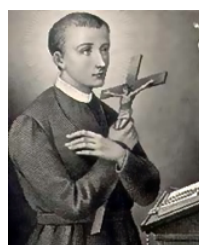


# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH - Parish Priest: Fr. Shanthaiah Marneni

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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"*

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - August 27/28, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

### First Reading - Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 3: 17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**Responsorial Psalm:** God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

### Second Reading - Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Take My yoke upon you; learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

### 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.

**If you are attending, could you kindly please sign your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church?**

We ask you to please arrive by 6:45pm to prepare a cuppa and so that we may begin promptly at 7:00pm.

Thank you.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### Congratulations to Communicants

We congratulate the following children who will be celebrating their sacrament of First Holy Communion, this Sunday, 28th August at the 10:30am Mass:

*John Audy, Indiana D'Costa, Jake Flor, Lachlan Hanson, Zion Logai, Rachel Nguyen*

Let us remember them and their families in our prayers as they celebrate this holy Sacrament. God bless.

### Junior Legion of Mary

The Junior Legion of Mary will re-commence in our Parish on Monday, 3rd October. Please email the Parish office to register your child's details at [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au) or please call 9792 4422. We look forward to welcoming you then.

### Permanent Diaconate - Do you feel called to serve?

The permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

Come and See! An information session will be held Saturday, 3rd September, from 10:00am to 11:45am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0> or Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intentions for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY> Read: <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate> or the head office on 9412 3357, email [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

### Priests Retirement Fund Collection - Sunday 4th September

In 1990, Archbishop Little established the Priest's Retirement Foundation with the motto "Caring for those who cared". The Foundation depends on your support. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Collections will be taken up over all the Masses from 3rd and 4th September. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

### French Mass in honour of Blessed Fr. Laval

There will be a Mass honouring the Blessed Fr. Jacques-Désiré Laval who was a French Roman Catholic priest who served in the missions in Mauritius; he was a professed member from the Spiritans. He is known as the "Apostle of Mauritius" due to his tireless work in aiding the poor and ill. This Mass will be held on Friday, 9th September at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

### KSC Dandenong North Branches Information Night

The KSC will hold an information night on Tuesday, 20th September, to prospective new Members. Meet in the Majellan Room, from 7.30PM. Please contact Andrew Vaccaro on 0404 390 824 or [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net) to advise attendance.

### 40 Days for Life: Prayer & Fasting to end Abortion

Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will be keeping vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility from 28th September, to 6th November. Those who can't be present may like to pray from home or in church. To register your hours and for more information visit [www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne), or speak to Andrew Vaccaro on 0404 390 824 or [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net). Please also consider attending a fundraiser screening of "Unplanned" on Monday, 5th September at 7pm. Bookings close 7pm on August 29th! Booking details can be found at the above website.

### To go up higher : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24-27).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages – filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52-53).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm – how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans."

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favour with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6-7).

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil, August 27

Mass 5:30pm Alison McDermott (*For her healing*)  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, August 28

Mass 8:30am Elvira Lemos & Vitor Lemos Guterres  
(*Remembrance*)  
Mass 10:30am Baptism Welcome Rite Mass - *Congratulations to baby Jaden Raffaello Fernando and Family*  
First Holy Communion Celebration  
Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

### Monday, August 29 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Mass 9:15am Zaire Mroczkowski (*13th Birthday Thanksgiving*)  
and Frank Donaldson (*Anniversary of Death*)  
and Antonette Vettivelu (*For her soul*)

### Tuesday, August 30

Mass 9:15am Anthony Maurice Domingo  
(*Anniversary of Death*)

### Wednesday, August 31

Mass 9:15am Denzil Hookens (*Birthday Remembrance*)

### Thursday, September 1

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Friday, September 2

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Saturday, September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great

Mass 9:15am Peter D'Souza (*One Month Remembrance*)

### September 3, (Vigil) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Deceased Members of the Family  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Sunday, September 4 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Giovanni & Brigida Cardamone (*Remembrance*)  
Mass 10:30am Theresa Monteiro (*Anniversary of Death*) and  
Edward Monteiro (*Remembrance*)  
12:00pm Baptism Congratulations baby Jaden Raffaello  
Fernando and Family  
Mass 5:30pm Elisa Lemos Alfaia & José da Graça Alfaia  
(*Remembrance*)

#### 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:** Fr. Brendan Lane, 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, Katie Kronfeld, Leon (*names will be deleted after 4 weeks unless office notified.*)

**The recently deceased:** Denzil Hookens, Francesca Antonucci, Alfred Severino, Juanita Anthony

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:**  
Natalina Santucci, Mario & Concetina Pappalardo

#### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, 3 September**

Knights of the Southern Cross

**Saturday, 10 September**

J. Trissy, Linda & Family

#### Reading Roster

**Saturday, September 3 - Vigil**

5:30pm D. Franklin

**Sunday, September 4**

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm J. Abraham

**Saturday, September 10 - Vigil**

5:30pm P. Kroon

**Sunday, September 11**

8:30am G. DosRemedios

10:30am M. Lourdunathan

5:30pm B. Collins

**Daily Antiphons - Monday, August 29, to Saturday, September 3, 2022 (Year C)**

**Monday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - August 29, 2022**

**The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I spoke, O Lord, of Your decrees before kings, and was not confounded; I pondered Your commands and loved them greatly.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing Your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** John answered and said, He must increase; but I must decrease.

**Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - August 30, 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is just in all His ways.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - August 31, 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 1, 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Come follow Me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Friday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - September 2, 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

**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:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Saturday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time - September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blessed Gregory, raised upon the throne of Peter, sought always the beauty of the Lord and lived in celebration of that love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is near to all who call Him.

**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:** This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.