

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

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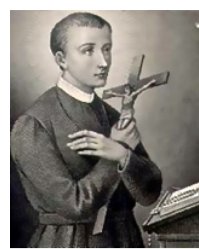
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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 Easter (Year C) - May 14 & 15, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

### **First Reading - Acts 14: 21-27**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

### **Second Reading - Revelation 21: 1-5**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. *Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Reading - John 13:31-35**

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

### Altar Server training & Invitation to new Altar Servers

Altar server training will resume on Thursday, 26th May, from 5:30-6:30pm in the Church. Should you wish to join and be trained as a server, please contact Fred and Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287.

### Archdiocese of Melbourne Mass - Recording Attendees

Each weekend, until 29th May, the Archdiocese of Melbourne requires parishes to count those in attendance at Mass. This will be done with as little disturbance to you as possible. Thank you.

### Catholic Mission Collection

Next Weekend, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May, we will have a collection for Catholic Missions to support the important work of witnessing the Gospel in Ethiopia. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, May 16th to Saturday, May 21st, 2022 (Year C)

### Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 16, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Not to us, O Lord, but to Your name give the glory.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and remind you of all I have said to you. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

### Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 17, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of His Christ, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your friends tell the glory of Your kingship, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

### Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 18, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my mouth be filled with Your praise, that I may sing aloud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to You, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord has risen and shone His light upon us, whom He has redeemed by His Blood, alleluia.

### Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 19, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us sing to the Lord, for He has gloriously triumphed. The Lord is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Proclaim His marvellous deeds to all the nations.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ died for all, that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and is risen, alleluia.

### Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 20, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise You among the nations, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you My friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told Me. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.

### Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter - May 21, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** You have been buried with Christ in Baptism, through which you also rose again by faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Father I pray for them, that they may be one in Us, so that the world may believe it was You who sent Me, says the Lord, alleluia.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Fifth Sunday of Easter - Saturday Vigil, May 14

Mass 5:30pm The Isaacs family wish to remember:  
Peter Vanderputt, Philomena Edmonds,  
Clement & Joan Isaacs, Jerry Riversbrown  
(Remembrance)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 15

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mass 10:30am Giovanni Paola  
(Birthday Remembrance)

Mass 3:30pm French Community

Mass 5:30pm Abraham Abraham  
(Anniversary of Death)

and Donovan Joseph  
(Remembrance)

### Monday, May 16

Mass 9:15am Elisa Lemos Alfaia & José da Graça Alfaia  
(Remembrance)

### Tuesday, May 17

Mass 9:15am Conrado Adaniel  
(Remembrance)

### Wednesday, May 18

Mass 9:15am Intention of Zvonko Glavacevic  
and Rosina & Giuseppe Cardamone  
(Anniversary of Death)

### Thursday, May 19

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving from the family of  
Zvonko Glavacevic

### Friday, May 20 - Adoration 7:45am until 8:45am

Mass 9:15am Prayers for; Marija, Milan, Smilja, Andrija  
Vlatkovic

### Saturday, May 21

Mass 9:15am Stanley & Sharlane Vantwest  
(Anniversary of Death)

### Please remember to pray for...

**Our sick:** Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher, Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, Karen Daniells, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Allan Welsh, Anton Jayamaha, Kusum & Dinuk Wickremasinghe, Carl De Rozario, 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, Sarkis Dib, Alessandro Zaia, David Giacotto, Mila, Steven Dickson, Josie Surace, Sarah Cleary, Monica Kelly, Anne Moorthy, Mayelin Do Santos

**The recently deceased:** Rosemary Zaher, Rosaria (Sarina) Biviano, Arcangela Ochietti, Filomena Giuliano, Florence Phillips

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:** Olive Anthony, Giovanni Paola, Rosina Cardamone

### Sick List

By Friday, May 20th, the sick list will be updated and only names advised by email or phone will remain. Please email [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au) or call 9792 4422 to advise if you wish a name to be kept on the list. Thank you.

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, 21st May**

Q. Roland, X. Fernando & T. Bui

**Saturday, 28th May**

Knights of the Southern Cross

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, May 21st - Vigil Mass**

5:30pm Confirmands to read

**Sunday, May 22nd**

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm J. Abraham

**Saturday, May 28th - Vigil Mass**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, May 29th**

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm B. Collins

### Fr Shanthaiah on Annual Leave & Confession Notice

Fr Shanthaiah will be on his annual leave, which will include a pilgrimage and home visit, from May 23rd until June 24th inclusive. Normal celebration of Masses will take place in his absence with Fr. Michael Shadbolt and Fr. Brendan Lane. The office will also maintain usual hours during this time.

We wish him every blessing for a safe holiday.

**\*\*Please note:\*\***

**\*\*A visiting priest is celebrating Masses in the absence of Fr Shanthaiah therefore, in his absence, the confessions will not be administered from Saturday, 14th May until Tuesday, 28th June. Thank you.\*\***

**GRIEF: Listening to people who need support. What helps and what hinders?**

Do you know someone who is struggling with the grief of a loved one, troubled relationships, or other life challenges? Please join us on Friday, 27th May at 10.30am in St. Anthony's Noble Park Small Hall. Our presenter, Cathy Dixon, an experienced psychologist in the skills of listening with empathy and compassion will guide us through this session. For further information please ring Maria Jones at 0414 520 488 or St. Anthony's at 9546 8276.

**Fertility Awareness - A Holistic Medical Approach live webinar**

Join us for an engaging live conversation with Lynne Anderson, CEO of Billings Life™ Australia, and Dr Mary Walsh, General Practitioner and Chair of AIRRM (Australasian Institute for Restorative and Reproductive Medicine), at 7:30pm (AEST) on Thursday, 19th May 2022. The conversation will include how the Billings Ovulation Method® and a medical approach to fertility can complement one another to restore a woman's health and fertility. Places are limited for this free webinar, so please register early to secure your spot.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fertility-awareness-a-holistic-medical-approach-live-webinar-tickets-336841932287>

**Auditions for an Australian grown Catholic musical that has gone around Australia & Overseas**

Perform or help backstage in the show coming in November. Great opportunity to develop your skills in performing arts. Learn how to act, sing or produce a musical. We have classes in Burwood & Chelsea area. For more info call Von at 0423 886 984 or Geraldine at 0413 398 528 or visit [cogtheatre.org](http://cogtheatre.org) or [cogtheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:cogtheatregroup@gmail.com)

**Confirmation Candidates 2022**

We congratulate the following confirmands who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday, 22nd May, at St. Gerard's, by Bishop Tony Ireland:

*Martin Allendes-Arias, Nathaniel Benhan, Duane Collom, Catherine Dinh, Hope Donovan, Trevor Fernando, Amy Labour, Levi Lopez, Minh-Dang Nguyen, Dominique Perumal, Aswin Sheen, Ella Torelli, Alessia Trovarelli, Christian Zaher*

**KSC Second-Hand Book Fair Plus More**

The Knights of the Southern Cross are running a second-hand book fair. There will also be DVDs, LP/Records, video games, board games and more. Come and support the charitable work of the Knights. **When:** Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June (10am-4pm each day) **Where:** Nazareth College, Noble Park **Contact:** John 0406 747123, [jtsmyth@gmail.com](mailto:jtsmyth@gmail.com) **Details:** [tinyurl.com/ksbookfair](http://tinyurl.com/ksbookfair) **Donations welcome:** If you have good books, games, DVDs, etc. you would like to donate please put them in the collection box in the church foyer. If you have a large donation to make please contact John.

**Update to Thanksgiving Envelopes**

The parish is updating current thanksgiving envelopes. This is to bring down the cost of printing as we find there are some envelopes discontinued due to various reasons and a lot of discrepancies in the sequence of numbers. Please pick up a form from the table in the church foyer or please email the office and one will be sent to you directly. Please advise if you wish to continue receiving these envelopes. We would appreciate you filling this form by Friday, 20th May. You may drop your form into the collection boxes during any of the Masses. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity and support of St. Gerard's.

**New for all Ages: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile. That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church – the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading – God is "making all things new."

In His Church, the "old order" of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples "will be His people and God Himself will always be with them." In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished (see Ezekiel 37:27; Isaiah 25:8; 35:10).

The Church is "the kingdom for all ages" that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining "presbyters" or priests (see 1 Timothy 4:14; Titus 1:5).

Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's "dominion endures through all generations" (see Philippians 1:1, note that the New American Bible translates *episcopois*, the Greek word for bishops, as "overseers").

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His "faithful ones," as those Jesus calls "My little children" in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the "new commandment" that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love.

This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism (see Romans 5:5), renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass.

By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.