

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

**PARISH PRIEST: FR. SHANTHAIAH MARNENI**

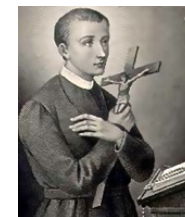
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**Confession:** Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am \*Visit website for updates\*

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

**Principal of St. Gerard's Catholic School:** Mr. Paul Cowan **School Phone:** 9791 7553 **School Email:** principal @sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au



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"

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - August 30, 2026

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

### First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

### Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Please Note: Father Shanthaiah will be on annual leave from Monday, 24th August until Tuesday, 29th September. In his absence, visiting priests will celebrate daily mass. During this time, Confession will not be heard during the weekdays and only heard after Mass on Saturday until 10:30am by a visiting priest.**

Next Sunday, 6th September, is Father's Day. We will have a leaving collection at all Masses, to support the **Priest's Retirement Fund**. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

## 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.**

**ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** - The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM. Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison [kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au). In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

Tuesday, the 8th of September, is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. To honour the birthday of Our Blessed Mother, the Legion of Mary will say the Rosary in the church in front of her statue, on the hour, every hour, from 10:00 am to 2 pm. We are inviting one and all to join us any time at your convenience. - Legion of Mary

**St Vincent De Paul are looking for volunteers to help in the piety stall once a month. If you have the time and, would like to help, please see the volunteers at the piety stall.**

We are taking orders for the Columban and Divine Mercy calendars for 2027. If anyone would like to place an order, please see the piety stall.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously made a pledge or gift to the **2026 Archbishop's Campaign**. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating, or you can use the campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards. — Archbishop Peter.

### **The Catholic Faith Explained / RCIA Program - Are you considering becoming Catholic?**

Or would you like to know more about your faith? Join our 20 session "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained" program commencing Tuesday, 8 September at 7pm in the Majellan Hall and find the answers to the questions you are seeking. 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. Contact: Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883.

### **KSC Information Night**

The Knights of the Southern Cross are hosting an Information Evening for any Catholic gentlemen wishing to join and learn about their role within the Church. The evening will take place on Wednesday September 9. Please contact Carmine Miranda at 0412 817 995 or [carminemiranda5@gmail.com](mailto:carminemiranda5@gmail.com) for further information.

### **KSC Archbishop's Dinner - Friday October 16, 2026**

The 26th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Peta Credlin AO (News 24 Presenter and Herald Sun Columnist). A great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Grand Star Reception and Convention Centre Altona North on Friday October 16. If you are interested in attending, would like more information, or to make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians please contact Andrew Vaccaro at [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net), or 0404 390 824 by Friday September 11. For further details, refer to the advertisement on the Bulletin Board.

**DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL DINNER PROGRAM FOR 2026 Listening To: The Voices That Echo the Glory of God through Peace & Mercy.** To be held, Wednesday 16th September 2026 at the Graduate's Restaurant - St John's Regional College, Caroline Street, Dandenong. Please arrive at 5.30pm for 5.45pm start. COST: \$48 per person 3 course meal wine & Beer. GUEST SPEAKER: Jo Hastings: Board Director a Sea Wolf & plenty more surprises!! RSVP: By Friday 11th Sept. 2026. Contact Paddy on 0422 296 961 or e-mail: [dandenongdeanery@live.com.au](mailto:dandenongdeanery@live.com.au).

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## Saturday Vigil, August 29 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm John Cleary (*First Death Anniversary* ✙)  
and For the health and healing of Shane Hardie  
and Thanksgiving to St. Gerard from Sharon

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, August 30 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Repose of the soul of Anthony Maurice Domingo  
(*Death Anniversary* ✙)  
and For the holy Souls and Maria and Nicola Paola and  
Antonio Lidonnici (*Remembrance* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 5:30pm Jean-Claude Dedans, Jean Loup Gontran, Roger Christophe  
and Daniel Chung Chin (*Remembrance* ✙)

## Monday, August 31

Mass 9:15am Denzil Hookens (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)  
and John Thomas (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

## Tuesday, September 1

Mass 9:15am Michael Thompson (*Death Anniversary* ✙)  
and Intentions of the St. Gerard's Millions of Monica's Prayer  
Group  
and Balaraj Sylvester Marneni (*1st Death Anniversary* ✙)  
and For the speedy recovery of Yvonne Shiamala Ratnasothy

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

## Wednesday, September 2

Mass 9:15am Bruno Lebrasse, Joelle Lebrasse, Nadege Atchia &  
Hans Vydilingum (*Remembrance* ✙)  
and For the speedy recovery of Yvonne Shiamala Ratnasothy

## Thursday, September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the 80th Birthday of Peter Donald  
and Dorothy Siriwardene & Lakmani Siriwardene  
(*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

## Friday, September 4

Mass 9:15am Fr. Michael Shadbolt (*9 month Remembrance* ✙)  
and Barbara Adolphus (*3 month Remembrance* ✙)  
and Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from Nigel and  
Maria Rodrigues

## Saturday, September 5

Mass 9:15am Repose of the Soul of Serge Savanah ✙  
and Jean-Claude Dedans, Jean Loup Gontran, Roger Christophe,  
Daniel Chung-Chin (*Remembrance* ✙)  
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni from Isabelle,  
Christelle & Rosabelle D'Vaz and Luke Lewis

## Saturday Vigil, September 5 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Maria Cardamone (*Death Anniversary* ✙)  
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, September 6 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus and Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
and to Mother Mary and Saint Jude  
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions  
Mass 5:30pm For the souls of Wally Nicholas and Maive Weerwald ✙

## Please pray for...

**Our sick:** Fr. Brendan Lane, Maria Tomaselli, Ricky Fagan, Anne Moorthy, Lynette Whetton, Lucia, Gration Vettivelu, John Keble, Gabby Vettivelu, Pamela Chen, Michael Bruno, Steven Dickson, Derek Chater, David Naidoo, Barbara Daniells, Sean VanTwist, Damien Gerard Misquith, Shaan, Christopher Patterson, Marie Thomas, Frances Dos Remedios, Antonimary, Rosalie Wright, Michael DePenha, Margaret Rose Rochecouste, Gerard, Rev. Fr. Patolo Matiasi, Peter D'Silva, Shane Hardie, Emilia

### The recently deceased:

Ansley Gero, Antonette Augustus, Christine Neydorff, Rosa Franze, Elias Zeidan, Michael Mooney, Colette Keenaghan, Noel Lally, Padraig Horan

### Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Esme Peiris, Frank Donaldson, Dorothy Siriwardene, Lakmani Siriwardene, John Cleary, Maria & Nicola Paola, Antonio Lidonnici, Terence Biber, Louis Daniels

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday, September 5**

Maronite Community

**Saturday, September 12**

French Community

## Weekly Collection

**August 23, 2026**

Thanksgiving: \$1,266.00

Presbytery: \$699.90

## Reading Roster

**Saturday, September 5**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, September 6**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am Catechists

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, September 12**

5:30pm J. Fernando

**Sunday, September 13**

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

# Daily Antiphons

Monday August 31. to Saturday September 5, 2026

## Monday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - August 31

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, I love Your commands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

## Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 1

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is just in all His ways.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

## Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 2

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Lord sent Me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

## Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 3

### Saint Gregory the Great

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blessed Gregory, raised upon the throne of Peter, sought always the beauty of the Lord and lived in celebration of that love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come, follow Me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of My people. *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.

## Friday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 4

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You..

**Responsorial Psalm:** The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

**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:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

## Saturday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 5

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is near to all who call Him.

**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:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

