

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

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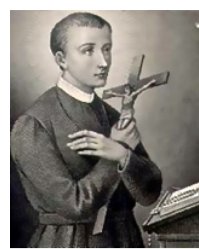
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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - September 10/11, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

### First Reading - Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.'" So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will rise and go to my Father.

### Second Reading - 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Luke 15: 1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### Mass and Confession time Amendment

Please note that this Saturday, 10th September, confession will be heard between 8am-9am only. Also, Mass will be held at 9:00am instead of 9:15am on Wednesday, 14th September, as Fr. Shanthaiah will be attending a clergy gathering. Confession will be heard before the Mass on that day.

### Christianity and the Future of the West

An invitation to hear Speaker: Dr Kevin Donnelly Topic: Christianity and the Future of the West, on Monday, 12th September at 6.30pm for a meal, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: The Notting Hill Hotel, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, RSPV: [Godandbeer.com.au](http://Godandbeer.com.au) Cost: Free! However, places are limited so please register to avoid disappointment and to hear about future events. Meals are available for purchase.

### 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.

### March for the Babies 2022

**40 Days for Life:** 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 28<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 at [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net) or 0404 390 824. Come along on 28<sup>th</sup> September together with pro-life speakers at Fitzroy Gardens, Cnr. Clarendon St. & Wellington Pde., East Melbourne, 2pm-3pm.

### Room for rent/Live-in Assistance

An elderly lady parishioner in central Dandenong has a spare room to rent in her lovely unit. Small rent & half utilities. Needs a little 'live-in' assistance. Please phone Ona: 0416 256 257.

### 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 & artists. Shows on: 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. 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).

### Seeking the Lost : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The episode in today's First Reading has been called "Israel's original sin." Freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways and fell to worshipping a golden calf.

Moses implores God's mercy, just as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race. Just as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church.

Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the plowman's yoke (see Jeremiah 7:26). Like Israel, in our sin we push God away and reject our divine sonship.

Once He called us "my people" (see Exodus 3:10; 6:7). But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown (see Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Peter 2:10).

Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us – as a shepherd to seek the lost (see Ezekiel 34:11-16), to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's Epistle. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy.

As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm – our hearts, humbled and contrite.

In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offence. We celebrate with Him that we have turned from the evil way that we might live (see Ezekiel 18:23).

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 10 (Confessions between 8am-9am today)

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

and Alfio Tomaselli & all deceased family members

### Monday, September 12

Mass 9:15am Veronica Baptiste (*Anniversary of Death*)

and Mauro & Elena Teti (*Remembrance*)

### Tuesday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

Mass 9:15am Samuel Clark (*Anniversary of Death*)

### Wednesday, September 14 - Mass at 9:00am today

#### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass 9:00am For the Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass 9:15am Michael Lovett (*Repose of his soul*)

and Cynthia Cheniart (*18th Birthday Thanksgiving*)

### Friday, September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian

Mass 9:15am Pearl Morel (*Anniversary of Death - One month*)

and Frederick De Silva (*Birthday Remembrance*)

### Saturday, September 17

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### September 17, (Vigil) - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Yolanda D'Souza (*Birthday Remembrance*)

and Raymond Pereira (*Anniversary of Death*)

7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Sunday, September 18 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Mariangela Stranges & Diamante Ricci  
(*Birthday Remembrance & Anniversaries*)

Mass 10:30am Mavis De Silva (*Anniversary of Death*)

3:30pm Mass - French Community

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

#### 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 Kaczkowski, Flavia Petrucci, Josie Surace, Julia, Claris Sebastianpillai, Gertrude Baldsing, Pina Lidonnici, Dolly Azzopardi, Annie Gatt, Caterina Giammarino, Denzil Considine, Katie Kronfeld, Leon

**The recently deceased:** Alfred Severino, Juanita Anthony, Victor Jayamaha, Jeyandhi Christopher

#### Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Maria & Marisa Cardamone,  
Mauro & Elena Teti, Mavis De  
Silva, Alfio Tomaselli, Frederick  
De Silva

#### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, 17 September**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday, 24 September**

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary &  
Rebecca

#### Reading Roster

**Saturday, September 17 - Vigil**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, September 18**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am D. Naidoo, Jn

5:30pm M. Yallapa

**Saturday, September 24 - Vigil**

5:30pm C. Fernando

**Sunday, September 25**

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm B. Edwards

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, September 12, to Saturday, September 17, 2022 (Year C)

### Monday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 12, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes again.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

### Tuesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

**Entrance Antiphon:** Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendour of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars for ever.

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

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

**Communion Antiphon:** We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### Wednesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 14

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Entrance Antiphon:** We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Do not forget the works of the Lord!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Cross You have redeemed the world. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself, says the Lord.

### Thursday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

**Entrance Antiphon:** Simeon said to Mary: Behold, this child is destined for the ruin and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign of contradiction; and your own soul a sword will pierce.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Save me, O Lord, in Your steadfast love.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are you, O Blessed Virgin Mary; without dying you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Rejoice when you share in the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice exultantly when His glory is revealed.

### Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 16, 2022

#### Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian

**Entrance Antiphon:** The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of Him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, when Your glory appears, my joy will be full.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** It is you who have stood by Me in My trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom.

### Saturday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - September 17, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of God, with the light of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. *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.