

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

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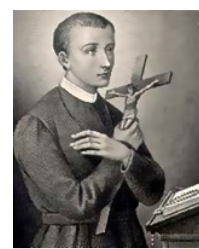
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - November 5 & 6, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### **First Reading - 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14**

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

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

### **Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 2: 16 - 3:5**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be His for ever and ever. *Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Reading - Luke 20: 27-38**

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

### **Take the Way of the Gospel**

Jacqui Giuliano will be facilitating a presentation and conversation regarding the Take the Way of the Gospel journey on Wednesday, 9th November at 6:30pm in the Majellan Hall. Please sign your name on the sheet in the foyer if you are attending.

Please call the office on Wednesday, 9th November to ensure this meeting is going ahead, as we have very few attending at this stage and we may cancel this meeting.

### **Parish Renewal Workshop**

You are invited to gather and participate in reflection and conversation with an outcome to inform strategic planning for our Parish for 2023 and beyond. If you are interested in becoming more involved with making St. Gerard's a thriving parish, we look forward to seeing you on Friday, 11th November, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Please sign your name on the sheet in the foyer of the Church to assist us with numbers for this evening. This meeting will be held in the PAC centre in the school grounds.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### **Baptismal Congratulations**

We congratulate the following children and their families as their children receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. God bless you all on this special and sacred sacrament.

*Alexa Rose Metz, Mia Lexi Nikakis, Jayden Davindu Wijewickrama Samarakone,  
Luka Anthony Sumanovic and Matteo Marko Sumanovic.*

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed this Monday, 7th November and Tuesday, 8th November. Our apologies for any inconvenience. Office hours will resume on Wednesday, 9th November from 9:00am.

God and Beer with Dr Colin Patterson - How do Christian faith and Psychology work together? Topic: Light on the Human Heart: Where Faith and Psychology Meet. Join us on Monday 14th November at 6.30pm for a meal, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: The Notting Hill Hotel, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. Cost: Free. Places are limited so please register to avoid disappointment. RSVP: [GodandBeer.com.au](http://GodandBeer.com.au) Contact: [jtsmyth@gmail.com](mailto:jtsmyth@gmail.com) Register as a teacher to have your attendance count towards your accreditation to teach in a Catholic school.

Young Catholic lady seeks accommodation in the Dandenong/surrounding area. For more information, please phone John or Margaret Keble Mobile : 0400 542 719

Dear Parishioners, You have been very generous over the years to offer hampers, toys and food items for those in need during the Christmas season. This year we appeal to you to kindly make your offerings in the form of Coles/Woolworth vouchers or monetary donations, instead of gifts in kind, which will enable us to provide items as per specific requirements of those in need. These may be handed over to John Seeruthun (Mob 0439 580 601), Agnelo Miranda (Mob 0470 130 041) or the Parish Office. We thank you for your understanding. Our Conference is deeply indebted to you for your kindness and generosity as always. May God bless you abundantly. We wish you and your families a Holy and Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year. Warm regards, Conference of SVP St. Gerard's, Dandenong North

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli is inviting young people, ages 16-35, across the Archdiocese to journey with him to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day in 2023. This is a life-changing opportunity for our youth to experience their Catholic faith with more than a million young people from around the world. We are holding six information sessions at Regional Youth Gatherings around Melbourne this month. Find out more at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

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. 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).

St. Anthony's Community Day "Car-boot Sale" will be held on Saturday, 26th November between 10am-4pm at 90 Buckley St. Noble Park. For all enquiries email [st.anthonys.np.events@gmail.com](mailto:st.anthonys.np.events@gmail.com) or call 9546 8276.

### **To Rise Again: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today's Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading. The Maccabean martyrs chose death – tortured limb by limb, burned alive – rather than betray God's Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance – that our feet not falter but remain steadfast on His paths. The Maccabeans died hoping that the "King of the World" would raise them to live again forever (see 2 Maccabees 14:46). The Sadducees don't believe in the Resurrection because they can't find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief, they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband's brother if he should die without leaving an heir (see Genesis 38:8; Deuteronomy 25:5). But God's Law wasn't given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be "children of God" – sons and daughters born of His Resurrection. "God our Father," today's Epistle tells us, has given us "everlasting encouragement" in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God. As the Maccabeans suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet, He will guard us in the shadow of His wing, He will keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today's Psalm. The Maccabeans' persecutors marvelled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make. And we have even greater cause for hope than they did. One who has risen from the dead has given us His word – that He is the God of the living, that when we awake from the sleep of death we will behold His face and be content in His presence (see Psalm 76:6; Daniel 12:2).

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### November 5, (Vigil) - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Departed souls of the Mackness & Collins Families  
*and* For the Souls of the Anthony & Daniells Families  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Sunday, November 6 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Antonio & Carmela Bruno (*For their souls*)  
Mass 10:30am Darryl Pereira (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)  
*and* Lopez Family (*Thanksgiving*)  
12:00pm Baptisms  
Mass 5:30pm Antonio Cardamone (*Anniversary of Death*)

### Monday, November 7 - Office Closed Today

Mass 9:15am Frank Duff (*Remembrance*)

### Tuesday, November 8 - Office Closed Today

Mass 9:15am Conrad Chmielewski (*Birthday Remembrance*)  
*and* Bradley Lopez (*Birthday Thanksgiving*)

### Wednesday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Mass 9:15am Alfred Severino (*Remembrance*)

### Thursday, November 10 - Saint Leo the Great

Mass 9:15am Deceased Members of the Pinto Family  
*and* Panicker Family (*Death Remembrance*)  
*and* Jennifer Waduge (*40 day Remembrance*)

### Friday, November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours

7:45am-8:45am Adoration  
Mass 9:15am Jessica Cabral (*Remembrance*)  
*and* Pamela Francis (*Birthday Remembrance*)

### Saturday, November 12 - Saint Josaphat

Mass 9:15am Souls in Purgatory  
*and* Maurice Blom (*Birthday Remembrance*)

### Saturday, November 12 (Vigil) - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Deceased Members of the Knights of the Southern Cross  
*and* For the Souls of the D'Souza Family  
*and* Constancio Fernandes (*For his soul*)  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Sunday, November 13 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Bridget Alphonso (*Anniversary of Death*)  
Mass 10:30am Sister Celia DosRemedios (*Birthday Remembrance*)  
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community  
Mass 5:30pm Eunice Scanlon (*Anniversary of Death*)

### Please remember to pray for...

**Our sick:** Steven Dickson, Jerome Santiago, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw Dennis, Allan Welsh, 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, Jessie Sequeira, Reed Crawl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Pradel, 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, Isabella

**The recently deceased:** Jennifer Waduge, Ron Elias, Gisele Bensley, Anne Ward, Baby Velasco, Nina Colasante

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:** Eunice Scanlon, Antonio Cardamone, Frank Mark Imbrogno, Departed souls of Collins & Mackness Family

### First Friday of the Month & Adoration

Mass will be held on the First Friday of the month, every month, at 9:15am and also at 7:00pm in the evening on the first Friday.

Each Friday, Adoration is held at 7:45am until 8:45am.

Mass will then follow at 9:15am.

### Reading Roster

#### Saturday, November 12 - Vigil

5:30pm P. Kroon

#### Sunday, November 13

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

#### Saturday, November 19 - Vigil

5:30pm A. Miranda

#### Sunday, November 20

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am Children

5:30pm J. Abraham

### 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 and Mass at 3.30pm.

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, 12 November**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday, 19 November**

Gonsalves family,

M. Ferdinands, L. Harper

*St. Vincent De Paul are looking for volunteers to help at the piety stall once a month. If you would like to join and help the needy in our community, please see one of the volunteers at the piety stall.*

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, November 7, to Saturday, November 12, 2022 (Year C)

### Monday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time - November 7

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Shine on the world like bright stars; You are offering it the word of life. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

### Tuesday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time - November 8

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

**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:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

### Wednesday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time - November 9

#### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Entrance Antiphon:** I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that My name may remain in it for all time. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

### Thursday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time - November 10 - Saint Leo the Great

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord established for him a covenant of peace, and made him the prince, that he might have the dignity of the priesthood for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in Me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.

### Friday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time - November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours

**Entrance Antiphon:** I shall raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will act in accord with My heart and My mind, says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Amen I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me, says the Lord.

### Saturday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time - November 12 - Saint Josaphat

**Entrance Antiphon:** Because of the Lord's covenant and the ancestral laws, the Saints of God persevered in loving brotherhood, for there was always one spirit in them, and one faith.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever loses his life for My sake, will find it in eternity, says the Lord.