

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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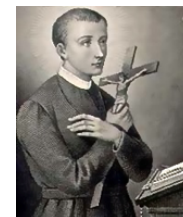
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *Visit website for updates*

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"

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - October 4, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.



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.

Who is Jesus? - A good man or Lord of our lives? Join our "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained" Program this Tuesday, 7th October, 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.
Contact: Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883. Everyone is 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.

St. John Vianney Fete will be held on Saturday, 17th October from 10am until 4pm at 23 Police Road, Mulgrave. You are all welcome to come and celebrate and join in the fun. There will be a BBQ, Asian Food, Indian Food, Italian food to name a few as well as, cakes, drinks, Live Entertainment, Raffles, face painting, Devonshire Tea, games and video games and much more.

St. Jude's 9 Day Novena and Feast Day Mass

Come together in prayer, seeking St. Jude's intercession for our families, our parish and our personal intentions. All parishioners, families and friends are invited to participate in special days of prayer and celebration as we honour St. Jude and deepen our trust in God's loving providence. Beginning the 19th of October until 28th October. Please see the flyer in the foyer of the Church and notice board, or visit St. Jude's at 49 George Street Scoresby.

Altar Server Training resumes Thursday, 8th October at 5:30pm in the Church.

'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!

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 17 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph, Kisumu, for water tanks. Enquiries phone: 9817 3715.

MASS and INTENTIONS

****Please note, this weekend is daylight savings. ****

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 Sleevaiah Marneni (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and For the healing of Lynette Cardoso

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

12:00pm Parish Baptisms

Mass 5:30pm Remembrance for the Isaacs Family ✙
and Henriette Stephen (*Death Anniversary* ✙)

Monday, October 5

Mass 9:15am Ivan Pattan (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Colin Layton (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Serge Savanah (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and For the healing of Lynette Cardoso

7:00pm Maronite Mass with relics of St. Carlos Acutis

Tuesday, October 6

Mass 9:15am Florence Ludwick (*50th Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Serge Savanah (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and For the healing of Lynette Cardoso
and Intentions of the Millions of Monica's Prayer Group
6:30pm Millions of Monica's Prayer Group meet

Wednesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

Mass 9:15am Oscar Eaton (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Rev. Sister Thomasina CSA (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and For the healing of Lynette Cardoso

Thursday, October 8

Mass 9:15am For the repose of the souls of Clarence, Florence and
Melvin De Sylva (*Remembrance* ✙)
and For the healing of Lynette Cardoso

Friday, October 9

Mass 9:15am Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, October 10

Mass 9:15am Nicola Torelli (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✙)

Saturday Vigil, October 10 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Malcolm Highmoor (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, October 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Kathleen Cranage (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Sriskantharajah N. (*3rd Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Nicola Torelli (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✙)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

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 VanTwest, 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, Lynette Cardoso

The recently deceased:

Larry Harper, Patrick Rozario, Clara Umrigar, Christine Neydorff, Claris Sebestiampillai

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Serge Savanah, Gertrude Baldsing, Fr. Michael Shadbolt, Carmina & Cajetan D'Souza, Sleevaiah Marneni, Deceased members of the Isaacs Family, Prudence Candappa, Henriette Stephen

Church Cleaning

Saturday, October 10

R. Quyn, X. Fernando, T. Bui

Saturday, October 17

Knights of the Southern Cross

Weekly Collection

September 27, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,400.40

Presbytery: \$655.00

Reading Roster

Saturday, October 10

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, October 11

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm B. Collins

Saturday, October 17

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, October 18

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm H. Dennis

Daily Antiphons - Monday October 5, to Saturday October 10, 2026

Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 5

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will remember His covenant for ever.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 6

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

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

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 7

[Our Lady of the Rosary](#)

Entrance Antiphon: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

Thursday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 8

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed is the Lord God of Israel; for He has come to His people.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Friday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 9

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will remember His covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to Myself, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - October 10

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

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