

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

**PARISH PRIEST: FR. SHANTHAIAH MARNENI**

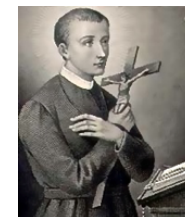
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**Confession: Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am \*Visit website for updates\***

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

**Principal of St. Gerard's Catholic School:** Mr. Paul Cowan **School Phone:** 9791 7553 **School Email:** principal @sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au



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"

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - October 18, 2026

**Entrance Antiphon:** To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

### First Reading - Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

### Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** Shine on the world like bright stars; You are offering it the word of life. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**Please note: There will be NO 5:30pm Evening Mass this Sunday, 18th October. Confession will not be heard on weekdays and will be heard only on a Saturday from 8:20am until 8:45am and then after the Mass until 10:30am until further notice.**

# Prayer to Saint Gerard Majella

**Saint Gerard Majella,**

**You loved Jesus and served the poor with a humble heart.**

**Please pray for mothers, unborn children, and all families.**

**Help us to be kind, prayerful, and trust in God every day. Amen.**

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained, this Tuesday 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's theme: **THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE LIFE OF GRACE: God's Divine Life Within Us.** 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.

**Peaceful Prayer Vigil and Community Outreach - Is in it's final 2 weeks ending on Sunday 1st of November.**

Location 118 Wellington parade, East Melbourne. Outside Jolimont Station, behind the blue line 150m from the abortion clinic. Getting started: go to the website [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com), register and select your hours. Hours are 8am to 6pm daily.

### **CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?**

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. You could help this important work both by simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating a motor vehicle, if possible in roadworthy or near-roadworthy condition and which for whatever reason is no longer required. Contact: Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) or Damian Coyne (0400 170 374 or [dkcoyne@hotmail.com](mailto:dkcoyne@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**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](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au).**

### **Looking for flexible work and a chance to support persecuted**

**Christians?** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities. If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you. For details: [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)



## Holy Mass

IN REPARATION FOR  
AND HEALING FROM  
**ABORTION**

**24 October 2026**  
Feast of St. Antony Mary Claret

9am Mass every 4th Saturday  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
Confessions From 8:30am  
Followed By

*Rosary Procession*

Join us in prayer to the edge of the  
150m Abortion Prayer Exclusion Zone,  
Wellington Pde, East Melbourne  
(Opposite Jolimont Station Ramp Exit)  
Parking available off Lansdowne St  
Please vacate carpark by 11:30am

*All Welcome*

Helpers of God's Precious Infants Ph 0477 090 967

Please note: The Mass on 24th October, will  
be celebrated by Fr. Francis Denton.

**Please note:** Any donations or contributions received for St. Vincent de Paul are directly forwarded to the Victorian St. Vincent de Paul headquarters. You may directly send them your donation by visiting [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or phone them on 13 18 12. Thank you.

# MASS and INTENTIONS

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

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 ✝

*and* Giuseppe Campasso (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✝)

**Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions**

**Celebration of the Mass in Honour of  
SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Mass 3:30pm French Community

**5:30pm NO MASS THIS EVENING**

## Monday, October 19

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of Sunny Rodrigues ✝

## Tuesday, October 20

Mass 9:15am For intercessory prayers from Saint Scholastica for  
Private Intention

## Wednesday, October 21

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

## Thursday, October 22

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

## Friday, October 23

Mass 9:15am Mr and Mrs Edmonds (*Remembrance* ✝)

## Saturday, October 24

Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of Geoffrey Mortimer

(*Remembrance* ✝)

*and* Thanksgiving Mass for Bernie

*and* Vincenzo Vaccaro (*40th Death Anniversary* ✝)

## Saturday Vigil, October 24 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Christine Neydorff (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, October 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Fr Anthony Guelen (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

*and* Trudie Chmielewski (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

*and* Francis Anthony (*18th Death Anniversary* ✝)

*and* For all students completing exams

*and* Thanksgiving from Lolita for all blessings received

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 5:30pm Felicisima Almario Morrow (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

## 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, 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 Sebestampillai, Leelamma Babukutty, Geoffrey Mortimer, Grace Gardner, Felicisima Almario Morrow

### Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Nicola Torelli, Sunny Rodrigues, Rosamma Sebastian, Giuesppe Campasso, Georgia Marie Heiden, Rudy Heiden, John O'Shea, Tommy Singh, Godwin Bower

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday, October 24**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday, October 31**

Gonsalves Family, Mario, Ignatius

## Weekly Collection

**October 11, 2026**

Thanksgiving: \$1,461.00

Presbytery: \$546.10

## Reading Roster

**Saturday, October 24**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, October 25**

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, October 31**

5:30pm J. Fernando

**Sunday, November 1**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

# *Daily Antiphons - Monday October 19, to Saturday October 24, 2026*

## **Monday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 19**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord made us, we belong to Him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy the poor in Spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

## **Tuesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 20**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord speaks of peace to His people.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

## **Wednesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 21**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

## **Thursday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 22**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The earth is full of the goodness of the 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:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine..

## **Friday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 23**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.

**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:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

## **Saturday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - October 24**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I do not wish the sinner to die, says the Lord, but to turn to Me and live. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.