

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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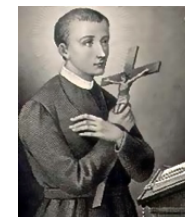
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *Visit website for updates*

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"

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - September 13, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

First Reading - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading - Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

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.

Please note that parishioners are receiving text messages from someone claiming to be Fr. Shanthaiah. This is NOT Father.

Should you receive a text message or a call from someone claiming to be Fr. Shanthaiah, please do not respond and definitely do not send any money or gift cards.

Please screenshot the number, and send that screenshot to dandenongnorth@cam.org.au and then block the sender and delete the message.

Fr. Shanthaiah, or anyone in our parish for that matter, will never ask for any support or donations to be sent directly, nor ask for your banking details.

Next Thursday, 17th September is the final Altar Server training for the term. Training will resume on Thursday, 8th October at 5:30pm in the Church.

Please call the parish office should you wish to join or have any queries.

St. Gerard's Dinner Dance - Saturday 28 November Save the date!

This year marks the 70th anniversary of our parish and we will be holding a dinner dance on November 28 as part of the celebration. We are looking for sponsors, raffle prizes and volunteers to help arrange the dance so if you are able to contribute, please contact the parish office on 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au.

Safeguarding Sunday 13th September, 2026 Every conversation matters, Shifting Conversation to Action - The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September each year – at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. This year the theme is Love Protects and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.

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 see the piety stall to place your order for the 2027 Columban and Divine Mercy calendars.****

Every Life Matters, The 2026 March for the Babies will be held on Saturday, October 10th, as a peaceful walk through our beautiful Treasury Gardens. The event is from 1pm to 3pm. Please wear pink or blue to show your support for the babies! A bus will be leaving from St Gerard's at 11:30am. Please leave your name and contact number at the piety stall. There is no cost for the bus; thanks to a wonderful family in our parish who will be supplying the bus. Please join us in supporting this very important event, because every life really matters!

'The Truth Revealed - Born Alive left to Die' - exposes the devastating reality of late-term abortion in Australia and the lives affected by practices few are willing to confront. The evidence of harm is undeniable. Silence is no longer an option. It is time for truth, accountability, and change. Please join us to view this thought provoking documentary to be held on 8th October in the Majellan hall at 7pm. All are welcome.

Please ensure any notices and Mass intentions to publish in the bulletin are provided to the parish office by 2pm Wednesday of each week. Thank you.

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.

MASS and INTENTIONS

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* ✚)
and Repose of the souls of Jeanne Joseph, Heather De Kretser and, Ganam Joseph (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Daniel Thomas Milloy (*30th Death Anniversary* ✚)

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* ✚)

Monday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass 9:15am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Bruno Lebrasse, Joelle Lebrasse, Nadege Atchia & Hans Vydilingum (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Antonette & Charles Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✚)

Tuesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass 9:15am Margaret Collins (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Repose of the Soul of Sunny Rodrigues ✚

Wednesday, September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian

Mass 9:15am Mijo (Michael) & Ana Glavacevic (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Rogelio Reyes (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Repose of the soul of Rosamma Sebastian ✚

Thursday, September 17

Mass 9:15am Djuro (George) and Eva Jozicic (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Repose of the soul of P.K. Sebastian ✚

Friday, September 18

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving in honour of Saint Rita of Cascia for blessings received
and Private Intention and for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 19

Mass 9:15am Marija, Milan, Andrija & Smilja Vlatkovic (*Remembrance* ✚)
and Zora Skoblar (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Saturday, September 19 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving from the family of Zvonko Glavacevic
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 20 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Balaraj Sylvester Marneni (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Sleevaiah Marneni (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
and Noel Lally (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
and Romulo Isma (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm German De Penha (*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:

Michael Mooney, Colette Keenaghan, Noel Lally, Pdraig Horan, Hermann Hesslinger

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Filomena Giuliani, Jeanne Joseph, Heather De Kretser, Ganam Joseph, Daniel Thomas Milloy, Romulo Irma, Giovanni Marotta, Lou Daniels, Yvonne Rozario, Jessica Cabral, Denzil Hookens

Church Cleaning Saturday, September 19

Tamil Community

Saturday, September 26

Frank, Zenon, Betty, Robert & Kim

Weekly Collection

September 6, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,158.50

Presbytery: \$633.45

Reading Roster Saturday, September 19

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, September 20

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm H. Dennis

Saturday, September 26

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, September 27

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am Catechists

5:30pm S. Antony

Daily Antiphons

Monday September 14. to Saturday September 19, 2026

Monday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Entrance Antiphon: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Cross You have redeemed the world. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself, says the Lord.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Entrance Antiphon: Simeon said to Mary: Behold, this child is destined for the ruin and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign of contradiction; and your own soul a sword will pierce.

Responsorial Psalm: Save me, O Lord, in Your steadfast love.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are you, O Blessed Virgin Mary; without dying you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Rejoice when you share in the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice exultantly when His glory is revealed.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian

Entrance Antiphon: The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of Him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: It is you who have stood by Me in My trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom.

Thursday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 17

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

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: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 18

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, when Your glory appears, my joy will be full.

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: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

Saturday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 19

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of God, with the light of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

