

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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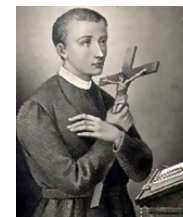
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer. "Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - July 12, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

First Reading - Isaiah 55: 10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading - Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

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

Rest, receive and discover anew the heart of the Gospel, on Sunday, July 26 at St. Christopher's Parish, Syndal.

We all want to know that we belong, to be known, loved, and part of something bigger than ourselves. Join young adults from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne for an evening of good food, meaningful conversation with a guest speaker, prayer and community. At *Cordis* find new friends, explore your faith and encounter God in a new and real way. Whether you are involved as a youth leader, someone looking to grow in your faith or simply searching for a place to belong, you are very welcome here. Come as you are. Open to young adults 18 years and over.

Visit <https://youth.melbournecatholic.org/events/cordis-july-2026> to register.

"IS THERE DIVERSITY IN CHAPLAINCY?" DISCOVER MORE ... A webinar in two parts 23 July & 30 July 7.00-8.30pm. During these two webinars, experienced Chaplains will explore their varied roles and discuss the broad scope of their ministry. Organised by The Association of Pastoral Ministry Leaders Melbourne (APMLM) and Garratt's Publishing. Registration details available at www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/is-there-diversity-in-chaplaincy-webinar-series/

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.

Please note: Fr. Shanthaiah will be unavailable to hear confessions on Thursday, 23rd July and Thursday, 30th July as he is saying Mass at Nazareth College. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up this weekend, at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 11 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Maria Vaccaro (*10th Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Thanksgiving offering to St. Anthony from Leandar and Wendy Lewis and family
and Mass of thanksgiving from Blendina Collins
and Francesco Brasacchio (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

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 & Shiha for all God's Blessings
and Steve La Bruna (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Jeanne Joseph and Heather de Kretser (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Lorenzo Martinelli (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

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

Monday, July 13

Mass 9:15am Kenneth Stewart (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Gertrude Baldsing (*1st Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Nicholas Family (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Sylvio Durand (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Tuesday, July 14

Mass 9:15am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Rita Culloden (*100th Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Maria Martha DeSouza (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

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

Wednesday, July 15 - Saint Bonaventure

Mass 9:15am For a Private Intention and for the souls in Purgatory
and Rita Culloden (*Remembrance* ✚)

Thursday, July 16

Mass 9:15am Jewan Loup Gontran, Jean-Claude Dedans, Roger Christophe and Bruno Lebrasse (*Remembrance* ✚)

Friday, July 17

Mass 9:15am Rosamma Sebastian (*10th Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Edward Baldsing (*22nd Death Anniversary* ✚)

Saturday, July 18

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of P.K. Sebastian (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Maria Gatt and Sister Luisa Farrugia
(*Remembrance and Death Anniversary* ✚)
and Claude Isaacs (*Remembrance* ✚)

Saturday Vigil, July 18 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Joelle Lebrasse, Nadege Atchia and Hans Vydilingum
(*Remembrance* ✚)
and Mass of Thanksgiving - Amanda Collins

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Claude Isaacs (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Hayden Tailor (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:00pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Margaret Marmion (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

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 and Frances Dos Remedios, Marie Thomas, Rosalie Wright, Michael DePenha, Margaret Rose Rochecouste

The recently deceased:

Dorothy Zammit, Dr. K.M. Jose, Jebamalai Mary, Martin Weller, Sylvio Durand, Fr. Tad Ziolkowski

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Rita Culloden, Frank Mark Imbrogno, James Imbrogno, Luigina Rossi, Maria Vaccaro, Lorenzo Martinelli, Helen Watts, Tania Rozario, Steve La Bruna, Jeanne Joseph, Heather de Krester, Francis Anthony, Francesco Brasacchio, Domenico Nicolaci

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 18

Tamil Community

Saturday, July 25

Frank, Zenon, Betty, Robert & Kim

Weekly Collection

July 5, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,607.00

Presbytery: \$849.00

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 18

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, July 19

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm B. Collins

Saturday, July 25

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, July 26

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 13th to Saturday, July 18th, 2026

Monday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 13

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 14

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: God upholds His city for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 15 - Saint Bonaventure

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will not abandon His people.

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!*

Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 16

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 17

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: You saved my life, O Lord, I shall not die.

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

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 18

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the poor, O Lord!

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: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.