

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH PRIEST: FR. SHANTHAIAH MARNENI

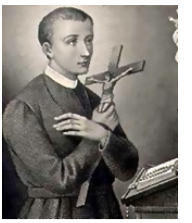
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am

Parish Secretary & Safeguarding Officer: Sumitha Moses Parish Secretary: Sinthia Stellato Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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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/>

## Second Sunday of Lent - Mass Readings (Year A) - Feb. 28th/March 1st, 2026

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

### First Reading - Genesis 12: 1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

### Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is My beloved Son, hear Him. *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**Communion Antiphon:** This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.

## Thanksgiving Financial Statements for 2025

The Thanksgiving Financial Statement for 2025 has been prepared and is available for collection from the foyer of the church. We sincerely acknowledge and thank all parishioners for their generous contributions and ongoing support of the Church.

Please note that from next year, the Financial Statements will be sent to you by email.

Please ensure your email address is provided to us either by contacting the office on 9792 4422 or by sending an email to [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au), to enable future correspondence. Thank you.

Please note that the parish office will be closed on a Monday and Thursday from March 2nd until March 16. The office will only be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during this time.

## 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.

Please note: Fr. Shanthaiah will be attending a conference with his confreres belonging to the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. He will be absent from Tuesday, 3rd March until Friday, 6th March. There will be no confession held in the mornings for this week and Mass will be held each morning as usual.

Confession will only be heard on Saturday, 7th March prior to the 9:15am Mass, from 8:30am until 8:50am and again after the morning Mass until 10:30am. Thank you.

**KSC Football Tipping Competition** - The Knights of the Southern Cross Dandenong North Branch would like to invite all parishioners to participate in its Football Tipping Competition in 2026. Cost to participate is \$50 for the entire season, where 50% of funds raised go to prizes, and the other 50% to the Branch in its support of the local Parishes. Those who guess all 9 tips correctly win \$30 for the round, and the overall winner of the season will receive over \$1,000 in prize money. The rules for the 2026 KSC Footy Tipping Competition can be found on the Parish Bulletin board. Please contact Carmine Miranda on 0412 817 995 or [carmine.miranda@bigpond.com](mailto:carmine.miranda@bigpond.com) for any queries and expressions of interest. Round 1 commences on Thursday March 5, with Sydney vs. Carlton. Parishioners can encourage friends and relatives to participate. This is one of KSC Dandenong North Branch's biggest fundraisers, with over 140 participants and \$3,500 raised last year, which funds our projects and donations within the surrounding parishes. Tips to be lodged via internet <http://www.footytips.com.au> Login/username/password.

During LENT, the **Legion of Mary** will once again lead the **Stations of the Cross, right after the 9:15 am Mass every Monday.** Everyone is welcome, please join us.

**The St. Gerard's Millions of Monica's prayer group** will be meet in the church Tuesday, 3rd March from 6:30pm coming together in faith, praying for our children's return to the Church. Please remember to bring your folders and Rosary beads. New participants are always welcome.

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained by Dr Edward Sri / RCIA Program** - Join us on Thursday, March 5th, beginning at 7:00pm as we explore the topic of - 'A Love that Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love.' 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.

**Mary Magdalene – The Musical** An uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. Presented by **COG Theatre Group** and directed by **Beth Mondragon Williams**, this moving work reflects on redemption, grace, and hope. **When:** Friday & Saturday 13–14 March, 7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 14–15 March, 1:00 pm. **Where:** Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew **Tickets:** [trybooking.com/DHZPD](http://trybooking.com/DHZPD)

Lenten Retreat - A 2-day Retreat for Children and Teens (ages 5 - 15) on March 14 and 15, 2026 Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Venue: St Agatha's Church, Cranbourne. Visit [www.divinekids.com.au](http://www.divinekids.com.au)

**LENTEN RETREAT AT ST DOMINIC'S - Saturday, 14 March.** St Dominic's Parish invites everyone for a day-long Lenten Retreat focusing on the theme 'By Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed The World'. Commencing with 9:00am Mass and concluding with Adoration, Confession and Benediction from 4-5pm. Venue: 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell. Cost: \$20.00, includes lunch. To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJKDY> OR contact: [pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au](mailto:pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au)

There is a plan to organise 30 days of consecutive Gregorian Masses and prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Shadbolt. Please visit the Piety Stall should you wish to donate.

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## Saturday Vigil, 28th February - Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 5:30pm For health, peace & prosperity for the family of Mara Begovic  
*and* Liam and Hayden Taylor (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, March 1st - Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 8:30am Patrick Collins Jnr (*Death Anniversary* ✚)  
*and* Giovanni & Brigida Cardamone (*Remembrance* ✚)  
*and* Giuseppe Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions  
Parish Baptisms - Congratulations Daniel Morgano

Mass 5:30pm Maria Bonfante (*7th Death Anniversary* ✚)  
*and* Charles Mackness  
(*Death Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

## Monday, 2nd March

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving and blessing for Zvonko Glavacevic and Family  
*and* For Nikita to perform well in her 12th board exam

*After Mass, Stations of the Cross*

## Tuesday, 3rd March

Mass 9:15am For the prayer requests of the St. Gerard's Monica's Prayer Group  
*and* Private Intention and for the Souls in Purgatory  
6:30pm St. Monica's Prayer Group meet in the Church

## Wednesday, 4th March

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Shadbolt ✚  
*and* Norbert Isaacs (*Remembrance* ✚)

## Thursday, 5th March

Mass 9:15am For Nikita to perform well in her 12th board exam  
7:00pm Symbolon - RCIA Program

## Friday, 6th March

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish  
**6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:00pm**

## Saturday, 7th March

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish  
**Saturday Vigil, 7th March - Third Sunday of Lent**  
Mass 5:30pm Repose of the soul of Chris Antony  
(*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 8:30am Angelina Sacco (*Death Anniversary* ✚)  
*and* Thanksgiving on the birthday of Rita Ghosh  
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions  
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community  
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

## Please pray for...

**Our sick:** Heather Fernandez, Steven Dickson, Ricky, Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas, Dale Rozario, Lucia Gatt, Anne Moorthy, Giuseppina Bonato, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette Whetton, Lucia, Sean VanTwest, Muraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak, Gration Vettivelu, 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, Kulandhai Therese, Andre, Anthony Cheng, Ella Cardozo

**Please inform the office by the 10th of March if you wish a name to remain in this sick list. Thank you.**

## The recently deceased:

Thomas Marneni, Katrina Fagan, Abdou Abdou, Jenner Raffaut, Jude D'Cunha, Raymond Fernandes, Chris Antony, Liam & Hayden Taylor, David Rainbow

## Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Muriel D'Silva, Giovanni, Brigida & Giuseppe Cardamone, Pia Valentino, Maria Bonfante, Lakmani Siriwardene

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday, March 7**  
French Community  
**Saturday, March 14**  
Tamil Community

## Weekly Collection

**February 22, 2026**  
Thanksgiving: \$1,726.50  
Presbytery: \$943.60

## Reading Roster

**Saturday, March 7**  
5:30pm J. Fernando  
**Sunday, March 8**  
8:30am I. Mulipola  
10:30am Catechists  
5:30pm L. Hector  
**Saturday, March 14**  
5:30pm J. D'Souza  
**Sunday, March 15**  
8:30am G. Becerra  
10:30am J. Panicker  
5:30pm Janet D'Souza

# Daily Antiphons

Monday March 2nd — Saturday March 7th, 2026



## Monday of the Second Week of Lent - March 2

**Entrance Antiphon:** Redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me. My foot stands on level ground; I will bless the Lord in the assembly.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Be merciful, as your Father is merciful, says the Lord.

## Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent - March 3

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death, lest my enemy say: I have overcome him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Rid yourselves of all your sins, and make a new heart and a new spirit. *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all Your wonders. I will rejoice in You and be glad, and sing psalms to Your name, O Most High.

## Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent - March 4

**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:** Save me, O Lord, in Your steadfast love.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

## Thursday of the Second Week of Lent - March 5

**Entrance Antiphon:** Test me, O God, and know my thoughts. See that my path is not wicked, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and held a harvest through perseverance. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

## Friday of the Second Week of Lent - March 6

**Entrance Antiphon:** In You, O Lord, I put my trust, let me never be put to shame; release me from the snare they have hidden for me, for You indeed are my refuge.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** God loved us, and sent His Son as expiation for our sins.

## Saturday of the Second Week of Lent - March 7

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all His creatures.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* I will rise and go to my father and tell him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.