

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

**PARISH PRIEST: FR. SHANTHAIAH MARNENI**

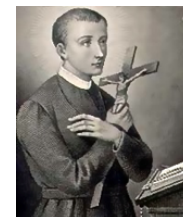
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**Confession:** Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am \*Visit website for updates\*

**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"

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - September 6, 2026

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

### First Reading - Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

### Second Reading - Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**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!*

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Father Shanthaiah will be on annual leave until Tuesday, 29th September.**

**In his absence, visiting priests will celebrate daily mass.**

**Confession will not be heard during the weekdays and only heard after Mass every Saturday until 10:30am, by a visiting priest. Confession will resume on a weekday from 29th September.**

## 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 stall.**

Please note, orders are currently being taken for the 2027 Columban and Divine Mercy calendars, from the piety stall.

**Every married couple deserves to experience this very special weekend.** Time-out to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: November 6-8th, 2026 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**The Catholic Faith Explained / RCIA Program starts this Tuesday - 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 this Tuesday, 8 September at 7pm in the Majellan room 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, 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**

**Happy Father's Day!**

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus and Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
and to Mother Mary and Saint Jude

*and Michael Mooney (Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 5:30pm For the souls of Wally Nicholas and Maive Weerwald ✙

**Monday, September 7**

Mass 9:15am Maria Milicia (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✙)

*and Bruno Lebrasse, Joelle Lebrasse, Nadege Atchia &  
Hans Vydilingum (Remembrance* ✙)

*and Vincenzo Arena (Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

**Tuesday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass 9:15am For the speedy recovery of Yvonne Shiamala Ratnasothy

*and Katrina Fagan (Birthday Remembrance* ✙)

**Wednesday, September 9**

Mass 9:15am Jean-Claude Dedans, Jean Loup Gontran, Roger Christophe,  
Daniel Chung-Chin (*Remembrance* ✙)

*and For the speedy recovery of Yvonne Shiamala Ratnasothy  
and Thanksgiving from Jacqueline*

Mass 7:00pm French Community Mass in honour of Fr. Laval

**Thursday, September 10**

Mass 9:15am Bruno Lebrasse, Joelle Lebrasse, Nadege Atchia &  
Hans Vydilingum (*Remembrance* ✙)

**Friday, September 11**

Mass 9:15am Russell McLauchlan (*Remembrance* ✙)

*and Thanksgiving in honour of St. Pancras for blessings received*

**Saturday, September 12**

Mass 9:15am Veronica Baptiste (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

*and Thanksgiving on the Wedding Anniversary of Seby & Renju  
and Ivan D'Cruz (Death Anniversary* ✙)

**Saturday, September 12 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 5:30pm Patrick Collins Junior (*Remembrance* ✙)

*and Deceased Members of the family* ✙

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

**Sunday, September 13 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 8:30am Pierre & Sue La Rue (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

*and Colette Keenaghan (Recently Deceased* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

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

## 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:

Rosa Franze, Elias Zeidan, Michael Mooney, Colette Keenaghan, Noel Lally, Pdraig Horan, Hermann Hesslinger

### Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Maria Milicia, Esme Peiris, Vincenzo Arena, Maria Cardamone, Victor Jayamaha, Wally Nicholas, Maive Meerwald, Katrina Fagan

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday, September 12**

French Community

**Saturday, September 19**

Tamil Community

## Weekly Collection

**August 30, 2026**

Thanksgiving: \$1,325.00

Presbytery: \$665.40

## Reading Roster

**Saturday, September 12**

5:30pm J. Fernando

**Sunday, September 13**

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

**Saturday, September 19**

5:30pm B. Collins

**Sunday, September 20**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm H. Dennis

# Daily Antiphons

Monday September 7 to Saturday September 12, 2026

## Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 7

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lead me in Your justice, Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 8

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise; from you arose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save His people from their sins.

## Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 9

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Listen to Me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 10

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## Friday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 11

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

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

## Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 12

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** To You, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

**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:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

