

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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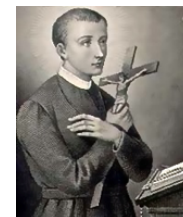
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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"

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - October 11, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained this Tuesday, 13th October at 7pm in the Majellan Room

Join us as we explore the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith through the beautifully crafted video series by Dr Edward Sri. This week we will uncover the Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus's Death & Resurrection. 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 with a Eucharistic procession at 10am from the grotto to the church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, before the 10:30am mass. There will be a special blessing after Mass with the relic of St Gerard Majella followed by sausage sizzle, trivia and kids activities in the hall.

The 5:30pm evening Mass will not be held on this day.

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.

St. John Vianney Fete will be held on Saturday, 17th October from 10am until 4pm at 23 Police Road, Mulgrave.

Everyone is invited to celebrate and join in the fun. There will be a BBQ, Asian, Indian, and 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 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 and notice board, or visit St. Jude's at 49 George Street Scoresby.

Strong marriages don't happen by chance. A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. Our last weekend for 2026: November 6-8th St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or mail: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

National Prayer Crusade for Vocations - The Knights of the Southern Cross warmly invite all Parishes throughout Victoria to join us in our 20th Prayer Crusade, as together we pray for an increase in Catholics willing to serve the Church through the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, including service as Catholic Chaplains in the Australian Military Services. What is required: Each participating Parish, KSC Branch or member, is warmly invited to pray the special Crusade prayer during the last week of the Crusade, from 11 to 18 October.

Together, let us pray...

Heavenly Father, You know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia, including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient priests, deacons and religious to meet their needs, and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

St. Gerard's Dinner Dance - Saturday 28 November - Tickets are now on sale

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. Tickets can be purchased via <https://app.tickets.org.au/StGerard/DinnerDance> or via the QR code in the church foyer. 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.

MASS and INTENTIONS

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 Leelamma Babukutty (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Monday, October 12

Mass 9:15am Leelamma Babukutty (*Recently Deceased* ✝)
and Blessings and thanksgiving for Wendy Lewis on her birthday and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
and Leonard Isaacs (*Death Anniversary* ✝)
and Repose of the Soul of Jeanne Joseph, Heather de Kretser and Ganam Joseph ✝

Tuesday, October 13

Mass 9:15am Leelamma Babukutty (*Recently Deceased* ✝)
and For intercessory prayers from Saint Therese of Lisieux for private intention

Wednesday, October 14

Mass 9:15am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✝)
and For intercessory prayers from Saint Therese of Lisieux for private intention
and Leelamma Babukutty (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Thursday, October 15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus

Mass 9:15am For intercessory prayers from Saint Therese of Lisieux for private intention

Friday, October 16

Mass 9:15am Joseph Michael Ludwick (*50th Death Anniversary* ✝)
and Prayer of thanksgiving for healing from Angele & blessings for those who prayed
and For Lisa's surgery and for her good health

Saturday, October 17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of Rosamma Sebastian (*Remembrance* ✝)
and Fr. Roger Ryan (*Death Anniversary* ✝)
and Dominic and Belinda, Isabelle, Christelle and Rosabelle D'Vaz Family Mass of Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony

Saturday Vigil, October 17 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Mass 5:30pm Christine Neydorff (*Recently Deceased* ✝)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, October 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Gerard's Feast Day Celebration

Mass 8:30am Clarice Giacomini (*1st Death Anniversary* ✝)
and Mary Curic (*Death Anniversary* ✝)
and Nicola Torelli (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✝)
and Remembrance for the Nicholas Family ✝

Mass 10:30am Mass in Honour of SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

Mass 3:30pm French Community

NO Mass 5:30pm NO MASS THIS EVENING

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, Antonimary, Rosalie Wright, Michael DePenha, Margaret Rose Rochecouste, Gerard, 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, Leelamma Babukutty, Geoffrey Mortimer

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Nicola Torelli, Malcolm Highmoor, Kathleen Cranage, Sriskantharajah, Cyril Jackson

Church Cleaning

Saturday, October 17

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, October 24

Legion of Mary

Weekly Collection

October 4, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,266.90

Presbytery: \$770.70

Reading Roster

Saturday, October 17

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, October 18

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm H. Dennis

Saturday, October 24

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, October 25

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm L. Hector

Daily Antiphons - Monday October 12, to Saturday October 17, 2026

Monday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 12

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Tuesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 13

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Let Your loving kindness come to me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Wednesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 14

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who follow You, Lord, will have the light of life.

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

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Thursday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus

Entrance 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.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has made known His salvation.

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: I will sing for ever of Your mercies, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim Your fidelity.

Friday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 16

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Saturday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Entrance Antiphon: I am crucified with Christ, yet I live; no longer I, but Christ lives in me. I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given Himself up for me.

Responsorial Psalm: You gave Your Son authority over all Your creation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you also will be My witnesses. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: I am the wheat of Christ to be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may be found to be pure bread.