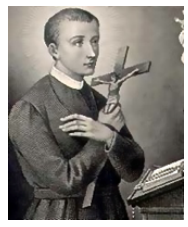
ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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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"**

All Saints Day - Mass Readings *(Year A)* - November 1st, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading - Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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.

Please note: All Souls' Day Mass times
There will be two Masses on Monday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.
Morning Mass will be held as usual at 9:15am and then again in the evening at 7:00pm.

We require volunteers to clean the toilets in the hall and Church carpark for the month of December and January please. If you are able to help, please see Fr. Shanthaiah or the parish office. Thank you.

Symbolon will be returning on Tuesday 17 November
There will be **no Symbolon sessions** on the 3rd of November and the 10th of November.
We will return on Tuesday, 17 November to explore **"MARY AND THE SAINTS: Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of Saints."** For any queries, please contact: Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883.

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 or directly from Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883.**
We are looking for sponsors, raffle prizes and volunteers to help arrange the dance so if you are able to contribute, please contact Jeff or the Parish office on 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the **Gregorian Masses for Fr Shadbolt** will not be held at St Gerard's.
The money will be sent to St Peter Claver Sisters in Kew, who will organise the Gregorian Mass.
Thanks to all for your kindness and generosity.

For those who have ordered the Divine Mercy Calendar and God's Word 2027, they are now available at the piety stall to collect. Also, the person who ordered an Exorcism book in July, can you please see the piety stall to collect this.

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria
Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

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**. Further details and to register, visit ACU Centre for Liturgy by Monday 23 November.

The Millions of Monica's prayer group will meet Tuesday 10th November at 6:30pm *instead of the 3rd November.*

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.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, October 31 - All Saints Day

Mass 5:30pm Bernamma Marneni *(Death Anniversary ✣)*
and The souls of the Franklin & Fernandes Family and Pereira and Lobo Family *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Astrid Schwope *(Recently Deceased ✣)*
and Patsy Gibney *(Recently Deceased ✣)*

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day

Mass 8:30am Betram Tirimanne *(49th Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Helen Clarke Milloy *(Birthday Remembrance ✣)*
and Harold & Eunice Scanlon *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Giovanni & Angela Paola, Pasquale Isabella, Mariangela Stranges, Diamante and Tiodoro Ricci, and Pasquale Isabella and for all Saints and all Souls

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 5:30pm Antonio Cardamone *(Death Anniversary ✣)*

Monday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

Mass 9:15am For All Souls and all intentions

Mass 7:00pm For All Souls and all intentions

Tuesday, November 3 - Office Closed - Public Holiday

Mass 9:15am For All Souls
and Thanksgiving on the birthday of Sheetal Lopez & Neil Krishnan
and Private Intention

Millions of Monica's prayer group will meet next Tuesday 10th November

Wednesday, November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo

Mass 9:15am Fr Michael Shadbolt *(11 month Death Remembrance ✣)*
and Barbara Adolphus *(Remembrance ✣)*

Thursday, November 5

Mass 9:15am For the repose of the soul of Serge Savanah *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Giovanni, Brigida & Giuseppe Cardamone *(Remembrance ✣)*

Friday, November 6

Mass 9:15am Conrad Chmielewski *(Birthday Remembrance ✣)*
and Ivan Skoblar *(Birthday Remembrance ✣)*
and Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from Nigel and Maria Rodrigues
and Rosamma Sebastian *(Birthday Remembrance ✣)*

Saturday, November 7

Mass 9:15am For the beatification of Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion of Mary *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes from Isabelle, Christelle, Rosabelle D'Vaz and Luke Lewis

Saturday Vigil, November 7 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Giulia Mete *(First Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Gladys Dias *(Death Anniversary ✣)*

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, November 8 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Francois Vidot *(1st Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Ravinia Delpech *(Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Eunice and Cynthia Scanlon *(Death Anniversary ✣)*

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Giovanni & Angela Paola *(Remembrance ✣)* and for all Saints and All Souls

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, Fr. Patolo Matiasi, Peter D'Silva, Shane Hardie, Emilia, Margaret Zahra, Lynette Cardoso, Libby Wilson, Jill

The recently deceased:
Leelamma Babukutty, Geoffrey Mortimer, Grace Gardner, Felicisima Almario Morrow, Oninind D'Monte, Ildefonso Fernandes Xavier, Chantal Thomas, Patsy Gibney, Astrid Schwope

Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Antonio Cardamone, Helen Clarke Milloy, Sylvia DePenha, Rosamma Sebastian

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 7
Maronite Community
Saturday, November 14
French Community

Weekly Collection

October 25, 2026
Thanksgiving: $1983.00
Presbytery: $971.00

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 7
5:30pm C. Fernando
Sunday, November 8
8:30am G. Van Hees
10:30am M. Naidoo
5:30pm S. Antony
Saturday, November 14
5:30pm D. Franklin
Sunday, November 15
8:30am I. Mulipola
10:30am Catechists
5:30pm M. Yallapa

Daily Antiphons - Monday November 2, to Saturday November 7, 2026

Monday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 2 - All Souls' Day
Entrance Antiphon: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** This is the will of My Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given to Me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. ***Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in Me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will not die for ever.

Tuesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 3
Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!
Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.
Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. ***Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Wednesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo
Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. ***Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Thursday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 5
Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!
Responsorial Psalm: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. ***Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Friday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 6
Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!
Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. ***Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Saturday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 7
Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!
Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. ***Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.