

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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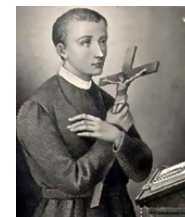
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *Visit website for updates*

Parish Secretary & Safeguarding Officer: Sumitha Moses **Parish Secretary:** Sinthia Stellato **Office Hours:** Monday to 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/> or see the Safeguarding Officer. "Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - June 21, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

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

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you also will be My witnesses. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 10: 26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

**Thanksgiving Envelopes may be collected from the foyer of the Church.
We thank you most sincerely for your continued support of our Church and Parish.**

Prayer to Saint Gerard Majella



Great protector of the family, Saint 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.

Thank you to all those who donated so generously towards Fr. Michael's Gregorian Masses.

These will be offered in November.

The commencement date and the time for these Masses will be advised in October.

Thank you.

Please note that the French Mass on June 21st will be held at 2:30pm not 3:30pm for this month only.

Reading Roster - July to December 2026

The reading roster for July to December may be collected from the sacristy. If you have not received your emailed copy, please contact the office. Thank you to all volunteers.

Be Not Afraid: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm. As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel.

Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell. We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see John 2:17).

As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see Romans 15:3). By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress.

In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked. That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

Please do not leave any pamphlets, notices, items of clothing or anything else in the Church foyer without permission of the Parish office. All items you wish to leave in the Church need to be approved by Fr. Shanthaiah or a member of staff.

We thank you for your kind consideration and attention to this matter.

We thank the Parishioners of St. Gerard's for their generosity in donating to the various collections held over the last few weeks.

The following amounts were collected:

CatholicCare - \$955.40

Catholic Mission - \$5,117.15

St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal - \$1,139.50

Thank you for your kindness and for giving so generously to these very worthy charities. God bless.

ACU Centre for Liturgy - Ministry Training Program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are holding their workshop over two days, Friday, 10th July from 6-9pm and Saturday, 11th July from 9am-4pm (you are required to attend both days) at St. John Vianney's Parish, 23 Police Road, Mulgrave. RSVP by July 3rd.

For more information, call St. John Vianney's on 9546 3831 or visit acu.edu.au/liturgy-melbourne

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20th - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Ivan Glavacevic (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Blessings for Amanda & Jaspreet

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 21st - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Rita Culloden (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Antonio Sacco & Antonietta Cobai and
Giovanni Marotta (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Joe & Willma Walles (*Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 2:30pm French Mass - Please note: Time change

Mass 5:30pm Djuro (George) & Eva Jozicic (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Mass of Thanksgiving

Monday, June 22nd - Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving & for the health of Hermione &
Karen Daniells

Tuesday, June 23rd

Mass 9:15am Trudie Chmielewski (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Barbara Adolphus (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Wednesday, June 24th - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Mass 9:15am Rita Culloden (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Private Intention and for the souls in Purgatory
and Allan Kelly (*First Death Anniversary* ✚)

Thursday, June 25th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving & for the health of Hermione &
Karen Daniells
and Cheryl Isaacs (*40th Day - Recently Deceased* ✚)

Friday, June 26th

Mass 9:15am Philomena Bowes (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Repose of the soul of Geraldine Treck
(*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Saturday, June 27th

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, June 27th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Philomena Bowes (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Repose of the Soul of Basilio Abele Trinco ✚

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 28th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Rita Culloden (*Remembrance* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
Mass 5:30pm Philomena Bowes (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Please pray for...

Our sick: Maria Tomaselli, Ricky Fagan, Anne Moorthy, Lynette Whetton, Lucia, Gratian Vettivelu, John Keble, Pamela Chen, Michael Bruno, Steven Dickson, Derek Chater, Franca Rechichi, Marion Quyn, David Naidoo, Barbara Daniells, Jackie Foulstone, Sean VanTwest, Damien Gerard Misquith, Christopher Patterson, Fr Brendan Lane, Gabby Vettivelu, Gerard, Antonimary, Lovett Dos Remedios

The recently deceased:

Barbara Adolphus, Reverend Sister Mary Charles, Fr. Thomas Kuzhippalayil, Giuseppe Scollo, Cheryl Isaacs

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Philomena Bowes, Joe & Willma Walles, Loraine Biber, Godwin Bower, Noel Anthony, Rita Culloden, Antonio Sacco, Antonietta Cobai, Giovanni Marotta, Tania Rozario

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 27

Gonsalves Family, Mario F.,
Linda and Ignatius

Saturday, July 4

Maronite Community

Weekly Collection

June 14, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$2,507.00

Presbytery: \$738.05

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 27

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, June 28

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, July 4

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, July 5

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am R. Gonsalves

5:30pm J. Panicker

Daily Antiphons

Monday, June 22nd to Saturday, June 27th, 2026

Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 22

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

Entrance Antiphon: Holy men shed their glorious blood for the Lord; they loved Christ in their life, they imitated Him in their death, and therefore were crowned in triumph.

Responsorial Psalm: Help us with Your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: It is you who have stood by Me in My trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom.

Tuesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 23

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: God upholds His city for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Entrance Antiphon: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

Thursday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 25

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: For the glory of Your name, O Lord, deliver us.

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: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Friday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 26

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget You!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* He bore our sicknesses, and endured our suffering. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Saturday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 27

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, forget not the life of Your poor ones.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* He bore our sicknesses, and endured our suffering. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.