

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

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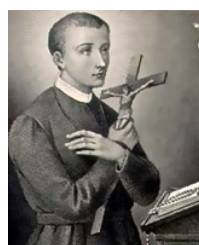
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners 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"*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C) - May 8th, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### **First Reading - Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

### **Second Reading - Revelation 7: 9, 14-17**

I, John, 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. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and mine know Me. *Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Reading - John 10: 27-30**

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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

### Archdiocese of Melbourne Mass - Recording Attendees

For the next four weekends beginning this weekend, 7th - 8th 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.

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, May 9th to Saturday, May 14th, 2022 (Year C)

### Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter - May 9, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for the living God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and mine know me. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

### Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter - May 10, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** All you nations, praise the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory, alleluia.

### Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter - May 11, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of Your name to my kin, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O God, let all the nations praise You!

**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:** I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

### Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter - May 12, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, when You went forth before Your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ, You are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead; You have loved us and washed away our sins in Your blood. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter - May 13, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** You have redeemed us, Lord, by Your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You are My Son; this day I have begotten You.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

### Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter - Saint Matthias - May 14, 2022

**Entrance 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, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of His people.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** This is My commandment: Love one another as I love you, says the Lord, alleluia.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Fourth Sunday of Easter - Saturday, May 7

Vigil Mass 5:30pm      Devasia Devasia  
(Anniversary of Death)

Mass 7:00pm              Maronite Community

### Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 8

Mass 8:30am              Elvira Lemos &  
Vitor Lemos Guterres  
(Remembrance)

Mass 10:30am            Pro Populo

Mass 3:30pm              Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm              For Holy Souls

### Monday, May 9

Mass 9:15am              Thanksgiving & Health

### Tuesday, May 10

Mass 9:15am              Larry & Jocelyn Amorando  
*Thanksgiving - 25th Wedding  
Anniversary*

### Wednesday, May 11

Mass 9:15am              Simone Valadon  
(1st Month - Death Anniversary)

*and*

Nihal Wijesekera  
(Anniversary of Death)

### Thursday, May 12

Mass 9:15am              Thanksgiving & Health

### Friday, May 13

7:45am until 8:45am      Adoration  
Mass 9:15am              Rosemary Zaher  
(Recently Deceased)

### Saturday, May 14

Mass 9:15am              Maria Sandarin  
(Remembrance)

### Fr Shanthaiah on Annual Leave

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.

### 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:** Devasia Devasia

### 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. We thank you for your

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, 14th May**

Kronfeld Family & H. Perera

**Saturday, 21st May**

Q. Roland, X. Fernando & T. Bui

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, May 14th - Vigil Mass**

5:30pm      D. Franklin

**Sunday, May 15th**

8:30am      M. Noble

10:30am    M. Jose

5:30pm      S. Hayman

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

5:30pm      Confirmants to read

**Sunday, May 22nd**

8:30am      G. Markezic

10:30am    M. Naidoo

5:30pm      J. Abraham

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### Piety Stall - Volunteers Required

St. Vincent De Paul require volunteers to assist with the running of the piety stall. Please register your interest with the office on 9792 4422 or see the volunteers running the piety stall before or after Mass. Thank you.

### An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross

God and Beer brings together people of all ages from across Melbourne for inspiration, ideas and hot meal. It aims to renew the Church by drawing on the truth, beauty and goodness of the Christian faith in the Catholic tradition.

Topic: Reflections on the Pell Saga Two Years On. Speaker: Fr. Frank Brennan SJ AO. When: Monday 9th May, 6.30pm. Where: Notting Hill Hotel, 260 FerntreeGully Rd, Notting Hill. Register and more information at: [GodandBeer.com.au](http://GodandBeer.com.au). Cost: Free. Contact: John at [jtsmyth@gmail.com](mailto:jtsmyth@gmail.com) or 0406 747 123.

### 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 along, find a bargain 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.

### Project Compassion Collections

We ask you to please return any monies you may have for the Project Compassion collection. Please feel free to give these to the counters or bring to the office. We ask that we receive these by Tuesday, 10th May at the latest. Thank you.

### Update to Thanksgiving Envelopes

The parish is updating current thanksgiving envelopes and we will be re-issuing you with a new number replacing your old envelope number. 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 and returning it in person or via email by Friday, 13th May. You may drop it to the presbytery (at the front door on the bottom right hand side there is a letter drop) or you are welcome to drop your form into the collection boxes during any of the Masses. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity and support of our parish.

### Mass to Commemorate those who have died during the Covid Pandemic

*Sunday 22 May, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne* - In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QE>. The names will be prayed for during all Masses over 21-22 May.

### The Shepherd and the Lamb: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Israel's mission – to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 49:6) – is fulfilled in the Church. By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles, continues their saving work.

Through the Church, the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice, and follow Him (see Luke 10:16).

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to pass a new Passover (see 1 Corinthians 5:7), by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled (compare Revelation 7:9; Genesis 15:5).

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life (see John 4:14).

The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the Kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant (see Ezekiel 34:23-31; 37:23-28).

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly Temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles – that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are – His people, the flock He tends."