

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

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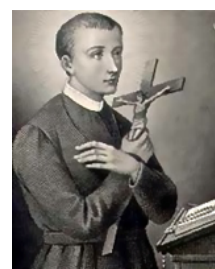
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## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year A) November 4/5, 2023

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

### First Reading - Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

**Responsorial Psalm:** In You, Lord, I have found my peace.

### Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9,13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

*Reconciliation Evening - Thursday, 14th December, 2023*

Save the date for an evening of Penitential Rite (Confession)

Priests will be available to hear confessions between 6:30pm and 7:45pm on this evening.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Catholic Bible Study - "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." There will be **no** Bible Study this Tuesday as it is Melbourne Cup Day. We will reconvene next Tuesday 14 November from 6pm – 7:45pm

Fr. Shanthaiah will be hosting **Advent Reflections** beginning the 3rd of December. 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 call 9792 4422.

**The Piety Stall** have 'Gods' Word 2024' available for purchase for \$21.95. The Columban Calendars and Divine Mercy Calendars for 2024, are \$10 each and also available to purchase. They are looking for volunteers to help at the piety stall once a month. The piety stall is run by St Vincent De Paul. If you would like to join to help the needy in our community please see one of the volunteers at the piety stall.

**God and Beer** are hosting an event with Guest Speaker, Fr. Francis Denton on Monday, 13th November. Please visit [GodandBeer.com.au](http://GodandBeer.com.au) to book, and for more information.

**St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne will host the second annual Night of the Witnesses on 22nd November at 7pm.** An initiative of Aid to the Church in Need, this night is an evening of testimony, prayer, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of modern-day Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians around the world, suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. To book or for more information call 1800 101 201 or visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

**Parish Christmas Carols luncheon to be held on Sunday, 10 December after 10:30am mass.** If you can volunteer your talents as a performer, or can help with planning, promoting, sponsoring, catering or setting up the event, please contact Jeff on 0477188883. **Planning meeting for the carols will be held this Thursday, 9th November at 6:30pm in the Majellan room.**

**Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher - Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See.** On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday, 9 November, 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Join us for a cuppa after 10:30am mass.** Back by popular demand we have recommenced gathering for a cuppa each week after the 10:30am mass. Please contact Alizarin on 0457 778 889 if you would like to help and be added onto the weekly roster.

**The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** will visit the Parish on the weekend of 18 & 19 November, to promote their work on behalf of the missions and distribute their 2023 Claver Almanac at all Masses. This is a free copy but any donation towards the missions would certainly be gratefully received.

**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.

### **Calling the Fathers: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Though they were Moses' successors, the Pharisees and scribes exalted themselves, making their mastery of the law a badge of social privilege. Worse, they had lorded the law over the people (see Matthew 20:25). Like the priests Malachi condemns in today's First Reading, they caused many to falter and be closed off from God.

In a word, Israel's leaders failed to be good spiritual fathers of God's people. Moses was a humble father figure, preaching the law but also practicing it—interceding and begging God's mercy and forgiveness of the people's sins (see Exodus 32:9–14; Psalm 90). And Jesus reminds us today that all fatherhood—in the family or in the people of God—comes from the Father in heaven (see Ephesians 3:15). He doesn't mean we're to literally call no man "father." He Himself referred to Israel's founding fathers (see John 7:22); the Apostles taught about natural fatherhood (see Hebrews 12:7–11), and described themselves as spiritual fathers (see 1 Corinthians 4:14–16).

The fatherhood of the Apostles and their successors, the Church's priests and bishops, is a spiritual paternity given to raise us as God's children. Our fathers give us new life in Baptism and feed us the spiritual milk of the Gospel and the Eucharist (see 1 Peter 2:2–3). That's why Paul, in today's Epistle, can also compare himself to a nursing mother.

God's fatherhood likewise transcends all human notions of fatherhood and motherhood. Perhaps that's why the Psalm chosen for today includes one of the rare biblical images of God's maternal care (see Isaiah 66:13).

His only Son has shown us the Father (see John 14:9) coming to gather His children as a hen gathers her young (see Matthew 23:37). We're all brothers and sisters, our Lord tells us today. And all of us—even our spiritual fathers—are to trust in Him, humbly, like children on our mothers' laps.

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## Saturday Vigil, November 4 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the Repose of the Souls of the D'Souza Family ✠  
and For the souls of Donald and Teresa Collins ✠  
and Anthony Nihal Wijesekera (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, November 5 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Ravinia Delpech (*Anniversary of Death* ✠)  
and For the repose of the souls of Pasquale & Mariangela  
Isabella and Diamante & Tiodoro Ricci and Pasquale  
Isabella ✠

Mass 10:30am Victor Jayamaha (*Remembrance* ✠)  
and For the souls of Pierre & Gisèle Michel and Lucien & Estelle  
Le Gentil and deceased members of the Michel Family ✠  
and Ilario & Maria Papazzo (*Remembrance* ✠)

12:00pm Baptism Congratulations and welcome to: *Will Aganon,  
Rocco Bruzzone, Ava Clark, Tavian Clark & Leon Nhial*

Mass 5:30pm For Christo Jimmy Anchani for his Year 12 exams  
and For the Deceased members of the McIntyre Family ✠

## Monday, November 6

Mass 9:15am A.T. Pereira (*Remembrance* ✠) & for the Pereira Family  
and Jennaro De Marco (*Recently Deceased* ✠)

## Tuesday, November 7 - Parish Office Closed (Public Holiday)

Mass 9:15am For the Beatification of Frank Duff - Founder of the Legion  
of Mary

## Wednesday, November 8

Mass 9:15am Conrad Chmielewski (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)  
and For Christo Jimmy Anchani for his Year 12 exams

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

Mass 9:15am James Eugenio Imbrogno (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

## Friday, November 10 - Saint Leo the Great

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
and Sister Celia Dos Remedios (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

## Saturday, November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours

Mass 9:15am Jessica Cabral (*Remembrance* ✠)  
and Malcolm Farquharson (*Remembrance* ✠)  
and Deceased members of the Daniels Family &  
Brian Daniels (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)

## Saturday Vigil, November 11 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Pamela Francis (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)  
and Marcienne Rivet & Denise Pelicier (*Birthday Remembrance* ✠)  
and For the Soul of Charles Mackness ✠  
and Menino & Piedade Rebello and Constancio &  
Rosa Fernandes (*Remembrance* ✠)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Deceased members of the D'Silva Family ✠  
Mass 10:30am Fr. Francis Xavier MSFS (*Remembrance* ✠)  
and Edwin & Lise Donat (*Remembrance* ✠) and all the deceased  
members of the Donat Family  
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community  
Mass 5:30pm Deceased members of the McLoughlin Family ✠  
and For the departed souls of the Isaacs Family ✠

## 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, 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, Carmel Feola

**The recently deceased:** Giovanna McKercher, Julia Savio, Jennaro De Marco, Patricia Silva, Raymond Humphrey, Sebastian Carvalho, Domenico Folino

## **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Frank Mark Imbrogno, James Imbrogno, Carmela & Antonio Bruno, Pasquale & Mariangela Isabella, Diamante & Tiodoro Ricci, Pasquale Isabella

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday, November 11**

Q. Roland, X. Fernando & T. Bui

**Saturday, November 18**

Knights of the Southern Cross

## Reading Roster

**Saturday Vigil, November 11**

5:30pm P. Kroon

**Sunday, November 12**

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

**Saturday Vigil, November 18**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, November 19**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm L. Hector

## 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 and closed at 2:30pm.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Church is open from 8:00am and closed after the 5:30pm Mass.

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, November 6 to Saturday, November 11, 2023 (Year A)

### Monday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 6

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, in Your great love, answer me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If you stay in My word, you will indeed be My disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

### Tuesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 7

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Responsorial Psalm:** In You, Lord, I have found my peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

### Wednesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - November 8

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

### Thursday of the Thirty-First 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.

### Friday of the Thirty-First 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:** The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ grows perfect in the love of God. 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.

### Saturday of the Thirty-First 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:** I will praise Your name for ever, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. 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.

