

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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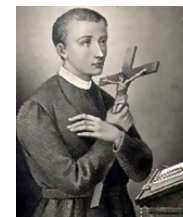
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Parish Secretary & Safeguarding Officer: Sumitha Moses **Parish Secretary:** Sinthia Stellato **Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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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"

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - June 28, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading - 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading - Romans 6: 3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into His marvellous light. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 10: 37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

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.



The ACU Centre for Liturgy is advertising the Project Coordinator role which provides administrative and project support to the Director and other staff of the ACU Centre for Liturgy. The Program Coordinator oversees the Centre's database and webpages and promotion of the Centre's training programs. See <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/1609>. Applications close on 5 July. General enquiries can be sent to Clare Johnson, Director – Centre for Liturgy at: clare.johnson@acu.edu.au.

We thank the Parishioners of St. Gerard's for their generous donations 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 giving so generously.

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

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:3).

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptised into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus. We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One. We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself (see Matthew 18:5; 25:31–46).

As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favours and kindness in our lives.

We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

Altar Server training will conclude this Thursday, 25th June, and will start back on Thursday, 23rd July at 5:30pm. Please call Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287 should you have any queries, or if you wish to join the Altar Server program. Thank you.

This **Sunday, 28 June 2026**, the traditional collection of **Peter's Pence** takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. **Peter's Pence** is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. You may find more information, or contribute by visiting the official website ObolodiSanPietro.va, or make a donation to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - Account Name: RCTC – Main Account, BSB: 083 091 Account No.: 51 514 3414. Reference: PP-2026. Thank you.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal - Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Caritas Australia's local partners in Ukraine are providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families.

Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

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 02 9701 4751 or email centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, June 27th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Philomena Bowes (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Vernon & Vincent Isaacs (*Remembrance* ✠)
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* ✠)
and Georgia Marie Heiden (*Recently Deceased* ✠)
and Maria Milicia, Giuseppe Calapà, Joseph Torelli, Grazia
Gangemi, Santo Gangemi and all souls (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Sr. Clementina Alphonso (*Remembrance* ✠) and for the souls
in Purgatory

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 5:30pm Philomena Bowes (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and For the health and recovery of Michael DePenha
and Desmond Marmion (*First Death Anniversary* ✠)
and James and Stella Gubbins (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Monday, June 29th - Saints Peter and Paul

Mass 9:15am Margaret Collins (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Antoinette Antony & Malcolm Antony and Royston Lopez
(*Remembrance* ✠)
and Thanksgiving on the 40th Birthday of Helen Mulipola

Tuesday, June 30th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the birthday of Rupert Rodrigues

Wednesday, July 1st

Mass 9:15am Rita Culloden (*Remembrance* ✠)

Thursday, July 2nd

Mass 9:15am Colleen Baptiste (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Jessica Cabral (*Death Anniversary* ✠)
and For the intentions of Nicole DeSouza

Friday, July 3rd - Saint Thomas

Mass 9:15am John Daniels (*Remembrance* ✠)
and For the abandoned souls and Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit
and Thanksgiving offering to the Sacred Heart from Nigel &
Maria Rodrigues
and Antony Pillai Alfred (*54th Death Anniversary* ✠)

Saturday, July 4th

Mass 9:15am Fr. Michael Shadbolt (*7 Month Death Anniversary* ✠)
and Thanksgiving offering to Our Lady of Lourdes from Isabelle,
Christelle, and Rosabelle D'Vaz and Luke Lewis
and Thanksgiving on the Birthday Aaron Mroczkowski

Saturday Vigil, July 4th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the souls of Vito, Vanda & Tanya Bencic (*Rememb.* ✠)
and Repose of the Souls of Clifford, Emerald & Christopher
Rodrigo ✠

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 5th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Rita Culloden (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Cyril O'Shaughnessy (*Remembrance* ✠)
and Louis La Rue (*Death Anniversary* ✠)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Please pray for...

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

The recently deceased:

Giuseppe Scollo, Cheryl Isaacs, Carl Davids, Georgia Marie Heiden

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Rita Culloden, Philomena Bowes, Basilio Abele Trinco, Noel Anthony, Vernon & Vincent Isaacs, Rev. Sister Clementina Alphonso

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 4

Maronite Community

Saturday, July 11

French Community

Weekly Collection

June 21, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,563.00

Presbytery: \$731.00

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 4

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, July 5

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am R. Gonsalves

5:30pm J. Panicker

Saturday, July 11

5:30pm J. Fernando

Sunday, July 12

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Confession will not be heard on
Sunday or Monday.

Confession is heard Tuesday to
Saturday from 8:20am to 8:50am
including after the Mass on
Saturday until 10:30am.

Daily Antiphons

Monday, June 29th to Saturday, July 4th, 2026

Monday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul

Entrance Antiphon: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, an upon this rock I will build My Church.

Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 30

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: Lead me in Your justice, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 1

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Father gave us birth by His message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of His creation. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 2

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: The judgements of the Lord are true and all of them just.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 3 - Saint Thomas

Entrance Antiphon: You are my God, and I confess You; You are my God, and I exalt You; I will thank You, for You became my saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.

Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 4

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

