

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

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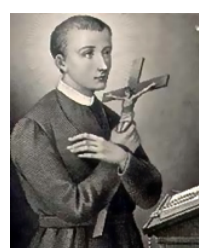
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - August 13/14, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### First Reading - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, come to my aid!

### Second Reading - Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne*. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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

### Gospel Reading - Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

## The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Monday, 15th August

The Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Monday, 15th August. Mass will be held at 9:15am and in the evening at 6:30pm beginning with a Rosary followed by Mass at 7:00pm. You are also invited and welcome to join The Legion of Mary in the Church for prayer from 12pm until 5pm on this day. They will be praying the Rosary every hour on the hour until 5:00pm.

### Parish Missionary Renewal - Invitation to Parishioners

On Friday, 2nd September, beginning at 7:00pm, Jacqui Giuliano from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, will be hosting a workshop introducing the Mission Renewal program. Jacqui will help us to think and pray about where we are as a Parish community, where we see ourselves in the future, and how we are going to move forward. Our time together will involve praying with scripture, input, reflection and sharing. We are focussed on the big picture: what is at the heart of our call as a parish and how do we foster the pastoral life of our parish looking ahead in a strategic and long term way. Everyone is welcome to attend this session which will form a part of the process for discerning parish leadership for the future. We ask you to please arrive at 6:45pm to prepare a cuppa and so that we may begin promptly at 7:00pm. Thank you.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

A Catholic Care Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Donations have a direct impact on the lives of disadvantaged individuals and families throughout Victoria. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for supporting those in need.

### Billings Life Fertility Webinar

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration <https://www.billings.life/en/> or Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHI>

### Massive Second-hand Book Fair

The Knights of the Southern Cross are running a massive 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: Friday 26th August (3.30-4.30pm), Saturday 27th August (10am-2pm) Where: Harkaway Hills College, Narre Warren North Contact: John 0406 747 123. Details: [kscbookfair.com.au](http://kscbookfair.com.au) Donations welcome: If you have good books, games, DVDs, etc. you would like to donate please contact John on 0406 747 123.

### God's Word Diary 2023

Should you wish to purchase a God's Word Diary or Columban Calendar for 2023, please register your name with Susan on 9795 0011 or 0408 329 787. Whilst the piety stall undergoes repairs, you may purchase items from the foyer of the Church. All profits from sales go to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

### KSC Archbishop's Dinner - August 19, 2022

The 22nd Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Emeritus Professor Greg Craven (recently Vice-Chancellor at Australian Catholic University) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday, August 19. Anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or wish to make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians, should contact Andrew Vaccaro at [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net), 9795 7851, or 0404 390 824 by August 5. For further details, refer to the advertisement on the bulletin boards.

### Corpus Christi - Raffle

Andrew Vaccaro will be selling raffle tickets for Corpus Christi College at the end of the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses this Sunday, 14th August. Each ticket is \$10. Funds raised support the education of Victoria's Seminarians at Corpus Christi College Seminary Carlton. Thank you in advance for your support.

### St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

Enrolments for Prep in 2023 are open and Parish families are our first category for enrolments. If you have a child starting school next year, please contact the School Office (03) 9791 7553 or email [principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au) to arrange a meeting and tour with the Principal Mr Paul Cowan. Please visit: [www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au)

### Consuming Fire: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptised into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptised is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death – as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil, August 13

Mass 5:30pm For Holy Souls  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, August 14

Mass 8:30am Sister Celia Dos Remedios, Ravi K. and  
Elmer Sequeira (*Anniversary of Death*)  
*and* Peter & Elizabeth Panicker (*Anniversary of Death*)  
Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish  
3:30pm Tamil Mass  
Mass 5:30pm Frank Peluso (*Anniversary of Death*)

### Monday, August 15 - Holy Day of Obligation

#### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:15am Morning Mass  
12:00pm-5:00pm Invitation to pray with The Legion of Mary and  
to pray the Rosary every hour on the hour.  
6:30pm Rosary followed by Mass at 7:00pm

### Tuesday, August 16

Mass 9:15am Steven & Monica Dickson  
(*For their health & recovery*)

### Wednesday, August 17

Mass 9:15am Victor Anthony (*Birthday Remembrance*)

### Thursday, August 18

Mass 9:15am Charles Lovett (*2nd Anniversary of Death*)

### Friday, August 19

Mass 9:15am Melissa Vaca (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

### Saturday, August 20 - Saint Bernard

Mass 9:15am Brian Daniels (*Recently Deceased*) and  
Valmah Daniels (*Remembrance*)

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil, August 20

Mass 5:30pm Michael Lovett (*Repose of his soul*)  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, August 21

Mass 8:30am Intentions of the Parish  
Mass 10:30am Malcolm Highmoor (*Anniversary of Death*)  
3:30pm French Mass  
Mass 5:30pm Edward & Barbara Perkins (*For their healing*)

#### Masses at St. Gerard's

##### Maronite Mass

Every Saturday at 7:00pm

##### Tamil Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

##### French Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Rosary at  
2.45pm in French then Mass at 3.30pm.

#### Confession Times

Confession will not be heard  
on Sunday or Monday.

Confession is heard Tuesday  
to Saturday from  
8:20am to 8:50am and after  
Mass on Saturday until  
10:30am.

#### Please remember to pray for...

**Our sick:** Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Allan Welsh, Peter D'Silva, Carl De Rozario, Doreen Oliver, Kathleen James, Marie Blandin de Chalain, Clita Martinelli, Lalitha Kurup, Sarkis Dib, Alessandro Zaia, David Giacotto, Mila, Steven Dickson, Sarah Cleary, Monica Kelly, Anne Moorthy, Mayelin Do Santos, Krzysztof Borkowski, Jessie Sequeira, Reed Crawl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Bardella, Giovanna & Giuseppe Campasso, Maria Perez, Marie Teycheney, Rita Kaczkowski, Flavia Petrucci, Josie Surace, Julia, Claris Sebastianpillai, Gertrude Baldsing, Pina Lidonnici, Dolly Azzopardi, Annie Gatt, Caterina Giammarino, Denzil Considine

**The recently deceased:** Suzette Savrimoothoo, Natalina Santucci, Lourdes Ilora, Ernesto Valentino Bonato, Denzil Hookens, Brian Daniels, Francesca Antonucci, Amene Bou-Ghosn

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:** Carmela Bruno, Peter & Elizabeth Panicker

#### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, 20 August**

Kronfeld Family & H. Perera

**Saturday, 27 August**

Q. Roland, X. Fernando & T. Bui

#### Reading Roster

**Saturday, August 20 - Vigil**

5:30pm C. Fernando

**Sunday, August 21**

8:30am R. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm M. Yallapa

**Saturday, August 27 - Vigil**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, August 28**

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am Communion children

5:30pm J. Panicker

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, August 15, to Saturday, August 20, 2022 (Year C)

### Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 15, 2022

#### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Entrance Antiphon:** A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The queen stands at Your right hand, arrayed in gold.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** All generations will call me blessed, for He who is mighty has done great things for me.

### Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 16, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Responsorial Psalm:** It is I who deal death and give life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

### Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 17, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

### Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 18, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will pour out clean water on you and wash away all your sins.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

### Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 19, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Teach me Your paths, my God, and lead me in Your truth. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

### Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2022 - Saint Bernard

**Entrance Antiphon:** Filled by the Lord with a spirit of understanding, blessed Bernard ministered streams of clear teaching to the people of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ! *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** As the Father loves Me, so I also love you; remain in My love, says the Lord.