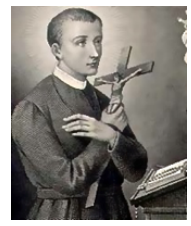
ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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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"**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Readings *(Year A)* - November 15, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading - Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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.

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: The Catholic Faith Explained, will return this Tuesday, 17 November

Can you prove Mary was a virgin? How do you justify venerating Mary and the saints? Join us in the Majellan hall at 7pm, as we explore these questions and the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith through the beautifully crafted video series by Dr Edward Sri. Contact: Jeff Zaher on 0477188883. Everyone is welcome.

St Gerard's Dinner Dance - only 2 weeks to go!

Please book your tickets ASAP. 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, via the QR code 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 the Parish office on 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.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.

Father Brendan James Lane 02/04/1945 - 05/11/2026

Rosary and Vigil Mass - St Mary's Catholic Church, 160 Foster St. Dandenong on Wednesday 18th November 2026 commencing at 6.30pm. Rosary & Vigil Mass will be Webcast live at 6:30pm. YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/@stmarysparishdandenong6438

Parking Notice – Rosary & Vigil Mass: Those attending the Rosary and Vigil Mass are kindly asked to park at either St Mary's Primary School car park, McCrae Street, Plaza car park or off street parking. Please note that the Parish car park is reserved for clergy only. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Pontifical Concelebrated Requiem Mass will be offered at St. Patrick's Cathedral, cnr. Gibson Street and Cathedral Place, East Melbourne on Thursday 19th November 2026 at 11.00am (Live Webcast). The Rite of Christian Burial will take place at Melbourne General Cemetery, College Crescent, Parkville at 1.30pm.



Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Register today and receive a **free prayer card** and **complimentary pair of Rosary beads**, handmade by Christians in Syria. To join us in prayer, scan the QR code or visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, November 14 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 5:30pm Giovanna McKercher *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Edgar Peiris *(Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Eddie Nicholas and Brian Vanderputt *(Recently Deceased ✣)*
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 ✣)*
and Repose of the souls of Jose Snr & Nelito Lontok ✣
and Repose of the souls of Rodelio and Teresita Alzona ✣
Mass10:30am 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 ✣)*

Monday, November 16
Mass 9:15am Repose of the Soul of Moti Mary *(Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Catherine Costello *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Liban & Paul Vaz, Clara & John Vaz, Helen, Henry, Adrain and Sister Philo Faria *(Remembrance ✣)*

Tuesday, November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
Mass 9:15am Pasquale Isabella *(Remembrance ✣) and* all saints and souls
and Tom O'Shaughnessy *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Josephine & Sebestian Vaz and Anthony & Josephine Vaz and Santan & Mary Rodrigues *(Remembrance ✣)*

Wednesday, November 18
Mass 9:15am Deceased members of the Rea Family *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Cyril O'Shaughnessy *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Joseph Isaacs *(Remembrance ✣)*

Thursday, November 19
Mass 9:15am Dr. K.M Jose *(6 mth Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Repose of the soul of Sunny Rodrigues *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Nadesan Moorthy *(Death Anniversary ✣)*

Friday, November 20
Mass 9:15am Thresiamma Oravankarayil *(Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Thanksgiving on the birthday of Raphael Nickey Rodrigues

Saturday, November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 9:15am Deceased members of the Remedios and DosRemedios Family and abandoned Souls in Purgatory
and Stanley Van Twest Junior *(Birthday Remembrance ✣)*

Saturday Vigil, November 21
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Mass 5:30pm Repose of the souls of Jerry & Ophelia Rodrigues ✣
and Repose of the souls of Alec and Connie Franklin ✣
and Deceased members of the Knights of the Southern Cross and their families *(Remembrance ✣)*
and Willie and Rose Lobo *(Remembrance ✣)*
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, November 22 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving and congratulations to Peter and Cecilia Donald on their 40th Wedding Anniversary
and Gina Ravindra *(Recently Deceased ✣)*
and Regina de Mira *(Remembrance & Death Anniversary ✣)*
Mass10:30am *Pro Populo Mass* & First Holy Communions
NO French Mass this weekend. This will be on 29th November at 3:30pm.
Mass 5:30pm Minnie Rozario *(Death Anniversary ✣)*
and Darryl Williams, Vincent, Francis & Louie Williams, David Pearson and Walter De Silva *(Remembrance ✣)*

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, Shaan, Christopher Patterson, Marie Thomas, Frances Dos Remedios, Antonimary, Rosalie Wright, Gerard, Michael DePenha, Jill, Margaret Rose Rochecouste, Fr. Patolo Matiasi, Peter D'Silva, Anthony Morril, Shane Hardie, Emilia, Margaret Zahra, Lynette Cardoso, Libby Wilson, Godfrey Misquith, Belinda Hunter

The recently deceased:
Fr. Brendan Lane, Gina Ravindra, Chantal Thomas, Patsy Gibney, Astrid Schwope, Damien Gerard Misquith, Eddie Nicholas, Brian Vanderputt, Angela Sonno

Anniversaries/Remembrances:
Harriet Shackelton, Joseph Isaacs, Elizabeth Deayton, Patricia O'Shea, Regina de Mira, Bridghet Lobo

Please see page 2 for details of the Funeral for Fr. Brendan Lane

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 21
Tamil Community
Saturday, November 28
Frank, Zenon, Betty, Robert, Kim

Weekly Collection

November 8, 2026
Thanksgiving: $1,361.00
Presbytery: $696.75

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 21
5:30pm P. Kroon
Sunday, November 22
8:30am C. Becerra
10:30am K. Lopez
5:30pm J. Panicker
Saturday, November 28
5:30pm J. D'Souza
Sunday, November 29
8:30am G. DosRemedios
10:30am S. Moses
5:30pm L. Hector

Daily Antiphons - Monday November 16, to Saturday November 21, 2026

Monday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - November 16

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** I am the light of the world, says the Lord: whoever follows Me will have the light of life. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Tuesday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited Me. Amen I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren you did it for Me.

Responsorial Psalm: The one who is victorious I will sit beside Me on My throne.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** God first loved us and sent His Son to take away our sins. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends.

Wednesday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - November 18

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Thursday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - November 19

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests.

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

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Friday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - November 20

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: How sweet to my taste is Your promise!

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

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Saturday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!*** Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His gospel. ***Alleluia!***

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.