

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH PRIEST: FR. SHANTHAIAH MARNENI

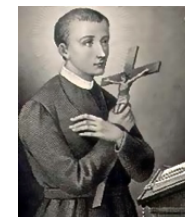
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *Visit website for updates*

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

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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"

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - September 20, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading - Isaiah 55: 6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

Second Reading - Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 20: 1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

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.

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. This is not Father!

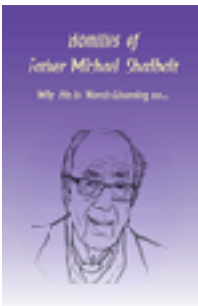
Please screenshot the message and number, and send that screenshot to dandenongnorth@cam.org.au and then block the sender and delete the message.

Fr. Shanthaiah, will never ask for any support or donations to be sent directly, nor will anyone else in our parish. Please be on high alert for all types of scammers. God bless.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - Peaceful prayer vigil and community outreach starts Wednesday, September 23rd to Sunday, November 1st. Location 118 Wellington parade, East Melbourne. Outside Jolimont Station behind the blue line, 150m from the abortion clinic. Visit 40daysforlife.com, to register and select your hours.

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.



For more than sixty years, **Fr Michael Shadbolt** faithfully served the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, becoming renowned for his insightful, Scripture-centred preaching and pastoral care.

This collection of his homilies reflects his lifelong dedication to helping others encounter Christ, drawing on decades of ministry - including his service as the Archdiocese's Chief Exorcist - to offer timeless spiritual wisdom, encouragement and hope.

On Sunday, 27th September, **John Canavan, Director of Divine Mercy Publications**, will speak at the **8:30am and 10:30am and 5:30pm Masses** about **Fr Michael's book**. Copies of the book will be available for purchase after each Mass for **\$20.00**.

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' documentary 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 Thursday, 8th October in the Majellan hall at 7pm. All are welcome.

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

MASS and INTENTIONS

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

Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving from the family of Zvonko Glavacevic
and Betty Tolan (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

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* ✝)

Monday, September 21 - Saint Matthew

Mass 9:15am Cynthia & Daudi Biuiji (*Remembrance* ✝)
and Rose Cecilia and deceased family (*Remembrance* ✝)

Tuesday, September 22

Mass 9:15am Daisy Hart (*Death Anniversary* ✝)
and Hyacinth Arulanandhan (*6th Death Anniversary* ✝)

Wednesday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Mass 9:15am Intercessory prayers from St. Scholastica for private
intention

Thursday, September 24

Mass 9:15am Fr. William Van Kooy (*Death Anniversary* ✝)
and Ivan Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✝)

Friday, September 25

Mass 9:15am Tony Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✝)

Saturday, September 26

Mass 9:15am Antonio Mete (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Saturday, September 26 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Ive & Zora Glavan (*Remembrance* ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, September 27 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Repose of the soul of Trilby Domingo
(*Remembrance* ✝)
and Padraig Horan (*Recently Deceased* ✝)
and Antonio Sacco & Giovanni Marotta
(*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing

Mass 5:30pm Mass in honour of those suffering with cancer

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, Margaret Zahra

The recently deceased:

Michael Mooney, Colette Keenaghan, Noel Lally, Padraig Horan, Hermann Hesslinger, Larry Harper, Patrick Rozario

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

German De Penha, Zora Skoblar, Romulo Isma, Edna & Roy DeKauwe, Geraldine Benedict Mead, Olive Anthony, Greg Daniells, Betty Tolan

Church Cleaning

Saturday, September 26

Frank, Zenon, Betty, Robert & Kim

Saturday, October 3

Mulipola Family

Weekly Collection

September 13, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,570.50

Presbytery: \$783.00

Reading Roster

Saturday, September 26

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, September 27

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am Catechists

5:30pm S. Antony

Saturday, October 3

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, October 4

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Daily Antiphons

Monday September 21. to Saturday September 26, 2026

Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 21 - Saint Matthew

Entrance Antiphon: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Their message goes out through all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are God: we praise You; You are the Lord: we acclaim You; the glorious company of apostles praise You. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I did not come to call the just, but sinners, says the Lord.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 22

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Guide me, Lord, in the way of Your commands.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; Your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

Responsorial Psalm: Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.

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

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when He comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all His property.

Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 24

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

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: You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 25

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

Saturday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 26

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

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

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.