

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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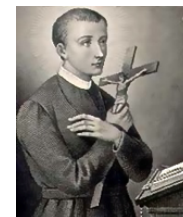
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Confession: Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am *Visit website for updates*

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

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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"

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings (Year A) - October 25, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

First Reading - Exodus 22: 20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22: 34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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.

How well do you know your faith? Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained, Tuesday 27th 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's theme: WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH?: The Mystery of the Catholic Church. Contact: Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883. Everyone is welcome.

St Gerard's Dinner Dance 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 found on the poster 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.

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, register and select your hours. Hours are 8am to 6pm daily.

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.

Catholic Women's League of Victoria, Women's breakfast

will be held on Thursday 12 November 2026, 7.30am–8.45am at The Victoria Hotel, 215 Little Collins St, Melbourne.

Bookings essential — \$45 (\$35 members, \$30 students). A continental breakfast is included.

Visit info@cwlvicww.org.au for more information, or to book - www.trybooking.com/DPTZE

ACU Centre for Liturgy warmly invites you to a public lecture by world-renowned Catholic Scottish composer and conductor Sir James MacMillan KT CBE, who will be visiting Melbourne in November and December to conduct the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) in a series of concerts. Musical Catholicity in the 21st Century: A Composer Reflects. Sir James will present this lecture at ACU in Fitzroy on **Friday 27 November 2026 at 5.30 pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear one of the world's leading composers reflect on his music in the light of faith. We would be delighted if you could join us, either in person or online, for this special occasion. Further details are available in the attached flyer and on the [ACU Centre for Liturgy](http://ACUCentreforLiturgy) website, where you can register for the event.

Registration is essential by Monday 23 November.

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

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 or phone them on 13 18 12. Thank you.

Daily Antiphons - Monday October 26, to Saturday October 31, 2026

Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 26

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: Behave like God as His very dear children.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 27

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Wednesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 28 - Saints Simon and Jude

Entrance Antiphon: These are the holy men whom the Lord chose in His own perfect love; to them He gave eternal glory.

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: Whoever loves Me will keep My word, says the Lord; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make our home with him.

Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 29

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord: glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 30

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: How great are the works of the Lord!

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

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Saturday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 31

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for the living God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Take My yoke upon you; learn from Me, for I Am gentle and lowly in heart. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.