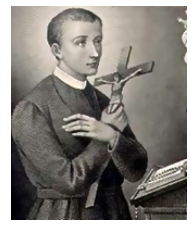
ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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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"**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings *(Year A)* - November 8, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading - Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

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.

The leaving collection for the student priest who visited our parish over the last few months, was $965.00. We thank you for your generosity - God bless you all.

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.

GOD AND BEER WITH ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI

Monday 9 November, 6.30pm - Join us for the final God and Beer of the year, a special evening with Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli on *To Know Christ Jesus*. What does it mean to truly know Jesus, rather than simply to know about Him? Come along for food, a drink, conversation and fellowship. All are welcome. Venue: Dunlop Pavilion (DW Lucas Oval), Dunlop Street, East Malvern. Program: 6.30pm dinner; 7.30pm talk. Cost: Free entry, bookings essential. Optional dinner $35 (pre-purchase when booking). Details and registration: Godandbeer.com.au

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 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**. Visit ACU Centre for Liturgy.

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

Rally Against Free Abortion

In Victoria, abortion is legal through all 40 weeks of pregnancy. Now Ben Carroll and Jess Wilson have both committed to free abortions. Join us as we rally against Abortion, on Tuesday 10th November, meeting at 6:00pm sharp, at Victorian Parliament steps, Spring Street, Melbourne.

Special Guest will be Dr. Joanna Howe.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, November 7 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 5:30pm Giulia Mete *(1st Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Gladys Dias *(Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Astrid Schwope *(Recently Deceased ✣)*
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

Monday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Mass 9:15am Repose of the Soul of P.K. Sebastian *(Remembrance ✣)*
and For all deceased members of the Legionaries
and Thanksgiving on the Birthday of Bradley Lopez

Tuesday, November 10 - Saint Leo the Great
Mass 9:15am For intercessory prayers from St. Teresa of Calcutta for Private Intention
and Aloious and Muriel DeSilva *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Intentions of the St. Gerard's Millions of Monica's Prayer Group
and Repose of the soul of Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekara
and Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Czestochowa
6:30pm *Millions of Monica's prayer group will meet in the Church*

Wednesday, November 11 - Remembrance Day and Saint Martin of Tours
Mass 9:15am Repose of the soul of Pamela Francis *(Birthday Remembrance ✣)*
and Repose of the soul of Jessica Cabral *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Repose of the soul of Brian Daniels *(Remembrance ✣)*

Thursday, November 12 - Saint Josaphat
Mass 9:15am Pasquale Isabella & Mariangela Stranges *(Remembrance ✣)* and for all Saints and all Souls
and Maurice Blom *(Birthday Remembrance ✣)*
and Jeanne Joseph, Heather de Kretser & Ganam Joseph *(Remembrance ✣)*

Friday, November 13
Mass 9:15am Diamante & Tiodoro Ricci *(Remembrance ✣)* and all Saints and all Souls
and Sylvia R. D'Penha *(Remembrance ✣)*

Saturday, November 14
Mass 9:15am Neville Akom *and* Maureen Berry *(Remembrance ✣)* and abandoned souls in Purgatory
and Antonio, Angelina and Filomena Sacco and Maria Perri and Giuseppe and Filomena Gigliotti (Remembrance ✣)

Saturday Vigil, November 14 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 5:30pm Giovanna McKercher *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Edgar Peiris *(Death Anniversary ✣)*
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, November 15 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 8:30am Lovett and Sr. Celia Dos Remedios *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Abandoned souls in Purgatory
and Gladys Sylvia Fernandez *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Gina Ravindra *(Recently Deceased ✣)*
Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions
NO French Mass this weekend. This will be on 29th November at 3:30pm.
Mass 5:30pm Harriet Shackleton *(Death Anniversary ✣)*

Please pray for…

Our sick: 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, Gerard, Michael DePenha, Jill, Margaret Rose Rochecouste, Fr. Patolo Matiasi, Peter D'Silva, Shane Hardie, Emilia, Margaret Zahra, Lynette Cardoso, Libby Wilson

The recently deceased:
Fr. Brendan Lane, Gina Ravindra, Chantal Thomas, Patsy Gibney, Astrid Schwope

Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Peter & Elizabeth Panicker, Brighet Lobo, Ruby Anthony, Guilia Mete

We will advise funeral details for Fr. Brendan Lane as soon as they become available.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 14
French Community
Saturday, November 21
Tamil Community

Weekly Collection

November 1, 2026
Thanksgiving: $1,324.00
Presbytery: $782.30

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 14
5:30pm D. Franklin
Sunday, November 15
8:30am I. Mulipola
10:30am Catechists
5:30pm M. Yallapa
Saturday, November 21
5:30pm P. Kroon
Sunday, November 22
8:30am C. Becerra
10:30am K. Lopez
5:30pm J. Panicker

Daily Antiphons - Monday November 9, to Saturday November 14, 2026

Monday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Entrance Antiphon: I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Responsorial Psalm: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that My name may remain in it for all time. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Tuesday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 10 - Saint Leo the Great

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord established for him a covenant of peace, and made him the prince, that he might have the dignity of the priesthood for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

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!***

Communion Antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.

Wednesday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours

Entrance Antiphon: I shall raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will act in accord with My heart and My mind, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** For all things give thanks to God, because this is what He expects of you in Christ Jesus. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me, says the Lord.

Thursday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 12 - Saint Josaphat

Entrance Antiphon: Because of the Lord's covenant and the ancestral laws, the Saints of God persevered in loving brotherhood, for there was always one spirit in them, and one faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in Me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Whoever loses his life for My sake, will find it in eternity, says the Lord.

Friday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 13

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

Saturday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - November 14

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.