

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

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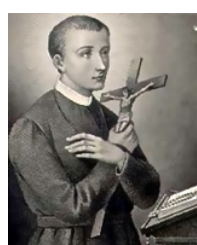
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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - September 3/4, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

### First Reading - Wisdom 9: 13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

### Second Reading - Philemon 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Let Your face shine on Your servant, and teach me Your laws. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

We ask that you please assist with keeping the Church clean by taking home all your used tissues and any other waste items. Our cleaners are volunteers and we all need to play our part to help keep our parish and church clean. Please also check with the office, or Fr. Shanthaiah, before donating any items or before leaving them in the foyer of the Church. Thank you.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### 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 this weekend. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

### Father's Day

We would like to wish all the Father's a very Happy Father's Day for this Sunday.

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for our earthly fathers, those to whom You have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children. We thank You, also, for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of Your people. We ask Your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted fatherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and Our Lord, AMEN.

### Mass and Confession time Amendment

On Saturday, 10th September, confession will be heard between 8am-9am, for this date.

Also, Mass will be held at 9:00am instead of 9:15am on Wednesday, 14th September, as Fr. Shanthaiah will need to attend a clergy gathering. Confession will be heard before the Mass on that day.

### Junior Legion of Mary

The Junior Legion of Mary will re-commence in our Parish on Monday, 3rd October at 4:30pm. We ask you to please email the Parish office at [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au) or please call 9792 4422 to register your child's details.

We look forward to welcoming you then.

### The Call of Guadalupe Musical Production - 24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall

Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Christian Musical. It includes the participation of many talented children and artists. SHOW TIMES: 24th November @ 7pm: Preview show \$15 flat rate/person 25th - 26th November @ 7pm & Sunday 27th November @ 1pm. Adults \$20 Children under 18 & concession: \$15. Enter via Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea of 10: \$170. EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: book before 26 October and receive a complimentary (non alcoholic) drink & snack. Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/camrl>. For more info: [cogtheatre.org](http://cogtheatre.org) or email [chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au).

### Counting the Cost : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds" – to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have – even our family ties and obligations – can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23-26, 57-62).

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom. Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust. Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him – no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### 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*)  
and C. J Mathewkutty (*Anniversary of Death*)

### Monday, September 5

Mass 9:15am Rosemary Vidot (*Anniversary of Death - 2 months*)  
and Peter Donald (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

### Tuesday, September 6

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

### Wednesday, September 7

Mass 9:15am For the Holy Souls

### Thursday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Friday, September 9

Mass 9:15am Denzil Hookens (*Remembrance - 40 days*)  
Mass 5:30pm Mass in honour of Blessed Fr. Laval

### Saturday, September 10

**(Confessions heard between 8am-9am today only)**

Mass 9:15am Denzil Hookens (*Remembrance - 40 days*)

### September 10, (Vigil) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Rodrigues Family (*Thanksgiving*)  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Sunday, September 11-Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Jessica Cabral (*Remembrance*)  
Mass 10:30am Maria & Marisa Cardamone (*Anniv. & Rememb.*)  
and Moses Lourdunathan (*Thanksgiving*)  
3:30pm Mass - Tamil Community  
Mass 5:30pm For the departed Souls

#### 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 & Mass at 3.30pm.

#### Confession Times

**Please note change: On Saturday, 10th  
September, confession will be heard between  
8am-9am, for this week only.**

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 Kaczowski, 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:**  
Maria & Marisa Cardamone,  
Lakmani & Dorothy Siriwardene

#### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, 10 September**

J. Trissy, Linda & Family

**Saturday, 17 September**

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary &  
Rebecca

#### Reading Roster

**Saturday, September 10 - Vigil**

5:30pm P. Kroon

**Sunday, September 11**

8:30am G. DosRemedios

10:30am M. Lourdunathan

5:30pm B. Collins

**Saturday, September 17 - Vigil**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, September 18**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am D. Naidoo, Jn

5:30pm M. Yallapa

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, September 5, to Saturday, September 10, 2022 (Year C)

### Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 5, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lead me in Your justice, Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 6, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord takes delight in His people.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 7, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Listen to Me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 8, 2022

#### The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are you, Holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise; from you rose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save His people from their sins.

### Friday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 9, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - September 10, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** To You, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them, and We will come to them. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.