

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *see amendments page 2*

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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"

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Readings (Year A) - January 24th & 25th, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

First Reading - Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: '*Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.*' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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.

Altar Server training resumes this coming Thursday, 29th January 2026, at 5:30pm in the church.
Anyone wishing to join are asked to please contact Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287.

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

Join us for the re-commencement of Symbolon on Thursday, 29th January, 2026 beginning at 7:00pm as we explore the topic of - **The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life**. 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.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will visit the Parish on the weekend of Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th February, to promote their work on behalf of the missions and distribute their 2026 Claver Almanac - Calendar at all Masses. This is a free copy but any donation towards the missions would certainly be gratefully received.

Millions of Monica's Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30pm. Come together in faith, praying for our children's return to the Church. Please remember to bring your folders and your rosary beads. New participants are always welcome. Come and be part of this prayerful and supportive community that we are building.

Please return your palms to the basket in the church foyer in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage (5th - 20th May 2026)

Fr. Sebastian A.M invites you to a journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Turkey with a 3-night Greek Islands cruise in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of \$9790+ tips (25+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

Saints Of Italy (8th - 21st June 2026)

Fr. Franco Filippetto invites you to a 14-day journey to Italy, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento, and Rome, with an all-inclusive price of \$ 9,290 + tips (for 30+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Amendment to Confession

On Saturday 24th January, confession will only be heard from 8:15am until 8:50am **and will not be heard after the Mass** due to celebration of the Feast of St. Francis De Sales.

For the week commencing Monday, 26th January to Friday, 30th January, confession **will not be heard** on a weekday morning. Confession will recommence usual times from Saturday 31st January, with confessions from 8:20am until 8:50am and also after Mass until 10:30am.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 24th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 25th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Teresa Minutolo Bonesse (*Recently Deceased* )
and Ivan Skoblar (*Death Anniversary* 

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
Baptism Welcome Rite blessing

Mass 5:30pm Denis Domingo (*Birthday Remembrance* )
and Annamana Chako (*Death Anniversary* 

Monday, 26th January - Australia Day - Office Closed

Mass 9:15am Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* 

Tuesday, 27th January

Mass 9:15am Tony Skoblar (*Remembrance* 

Wednesday, 28th January - Saint Thomas Aquinas

Mass 9:15am Marissa Skoblar (*Remembrance* 

Thursday, 29th January

Mass 9:15am Repose of the souls of Antoinette & Charles Henry Vettivelu (*Remembrance* )

7:00pm Symbolon - RCIA Program

Friday, 30th January - Office Closed today

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, 31st January - Saint John Bosco

Mass 9:15am Malcolm Antony (*Death Anniversary* )
and For the souls of Antoinette Antony &

Royston Lopez (*Remembrance* 

Saturday Vigil, 31st January - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, 1st February - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Teresina Cardamone
(*1st Month Death Anniversary* )

and Intentions of Thanksgiving for good health, peace
and happiness of the Mathews family children

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

12:00pm *Baptisms*

Mass 5:30pm John Lemerle and Albin Lemerle (*Remembrance* )
and Elvera Lemerle & Barry Lemerle (*Remembrance* )
and Michael Lemerle, Joseph Lemerle and
Darryl Williams (*Remembrance* 

Please pray for...

Our sick: Heather Fernandez, Steven & Monica Dickson, Ricky & Katrina, Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas, Anne Moorthy, Fr. Brendan Lane, Giuseppina Bonato, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette 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, Carlton Jackson, Gerard Hoareau, Chanelle, Susan McKenna, Therese Kerrins, Marie Bhugon, Deidre, Mathew & Maria Kutty, Dalrene Corera, Michael Bruno, Pamela Chen, Maria Tomaselli, Kevin Guian, Michael Hoare, Derek Chater, Libby Wilson, Jenner Raffaut, Kulandhai Therese

The recently deceased:

Monica Kelly, Maria Pham, Pina Lidonnici

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Elvera & Barry Lemerle, Denis Domingo, Teresina Cardamone, Annamana Chako

Church Cleaning

Saturday, January 31

R. Quyn & Fernando Family, T. Bui

Saturday, February 7

Knights of the Southern Cross

Weekly Collection

January 18, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,401.00

Presbytery: \$758.40

Reading Roster

Saturday, January 31

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, February 1

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm L. Hector

Saturday, February 7

5:30pm J. Fernando

Sunday, February 8

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am K. Lopez

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Daily Antiphons - Monday January 26 to Saturday January 31, 2026

Monday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 26 - Australia Day

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to You, for Your mercy reaches to the heavens, and Your truth to the skies.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord speaks of peace to His people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 27

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

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: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Wednesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas

Entrance Antiphon: In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will keep my love for Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield his fruit in due season.

Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 29

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: God will give him the throne of David, His father.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 30

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time - January 31 - Saint John Bosco

Entrance Antiphon: Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. *Alleluia!*

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