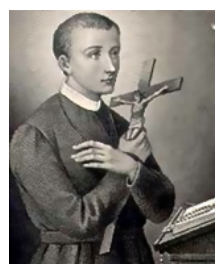


# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH - Parish Priest: Fr. Shanthaiah Marneni

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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"*

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) — Sunday, 3rd April, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

### **First Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### **Second Reading - Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* With all your heart turn to Me, for I am tender and compassionate. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

### **Gospel Reading - John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 4 to Saturday, April 9, 2022 (Year C)

### Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent - April 4th, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O God, for people assail me; they fight me all day long and oppress me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Though I walk in the valley of darkness I fear no evil, for You are with me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!* I do not wish the sinner to die, says the Lord, but to turn to Me and live. *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.

### Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent - April 5th, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord!

**Responsorial Psalm:** O Lord hear my prayer, and let my cry come to You.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

**Communion Antiphon:** When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself, says the Lord.

### Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent - April 6th, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** My deliverer from angry nations, You set me above my assailants; You saved me from the violent man, O Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Glory and praise for ever!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. *Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** God has brought us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins.

### Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent - April 7th, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Christ is mediator of a New Covenant, so that by means of His death, those who are called may receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!* If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** God did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over for us all; with Him, He has given us all things.

### Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent - April 8th, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress. Deliver me from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In my distress I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. *Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Jesus bore our sins in His own body on the cross, so that dead to sin, we might live for righteousness. By His wounds we have been healed.

### Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent - April 9th, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! For I am a worm and no man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* Rid yourselves of all your sins and make a new heart and a new spirit. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ was handed over, to gather into one the scattered children of God.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass 5:30pm Mavis de Fry  
(One Year Anniversary of Death)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, April 3rd - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to St. Gerard & St.  
Therese of Lisieux - Noble Family  
and Michele Martin  
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 10:30am *Pro Populo*  
May Francis Tirimanne  
(25th Death Anniversary)

12:00pm Baptism Congratulations to:  
Leonardo Karlo Buhac, Callie Cruz  
Casequin and Diego Romeo Diaz

Mass 5:30pm

### Monday, April 4th

Mass 9:15am Antonio Bruno  
(Remembrance)

After Mass Stations of the Cross led by the  
Legion of Mary

### Tuesday, April 5th

Mass 9:15am

### Wednesday, April 6th - Evening of Reconciliation

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to St. Gerard - from  
Lynette & Vivian Whetton

*Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - after Mass.*

**6:30pm - 8:00pm Evening of Reconciliation**

### Thursday, April 7th

Mass 9:15am Antonina Puleio  
(Anniversary of Death)

### Friday, April 8th - No Adoration until Holy Thursday.

Mass 9:15am Maria Natercia Henriques & Carlos  
Afonso Henriques (Remembrance)

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Mass

### Saturday, April 9th - St. Gerard's Working Bee

Mass 9:15am Tom O'Shaughnessy  
(Remembrance)

### Please remember to pray for...

**Our sick:** Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher, Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, Karen Daniells, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Rosemary Zaher, Allan Welsh, Kusum and Dinuk Wickremasinghe, Carl DeRozario, Anton Jayamaha, Joseph Irudairaj, Cedric & Deborah Rowland, Michelle Bugone, Claris, Doreen Oliver, Antonette Vettivelu, Suzette Savrimoothoo, Kathleen James, Marie Blandin de Chalain, Melvina Extross, Clita Martinelli, Lalitha Kurup, Sakis Dip, Alessandro Zaia, David Giacotto

**The recently deceased:** Simone Valadon, Cynthia Woods, Italo De Paulis, George Hobkirk

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:** Giovanni Paola, Pasquale Isabella, Harold Scanlon, Antonio Bruno

**Please Note:** If you are unable to read on allocated dates, please contact the office ASAP on 9792 4422. Thank you.

**Church Cleaning**  
**Saturday 9th April**  
Knights of the Southern Cross  
**Saturday 16th April**  
J. Trissy, Linda & Family

### Reading Roster

#### Saturday 9th April - Palm Sunday Vigil

5:30pm P. Kroon

#### Sunday, 10th April - Palm Sunday

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

### Holy Week

#### Holy Thursday, 14th April - 7:00pm Service

First & Second Response: B. Collins

Second Response & Accl.: G. Van Hees

#### Good Friday, 15th April - 3:00pm Service

First Reading & Response: A. Pacifique

Second Reading & Accl.: **Volunteer Req'd**

Gospel Narrator: A. Miranda

Jesus: Fr. Shanthaiah

Crowd: Choir

#### Holy Saturday, 16th April - Easter Vigil

#### Mass with Bishop Tony Ireland - 8:30pm

**Readers: 1.** J. Panicker

**2.** D. Franklin

**3.** I. Mulipola

**4.** C. Fernando

**5.** **\*Volunteer required please\***

#### Easter Sunday, 17th April (No evening Mass)

7:00am J. Panicker

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am J. Abraham

**Novena and Adoration**

Adoration will not be held until Holy Thursday. On Holy Thursday, April 14th, the Service of The Lord's Supper will be held at 7:00pm, followed by Adoration until Midnight.

Each Wednesday, after the 9:15am Mass, you are invited to pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for peace between Russia and the Ukraine and to pray for everyone affected by natural disasters especially for those in Queensland and New South Wales.

**St. Gerard's Working Bee - Saturday 9th April, 2022**

The St. Gerard's working bee will be held on Saturday, 9th April commencing after the 9:15am Mass until 12pm. We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible to assist us on this day. Please advise the office if you are able to assist on 9792 4422. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

**Flood Appeal - Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St. Vincent de Paul Society in Qld and NSW, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) - Flood appeal - St. Vincent de Paul Society - Good works ([vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)) or by calling Queensland 07 3010 1000 or New South Wales 02 9568 0262.

**Caritas Australia - Ukraine Emergency Appeal**

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

Visit - <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine> or contact 1800 024 413.

**St. Gerard's Primary School - The Passion Presentation**

You are cordially invited to "The Passion Presentation" a re-enactment of the Way of Jesus. This will be performed by the children of St. Gerard's Primary School, in the school court yard, on Friday, 8th April, at 12 noon. All guests must show evidence of being fully vaccinated.

**Something New: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done "great things" for His people, as today's Psalm puts it.

But the "things of long ago," Isaiah tells us in today's First Reading, are nothing compared to the "something new" that He will do in the future.

Today's First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvellous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth.

The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today's Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord's compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today's Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His "chosen people" living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world (see John 7:37-39).

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, "forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead," as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, "the power of His resurrection."

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing "the goal, the prize of God's upward calling," striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises—"the resurrection of the dead."