

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH PRIEST: FR. SHANTHAIAH MARNENI

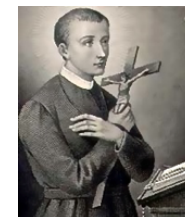
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *Visit website for updates*

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"

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - September 27, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

First Reading - Ezekiel 18: 25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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.

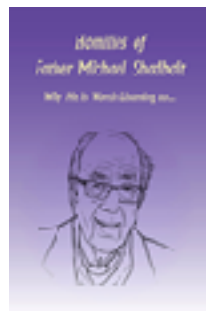
The Catholic Faith Explained this Tuesday, 29th September - Join our 20 session "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained" program this Tuesday at 7pm in the Majellan room to learn more about our faith. This beautifully crafted video series by Dr Edward Sri provides a deep exploration into our faith that will benefit all who attend. This week's theme is The Story of Salvation: Creation, the Fall and Redemption. Contact: Jeff Zaher on 0477188883. All welcome.

Feast of Saint Gerard Celebration - Sunday, 18 October, 2026

We will be celebrating the feast of our patron, Saint Gerard Majella, on Sunday the 18th of October. The day will begin with the 10:30am Mass and followed by a sausage sizzle and activities in the parish hall. Join us for fellowship, trivia and kids activities.

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**.

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary - From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying - "When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio.

'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.

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!

Daily Confession will resume on a weekday from Tuesday, 29th September.

MASS and INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 28

Mass 9:15am Mass in honour of those suffering with cancer
 and Blessings for Luke Lewis on his 2nd Birthday and
 Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
 and Blessings, healing and Birthday Thanksgiving for
 Joshua Daniel

Tuesday, September 29

Mass 9:15am Marissa Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✚)
 and Mass in honour of those suffering with cancer

Wednesday, September 30

Mass 9:15am Mass in honour of those suffering with cancer
 and Blessings for Isabelle D’Vaz on her 5th Birthday and
 Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony

Thursday, October 1

Mass 9:15am Mass in honour of those suffering with cancer
 and Jenny Waduge (*4th Death Anniversary* ✚)
 and Repose of the Souls of loved ones, for Holy Souls in
 Purgatory and thanksgiving for favours received

Friday, October 2

Mass 9:15am Gertrude Baldsing (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)
 and Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony from Nigel and Maria
 Rodrigues

Saturday, October 3

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes from Isabelle,
 Christelle and Rosabelle D’Vaz and Luke Lewis

Saturday, October 3 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the Souls of Carmina & Cajetan D'Souza ✚
 and For the soul of Clara Umrigar (*Recently Deceased* ✚)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, October 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Repose of the Soul of Fr. Michael Shadbolt
 (*10 month Death Anniversary* ✚)
 and Slevaiah Marneni (*Death Anniversary* ✚)
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

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, Clara Umrigar, Christine Neydorff, Claris Sebastampillai
Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Jenny Waduge, Gertrude Baldsing, Serge Savanah, Giovanni Marotta, Antonio Sacco

Church Cleaning

Saturday, September 26

Frank, Zenon, Betty, Robert & Kim

Saturday, October 3

Mulipola Family

Weekly Collection

September 20, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,296.00
Presbytery: \$796.80

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 28, to Saturday October 3, 2026

Monday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 28

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, bend Your ear and hear my prayer.

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

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Entrance Antiphon: Bless the Lord, all you His angels, mighty in power, fulfilling His word, and heeding His voice.

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing Your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Bless the Lord, all you His angels, His ministers who do His will. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I will thank You, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the Angels I will praise You.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - September 30 - Saint Jerome

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night: he will yield his fruit in due season.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my prayer come before You, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I count all things worthless but this: to gain Jesus Christ and to be found in Him. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Lord God, Your words were found and I consumed them; Your word became the joy and the happiness of my heart.

Thursday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 1

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led her and taught her, and kept her as the apple of His eye. Like an eagle spreading its wings He took her up and bore her on His shoulders. The Lord alone was her guide.

Responsorial Psalm: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

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

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

Entrance Antiphon: Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: He has put His angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Bless the Lord, all you angels, His ministers who do His will. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: In the presence of the Angels I will praise You, my God.

Saturday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - October 3

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your face shine on me.

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: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.