

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

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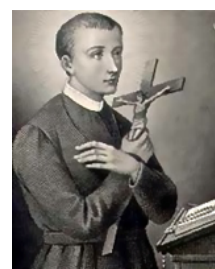
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## The Epiphany of the Lord - Readings for Mass (Year B) January 7, 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.

### First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

### Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* We have seen His star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'* Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**Communion Antiphon:** We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

In response to the continued conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has launched a special Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and are without basic supplies, especially as winter approaches. Please collect a card from the table in the Church foyer and please post directly with the reply paid envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this worthy cause.

## The Baptism of the Lord - Readings for Mass (Year B) - Monday January 8, 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’ It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### CHURCH

The Church will be closed for private prayer after the morning Mass from Monday to Friday until further notice.

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

### CONFESSION

**For the month of January, confessions will only be heard on Saturday from 8:20am to 9:00am and after the Mass until 10:30am.**

### Parish Office

The Parish office will re-open Monday, 8th January 2024.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil Mass, 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 5:30pm Marc Mantel (*Death Anniversary* ✚)  
and Maximiano Fernandes (*1st Death Anniversary* ✚)

**Please Note: Maronite Mass will be held tomorrow evening**

### Sunday, 7th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 8:30am David Scanlon (*Death Anniversary* ✚)  
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes and  
Thanksgiving on the first Wedding Anniversary  
of Leandar and Wendy Lewis

Mass 10:30am Special Intention

Mass 5:30pm Angelo Pane (*Birthday Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Monday, 8th January - The Baptism of the Lord

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Tuesday, 9th January

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Wednesday, 10th January

Mass 9:15am Fr. Francis Xavier (MSFS) (*Remembrance* ✚)  
and Thanksgiving on the 25th Wedding Anniversary of  
Aylwin and Catherine Lobo

### Thursday, 11th January

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes and  
Thanksgiving on the Wedding Anniversary of  
Dominic & Belinda D'Vaz

### Friday, 12th January

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Saturday, 13th January

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Saturday Vigil Mass, 13th January

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, 14th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Giovanna McKercher (*Remembrance* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

**Please mark your diaries to note that; on Wednesday, January 17th, Mass will begin at 9:00am not 9:15am on this day only.**

### 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, Jeannie Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Aldo Provenazzano, Colin Hillas, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Carmel Feola, Libby Wilson, Brenda Edwards

### **The recently deceased:**

Rosaria Morabito

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Joseph Dinh, Angelo Pane

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, January 13**

S. Jose, Linda & Family

**Saturday, January 20**

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary  
and Rebecca

**2024 Reading Rosters and  
Church Cleaning Rosters  
may be collected from the  
Sacristy. We thank you for  
your support.**

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, January 13**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, January 14**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

**Saturday, January 20**

5:30pm D. Franklin

**Sunday, January 21**

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm M. Yallapa

## Daily Antiphons (Year B) - Tuesday, January 9 to Saturday, January 13 2024

### Tuesday, January 9 - Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Receive this message not as human words, but as truly the word of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

### Wednesday, January 10 - Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

### Thursday, January 11 - Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Save us, Lord, in Your mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

### Friday, January 12 - Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

**Responsorial Psalm:** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

### Saturday, January 13 - Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold Him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, Your strength gives joy to the king.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent Me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** With You, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

