

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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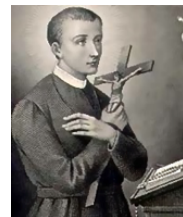
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/>

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Readings (Year A) - February 14/15th, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First Reading - Sirach 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading - I Corinthians 2: 6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him*. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5: 17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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.

Catechism classes will begin on Tuesday, 17th February from 4pm, meeting in the Church foyer.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained by Dr Edward Sri / RCIA Program - Join us on Thursday, 19th February, beginning at 7:00pm as we explore the topic of - Matrimony and Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service and Communion. 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.

We thank everyone who has contacted us and registered for Church cleaning. We still require a few more volunteers to please assist with cleaning of the church. Please see Sumitha Moses after the Mass or call 9792 4422 to register your availability. We thank you in advance for your time and support.

Dandenong Deanery Dinner “Listening To: The Voices That Echo the Glory of God through Peace & Mercy, will be held on Wednesday, 4th March 2026. **VENUE:** Graduate’s Restaurant. St John’s Regional College Caroline Street, Dandenong. **TIME:** 6.30pm for 6.45pm start. **COST:** \$48 per person for a three course meal, wine & beer. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Peter Venten. **TOPIC:** is Mental Health.

The St. Gerard’s Finance Committee will be presenting our Parish Finance Report this weekend. Those who contribute with thanksgiving will receive a statement at the end of the month of February. We thank you and appreciate your ongoing support.

Mazenod College Open Day will be held on Wednesday, 4th March 2026. Bookings are essential. Applications for year 7 for 2028 will close on Friday, 14th August 2026. Visit mazenod.vic.edu.au or call 9560 0911.

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

During LENT, the **Legion of Mary** will once again lead the **Stations of the Cross, right after the 9:15 am Mass each weekday**, Monday to Friday, starting from Monday, 23rd February 2026. Everyone is welcome, please join us. We will provide the Stations of the Cross pamphlets to be returned after.

Ash Wednesday — Wednesday, 18th February.

Mass will be held in the morning at 9:15am.

At 6:30pm we will have Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:00pm. This is the final week for you to please return your palms to the basket in the church foyer in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, 14th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Deceased family & friends of John & Margaret Keble
and Monica Kelly (*40 day Remembrance* ✚)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, February 15th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Royston Lopez (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and For the souls of Malcolm & Antoinette Antony ✚
and Thanksgiving & congratulations on the baptism day
of Rosabelle Monica D'Vaz
and Jean Gabriel Seeruthun (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
Welcome Rite blessing for Catechism students

**Please join us for tea and coffee following the 10:30am Mass on
Sunday, 15th February. We are appealing for more volunteers for this
day and for future occasions. Please call 9792 4422. Thank you!**

Mass 3:30pm French Community
Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving from the family of Zvonko Glavacevic

Monday, 16th February - Maronite Community Ash Monday

Mass 9:15am Milagros Flores (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and For the abandoned Souls in Purgatory
6:00pm Maronite Community Ash Monday

Tuesday, 17th February

Mass 9:15am Tom O'Shaughnessy (*Remembrance* ✚)

Wednesday, 18th February - Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday, 19th February

Mass 9:15am Bella Pinto (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Jenny Harter (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
7:00pm Symbolon - RCIA Program

Friday, 20th February

Mass 9:15am Eustace Fonseca (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Saturday, 21st February

Mass 9:15am Christabelle Falcao (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Jack Lovett (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Saturday Vigil, 21st February - First Sunday of Lent

Mass 5:30pm For the good health of Karen & Hermione Daniels
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, February 22nd - First Sunday of Lent

Mass 8:30am Anthony Joseph Domingo (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
Welcome Rite blessing for Catechism students
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Please pray for...

Our sick: Heather Fernandez, Steven Dickson, Ricky, Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas, Anne Moorthy, Fr. Brendan Lane, Giuseppina Bonato, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette Whetton, Lucia, Sean VanTwest, Dale Rozario, Mauraad 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, Jenner Raffaut, Kulandhai Therese, Andre, Anthony Cheng

The recently deceased:

Giuseppina Latronico, Rosa Bramanti, Holy Innocent Olivia, Marlene Ann Guinan, Thomas Marneni, Katrina Fagan, Abdou Abdou

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Sagaya Sargunam, Gregory Daniells, Monica Kelly

Church Cleaning

Saturday, February 21
Gonsalves Family, Mario, L. Harper
Saturday, February 28
Maronite Community

Weekly Collection

February 8, 2026
Thanksgiving: \$1,208.50
Presbytery: \$670.40

Reading Roster

Saturday, February 21
5:30pm D. Franklin
Sunday, February 22
8:30am I. Mulipola
10:30am M. Naidoo
5:30pm M. Yallapa
Saturday, February 28
5:30pm P. Kroon
Sunday, March 1
8:30am C. Becerra
10:30am E. Ebert
5:30pm B. Collins

Daily Antiphons - Monday February 16 to Saturday February 21, 2026

Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - February 16

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.

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: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - February 17

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those You teach, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 18

Entrance Antiphon: You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that You have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and You spare them, for You are the Lord our God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

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

Thursday after Ash Wednesday - February 19

Entrance Antiphon: When I cried to the Lord, He heard my voice; He rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord, and He will support you.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Friday after Ash Wednesday - February 20

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.

Responsorial Psalm: A broken humbled heart, O God, You will not scorn.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and the Lord will be with you. *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: O Lord, make me know Your ways, teach me Your paths.

Saturday after Ash Wednesday - February 21

Entrance Antiphon: Answer us, Lord, for Your mercy is kind; in the abundance of Your mercies, look upon us.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may be faithful in Your sight.

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!* I do not wish the sinner to die, says the Lord, but to turn to Me and live. *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord, for I did not come to call the just but sinners.