

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

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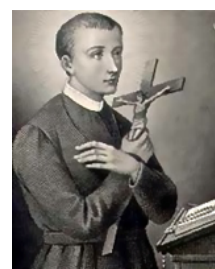
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Readings for Mass (Year B) March 24, 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet Him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, who have come in Your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let Him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, He is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, who have come in Your abundant mercy!

**First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7** - The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?

### Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!* Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised Him on high and gave Him a name above all other names. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

### Gospel Reading - Mark 11: 1-10 (*This Gospel is read at the blessing of the Palms*)

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."' And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

### Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without My drinking it, Your will be done.

There will not be coffee and tea served after the 10:30am Mass on either Easter Sunday or, Divine Mercy Sunday. This will resume Sunday, April 14.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### Experience transformation at “Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to ‘Go Make Disciples’” hosted by Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

Tailored for parish leaders and priests, this event features a keynote by Dan O’Rourke, President of Divine Renovation. Engage in mission-focused workshops, gaining practical skills, equip yourself with valuable resources to bring positive change to your parish. Reserve your spot and take the next step in becoming a missionary disciple in your parish community.  
Saturday, April 13, 2024 • 9:15 AM (Mass) – 4:30PM (lunch, morning and afternoon tea included) • Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren. Please register at <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/answering-the-call-to-go-make-disciples> or contact Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883.

### 25TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

This is your invitation to attend a free performance of the Annual Melbourne Passion Play event on Palm Sunday (24th March 2024) at 1:30PM and/or Good Friday (29th March 2024) at 10:00AM at the HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE - 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe (ample free parking.) Duration of each performance is approximately 2 hours. For your comfort bring a rug, chair, bottled water, etc. St John Ambulance Staff will be in attendance. All actors and crews are volunteers. The Play is acted in the beautiful and natural outdoor setting of the Holy Cross Gardens. Visit:  
<http://www.melbournepassionplay.com.au>



**We invite all parishioners to join us for a sausage sizzle bbq on the 7th April, after the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass held at 3:00pm. All profits will go to upgrading the Parish hall. We look forward to seeing you all there!**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

If you have an elderly family member or you know someone who lives alone and could benefit from a visit by the Legion of Mary; please contact the Parish office on 9792 4422.

You can help better the lives of people in some of the most vulnerable communities on earth by making a donation through Project Compassion. The boxes and envelopes are on the table in the Church foyer. Phone 1800 024 413 or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**The Office will be closed Friday, 29th March and will re-open on Wednesday 3rd April.**

The staff and I wish you all a very holy and happy Easter. God bless you all.

Fr. Shanthaiah and staff.

Please visit: [www.stgerards.org.au](http://www.stgerards.org.au) for notices.

### Holy Week and Easter Mass Times, 2024

#### Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March

Parish Mass will be at 9:15am and

Maronite Service will be held each evening at 7:00pm.

#### Holy Thursday - 28th March

**No morning Mass and No Confessions**

7:00pm - The Lord’s Supper followed by Adoration until midnight

#### Good Friday - 29th March

**No Confessions**

9:00am - Stations of the Cross

11:00am - Maronite Community Good Friday Service

3:00pm - Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

#### Holy Saturday - 30th March

9:00am to 10:30am - Confession

6:00pm - Maronite Community Easter Vigil Mass

8:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

#### The Resurrection of the Lord - Sunday, 31st March

8:30am Mass and 10:30am Mass - **No evening Mass**

#### Divine Mercy Sunday - 7th April

**Celebrant - Monsignor Geoff Barron**

Mass at 8:30am, 10:30am and 3:00pm - **No evening Mass**

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil, 23rd March - Palm Sunday

Mass 5:30pm Denise Pelicier & Marcienne Rivet  
(Death Anniversaries ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, 24th March - Palm Sunday

Mass 8:30am For the soul of F.X Pereira and the  
abandoned souls in Purgatory  
and Dominic & Belinda D'Vaz & family offering  
of Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni

Mass 10:30am Carmelo Tumino (First Death Anniversary ✝)  
Procession with Palms from grotto to the Church

Mass 5:30pm Olga Kroon (Death Anniversary ✝)

### Monday of Holy Week, 25th March - No Confession

Mass 9:15am For the repose of the souls of Antonette and  
Charles Henry Vettivelu ✝  
and Mrs Lesley Hosking (Recently Deceased ✝)

After Mass, Stations of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary

7:00pm Maronite Holy Week Mass

### Tuesday of Holy Week, 26th March - No Confession

Mass 9:15am For the repose of the soul of Maureen Norico  
(Recently Deceased ✝)

7:00pm Maronite Holy Week Mass

### Wednesday of Holy Week, 27th March - No Confession

Mass 9:15am Grisilda Lopez - Birthday Thanksgiving

7:00pm Maronite Holy Week Mass

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**NO EVENING MASS TODAY**

### Please pray for...

**Our sick:** Mary Considine, Frances & Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Carmel Feola, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Krzysztof Borkowski, Elajah Isah Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie

#### **The recently deceased:**

Baptist Abeyadeera, Maureen Norico, Lesley Hosking

#### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

James Imbrogno, Frank Mark Imbrogno, Antonio and Carmela Bruno, Carmelo Tumino, Michelina Surace-Calabro

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, March 30**

Kronfeld Family & Ratika

**Saturday, April 6**

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

### Reading Roster

**Holy Thursday - 7:00pm**

Reader 1. B. Collins

Reader 2. G. Dos Remedios

**Good Friday, March 29 - 3:00pm**

Reader 1. A. Pacifique

Reader 2. M. Naidoo

**Gospel - Narrator: A. Miranda**

Jesus: Fr. Shanthaiah

Crowd: Choir

**Easter Saturday, March 30**

**8:30pm**

Reader 1. C. Fernando

Reader 2. J. D'Souza

Reader 3. D. Naidoo

Reader 4. M. Yallapa

Reader 5. J. Panicker

Reader 6. E. Ebert

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am J. Abraham

**Saturday, April 6**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, April 7**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

## Daily Antiphons (Year B) - Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, 2024

### Monday of Holy Week - March 25

**Entrance Antiphon:** Contend, O Lord, with my contenders; fight those who fight me. Take up your buckler and shield; arise in my defence, Lord, my mighty help.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ! Let us greet our king; He alone showed mercy for our sins. Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn Your ear towards me; on the day when I call, speedily answer me.

### Tuesday of Holy Week - March 26

**Entrance Antiphon:** Do not leave me to the will of my foes, O Lord, for false witnesses rise up against me and they breathe out violence.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing of Your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! Hail to our king, obedient to His Father; He went to His crucifixion like a gentle lamb. Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** God did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over for us all.

### Wednesday of Holy Week - March 27

**Entrance Antiphon:** At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, for the Lord became obedient to death, death on a cross: therefore Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Let us greet our king; He alone showed mercy for our sins. Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

### Thursday of the Lord's Supper - March 28

**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:** Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in My Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of Me.

### Friday of the Passion of the Lord - March 29

**Responsorial Psalm:** Father, I put My life in Your hands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised Him on high and gave Him a name above all other names. Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

