

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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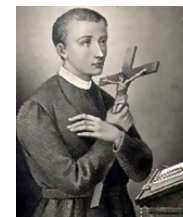
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *Visit website for updates*

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"

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - July 5, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading - Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading - Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11: 25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up next weekend, 11th & 12th July, at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

Please Note: Confessions will not be heard after the Mass on Saturday, 11th July.
Confessions will only be heard before the Mass on this day.

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.

Persecution & Faith: A Witness of Courage and Forgiveness from Pakistan - Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre. In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God."



Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness.

Reflection: Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you?

Read more testimonies of faith from *Aid to the Church in Need* at: aidtochurch.org/welcome

Spiritual adoption at St Gerard's - The gift of life



March the 28th will be a day that lives long in my memory because while attending the St Patrick's mass in 'Preparation for, and healing for Abortion,' I discovered the spiritual Adoption Prayer. After taking the pledge and committing to pray for 9 months, the term of the pregnancy, I quickly realised that this was a gift that needed to be shared - protecting babies in the womb under the threat of abortion. On May the 10th, Mother's Day, Father delivered an inspiring homily on the protection of the mothers, motherhood, and unborn babies. I then addressed the 8.30 and 10.30am mass which resulted in 76 babies being spiritually adopted on the day and 108 by the end of May. Since adopting a child in the womb, I, like many of our parishioners, instantly felt a strong spiritual and emotional connection to the baby, constantly checking the little one's growth on a weekly basis and also being grateful for the opportunity to save a life in the womb while feeling empathy and joy for the parents. Spiritual Adoption is a gift that needs to be shared in every parish to save as many lives as possible. If you or a friend are inspired to run a spiritual adoption event and need support, please contact me (Clarke Milloy) on csmilloy@gmail.com.

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Gerard's for your generous support of this year's

Propagation of the Faith Appeal. As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than 160 countries and over 1,100 dioceses. Your contribution of \$6,508.70 has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in Kampira, Malawi, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church. Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten. Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.

Altar Server training has concluded, 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.

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

God and Beer - Tuesday 14 July at Dunlop Pavilion DW Lucas Oval, Dunlop St, East Malvern. Drawing on his experience as a priest, author, chaplain, and missionary, Fr James Grant will speak about what he calls "Creative Catholicism" — a practical and hopeful vision for renewing Catholic life in Australia. He will explore how Catholics can respond creatively and courageously to the challenges of modern society, how parishes can become centres of mission and culture again, and why the Church must recover a strong sense of purpose and identity if it is to flourish in the future. Please register at Godandbeer.com.au

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 4 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 5 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Rita Culloden (*Remembrance* ✙)

and Cyril O'Shaughnessy (*Remembrance* ✙)

and Louis La Rue (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

and Thanksgiving on the 90th Birthday of Pauline Starken

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

12:00pm Parish Baptism - Congratulations baby Remi Makris & Family

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

Monday, July 6

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to Saint Rita of Cascia

Tuesday, July 7

Mass 9:15am For the prayer requests of the St. Gerard's Millions of Monica's
Prayer Group

and Carmela Bruno (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

6:30pm *Millions of Monica's Prayer Group meet in the Church*

Wednesday, July 8

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

and Giovanna McKercher (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

and Gomes Family (*Remembrance* ✙)

and Frank Mark Imbrogno (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

and James Imbrogno (*Remembrance* ✙)

Thursday, July 9

Mass 9:15am For the souls of Sockovic Marko, Luka & Mijo (Michael) ✙

and Jean-Claude Dedans (*Remembrance* ✙)

Friday, July 10

Mass 9:15am Conlith Ludwick (*3rd Death Anniversary* ✙)

Saturday, July 11 - Saint Benedict

Mass 9:15am Trilby Domingo (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

and Jessica Cabral (*Remembrance* ✙)

Saturday Vigil, July 11 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Maria Vaccaro (*10th Death Anniversary* ✙)

and Thanksgiving offering for St. Anthony from Leandar and Wendy
Lewis and family

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 12 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Rita Culloden (*Remembrance* ✙)

and Rosemary Vidot (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

and Thanksgiving Mass for Evelyn & Shihan for all God's Blessings

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:00pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm For health, protection and prosperity of Zvonko Glavacevic &
Family

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, Rosalie Wright, Margaret Rose Rouchecouste, Fr. Tad Ziolkowski, Marie Thomas

The recently deceased:

Giuseppe Scollo, Cheryl Isaacs, Carl Davids, Georgia Marie Heiden, Dorothy Zammit, Dr. K.M. Jose, Jebamalai Mary

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Rita Culloden, Frank Mark Imbrogno, James Imbrogno, Carmela Bruno, Francis Anthony, Vernon James, Fr. Michael Shadbolt, Luigina Rossi, Maria Vaccaro, Vito, Vanda & Tanya Bencic

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 11

French Community

Saturday, July 18

Tamil Community

Weekly Collection

June 28, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1, 216.50

Presbytery: \$718.80

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 11

5:30pm J. Fernando

Sunday, July 12

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, July 18

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, July 19

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm B. Collins

**There are a few remaining Thanksgiving Envelopes which may be collected from the Parish Office.
We thank you most sincerely for your continued support of our Church and Parish.**

Daily Antiphons

Monday, July 6th to Saturday, July 11th, 2026

Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 6

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His gospel. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 7

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 8

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Seek always the face of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 9

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us see Your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 10

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: My mouth will declare Your praise.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will teach you all truth and bring to your mind all I have told you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 11 - Saint Benedict

Entrance Antiphon: There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and by name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king: He is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.