Joseph, Leonardo Crisostomo Paguio, Thehara Sanalya Peiris, Shiloh Yzabel Dy Manlapaz

Congratulations also to the children receiving their First Holy Communion

Miriam Wen Ning Chua, Levi Dominic Joseph, Matthew Ezekiel Peiris

May Our Lord continue to bless the children and their families as they grow closer in faith and knowledge of Him.

Dear Parishioners of Saint Gerard's,

We at the PPC warmly invite you to join us for our Parish Christmas Carols on Saturday the 13th of December from 7-9pm.

We encourage as many parishioners as possible to join us on this evening.

We are also looking for people who would like to sing either in a group or solo for this night.

If there is anyone interested in being involved, don't hesitate to contact Xavier Zaher on 0401 679 041.

St. John Vianney's Garden Club Plant Sale - 23 Police Road Mulgrave on Sunday 30th November 2025.

Time: 9.00am till 11.30am. Cash sales only. Entry via the wooden gate beside the Parish Hall.

St Dominic's Parish invites everyone for a day-long Advent Retreat focusing on the theme from the Creed - 'She was conceived by the Holy Spirit' on Saturday, 13th December. Commences with 9:00am Mass and concluding with Adoration, Confession and Benediction from 4-5pm. Venue: St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell. Cost: \$20.00, includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch. Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHPYF> or contact: pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au

To celebrate both the Christ the King Feast Day and the drawing to a close of the Jubilee Year, we will be holding an Eucharistic procession straight after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, 23rd November. The procession will be run within the Church and School grounds, weather permitting. You are invited to partake in a BBQ lunch afterwards that the youth attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival this year will be running as a fundraiser to help cover their costs. Please join us to celebrate together our rich faith traditions, as well as to support our youth.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 22nd November - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Mass 5:30pm For the souls of Connie & Alec Franklin *and* Willie Lobo ✙
and Thanksgiving for the wellbeing of Kevin Kennedy and Karen and their family

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 23rd November - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Mass 8:30am Deliverance for the Holy Souls in Purgatory ✙
and For the good health of Maria Oblak & family
Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing

Mass 10:30am First Holy Communions - Congratulations to all the children
Clarice Giacomini (*First month Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Regina De Mira Mejia (*2nd Year Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 5:30pm For the forgotten souls in Purgatory & Thanksgiving to St. Expedite
and Reverend Sister Cyprian (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Monday 24th November - Saints Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of George Joseph Parackal (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Ravinia Delpech (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and For vocation to the Priesthood and Religious life

Tuesday 25th November

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 100th Birthday of Judy Goddard
and Repose of the souls of Edna, Roy & Trevin De Kauwe ✙
and Repose of the soul of Rosamma Sebastian ✙

Wednesday 26th November

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of P.K Sebastian (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Hedley Simonet (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Robert Hanson (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Ive Glavan & Zora Glavan (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Xavier Fernando

Thursday 27th November

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of George Joseph Parackal (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Lise Donaldson (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Russell McLaughlan (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Birthday Blessings for Christopher Mackness

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

Friday 28th November

Mass 9:15am Deanna Donaldson (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Joso and Grla Glavan (*Remembrance* ✙)
and For the recovery and health of Deidre
and Thanksgiving Mass - Sheela Sebastian and Family

Saturday 29th November

Mass 9:15am Gerry Rebeiro (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Hannah Collins (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Repose of the souls of Antonette & Charles Henry Vettivelu ✙

Saturday Vigil, 29th November - First Sunday of Advent

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving for the Legion of Mary
and Maurice Blom (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Deceased members of the Gerard and Collins family ✙
and Deceased members of the Mackness family ✙

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 30th November - First Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:30am Ross Knight (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and For the good health of Maria Oblak & family
Mass 10:30am Anton Los (*Death Anniversary* ✙) & Stefania Los (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Departed souls of the Reynald family ✙
Mass 5:30pm For the wellbeing of Karen and Hermione Daniells
and Ponniah Perinpanathan, Rebecca Sebastampillai, Agnes Arokianathar, Sebastampillai Arokianathar (*Remembrance* ✙)
and For the Souls in Purgatory

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, Therese Kerrins, Marie Noelle Bhugon, Deidre, Mathew and Maria Kutty, Dalrene Corera

The recently deceased:

Giulia Mete, Francois Vidot, Rev. Sister Cyprian, Mary Joseph, Father John Vadakumparambil

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Regina De Mira Mejia, Stanley Van Twest, Egizia Plutino, Rudolph Watts

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 29

Gonsalves family, Mario F., L. Harper

Saturday, December 6

R. Quyn, Fernando Family, T. Bui

Weekly Collection

November 16, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,206.70

Presbytery: \$696.40

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 29

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, November 30

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, December 6

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, December 7

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

The Church will be opened at approximately 8:00am and then locked at 2:30pm each weekday.

Daily Antiphons - Monday November 24 to Saturday November 29, 2025

Monday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - November 24

Saints Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions

Entrance Antiphon: May we never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the word of the Cross is the power of God to us who have been saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Tuesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - November 25

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Give glory and eternal praise to Him!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Wednesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - November 26

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Give glory and eternal praise to Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Thursday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - November 27

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Give glory and eternal praise to Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Friday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - November 28

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Give glory and eternal praise to Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.

Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - November 29

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord speaks of peace to His people and His holy ones and to those who turn to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Give glory and eternal praise to Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for His merciful love towards us is great.