

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

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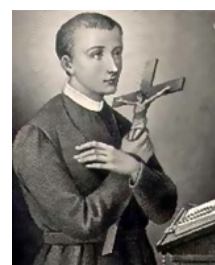
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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) October 14 & 15, 2023

**Entrance Antiphon:** If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

**Enrolments for Prep (Foundation)** in 2024 are now open and Parish families are our first priority for enrolments. If you have or know of a child who will be starting school next year, please call 9791 7553 to arrange a meeting and tour with the Principal Mr. Paul Cowan. Please visit our website <https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au> for more information.

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and **Proclaim the joy of the Gospel** into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232> use the discount code: [parishmember](mailto:parishmember@cam.org.au) to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)

**40 Days For Life Campaign 2023 - Volunteers needed!** Now until 5<sup>th</sup> November you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. Website: [www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne). We are also running teams and if you would like information on this please speak to Andrew Vaccaro at 0404 390 824 or [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net). A sign-up sheet and information flyers will also be available. We require volunteers to pray outside the Exclusion Zone on Friday October 20 from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. Please contact Andrew to see what hour/s would suit. **Location:** Outside the 150m exclusion zone, 118 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne. To make a donation: 40 Days for Life Melbourne BSB: 063 167 ACC: 11053337

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way He carried His cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this **14-day Holy Land pilgrimage** to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Richard Rosse. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,590 AUD. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Melbourne on 20th May, 2024. For enquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561/03 8839 6615 or email [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

**Catholic Bible Study - "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" – Join us this Tuesday from 6pm – 7:45pm to explore the Early World through Genesis 1-11.** Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. This 8 part series will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan. Includes Jeff Cavin video and small group discussion. Children's Catechesis available. Cost: Free. Venue: St Gerard's Dandenong North - Majellan Hall. To register: [tinyurl.com/catholicbiblestudy2023](http://tinyurl.com/catholicbiblestudy2023)

Next weekend, at the Masses on 21st and 22nd October, we will have a collection for **Catholic Mission**. This collection will assist the sisters with their tireless work for the people of Timor. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Fr. Shanthaiah will be hosting an **Advent Reflection** meeting beginning the 3rd of December. The meetings will be held once per week in the Library room. Should you wish to join this program, please email [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au) or please call during office hours to provide your contact details. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral**  
*Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

### **Dressing for the Feast : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 25:6).

For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need. In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24).

But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:7–8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1).

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil, October 14 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the health and well-being of Jimmy Logan and for the soul of Ross Baker (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, October 15 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni from Dominic D'Vaz

*and* Roland Latouche (*30th Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Pontifical Feast Day Mass solemnised by Bishop Tony Ireland

Intentions: Fr. Francis Xavier (MSFS) (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

*and* Patrick Cooper (*Birthday Remembrance* ✝)

3:30pm No French Mass - Rescheduled to October 29th

5:30pm No Parish Mass tonight

### Monday, October 16th - Saint Gerard

Mass 9:15am Joseph Michael Ludwick (*47th Death Anniversary* ✝)

*and* Domenico Folino (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

### Tuesday, October 17th - Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Mass 9:15am Fr. Roger Ryan (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

### Wednesday, October 18th - Saint Luke

Mass 9:15am For the safe delivery of baby and for the mother

### Thursday, October 19th

Mass 9:15am Anna Pradel (*1st Month Death Remembrance* ✝)

### Friday, October 20th

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Saturday, October 21st

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Saturday Vigil, October 21st - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Ivanka Gunewardene (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, October 22nd - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Traudie Chmielewski (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

*and* For Peace in Israel

*from Frank, Sandy & Melanie Hayman*

Mass 10:30am Fr. Francis Xavier (MSFS) (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

*and* Baptism Welcome Rite Blessing - Congratulations to

*Will Aganon, Rocco Bruzzone, Ava Clark,*

*Tavian Clark, Leon Nhial*

Mass 3:30pm No French Mass - Rescheduled to October 29th

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

### Please remember to pray for...

**Our sick:** Mary Considine, Crystal Wilson, Frances & Lovett DosRemedios, Charlie Cassar, Debbie Juchno, Tyrone Francisco, Vincent Newton, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Jeanne Joseph, Giovanna McKercher, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jean Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Aldo Provenazzano, Colin Hillas, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan

**The recently deceased:** Anna Pradel, Angelo Barbic, Fr. Francis Xavier, KerrieAnne Rosette, Nicolina Rosella, Joe Gonsalves, Domenico Folino, Ross Baker

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:** Roland Latouche, Patrick Cooper

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, October 21**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday, October 28**

Gonsalves family, M. Ferdinands, and L. Harper

### Reading Roster

**Saturday Vigil, October 21**

5:30pm B. Collins

**Sunday, October 22**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday Vigil, October 28**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, October 29**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm J. Panicker

### Confession

Confession *will not* be heard on a Sunday or Monday. Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday, from 8:20am to 8:50am, and after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.

### Church

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday to Friday at 8:00am & closed at 2:30pm.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Church is open from 8am & closed after 5:30pm Mass.

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, October 16 to Saturday, October 21, 2023 (Year A)

### Monday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 16

**Entrance Antiphon:** If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has made known His salvation.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

### Tuesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am crucified with Christ, yet I live; no longer I, but Christ lives in me. I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given Himself up for me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the wheat of Christ to be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may be found to be pure bread.

### Wednesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 18 - Saint Luke

**Entrance Antiphon:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings of peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your friends tell the glory of Your kingship, Lord.

**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:** The Lord sent out disciples to proclaim throughout the towns: The kingdom of God is at hand for you.

### Thursday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 19

**Entrance Antiphon:** If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

**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:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

### Friday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 20

**Entrance Antiphon:** If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I turn to You Lord in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

### Saturday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - October 21

**Entrance Antiphon:** If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you also will be My witnesses. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

