

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

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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"**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter - Readings for Mass (Year B) May 5th, 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

### First Reading - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

### Second Reading - 1 John 4: 7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**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!*

### Gospel Reading - John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

**Stewardship Collection:** *Covering church and parish expenses.*

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**Presbytery Collection:** *For the domestic needs of the priests and for the support of retired clergy.*

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Beginning this weekend, and continuing for the next four weeks, we will be counting the number of people in attendance at all Masses, with hopefully as little disturbance to you as possible. This is an annual occurrence and in accordance with the request from the Archdiocese.

Thank you.

Pilgrimage of a Lifetime, including the Holy Shrines of Spain, Portugal, and Lourdes, departing on September 16th for 19 days. Chaplain - Fr. Dominic Murphy. Cost \$9.290. Further Info. Kathryn (03)9830 5489 [kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au](mailto:kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au)  
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CatholicCare Victoria Sunday appeal will be held this weekend, 4th & 5th May (previously held in the month of August). Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community who are struggling with unemployment, homelessness, family and/or health struggles, grief and trauma. You can donate using the appeal envelope available on the table in the Church foyer or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call 9287 5513  
(All gifts \$2 & above are tax deductible).

You are invited to join Resurrection Parish in celebrating their 50th Anniversary, with a celebratory Dinner Dance and live band “After Dark” on 10th May at 7pm. This dinner dance will be held at VTCC Palmyra Hall, 44 Lonsdale St, Dandenong. Contact Hedy Carvalho for more information and to book on 0419 534 862.

Unfortunately, morning tea after Mass is postponed indefinitely. We require volunteers to please register with the office in order for this event to continue. Thank you in advance.

The Catholic Women’s League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga, warmly invites you to a half day retreat led by Fr. Trevor Tibbertsma at St. Peter’s Catholic Church Toorak, on Saturday, 1 June. The theme is “The seeker of souls: Understanding God’s intense search for you!” Commencing at 9am with Holy Mass and concluding 12:15pm. Please book at [www.trybooking.com/CQACG](http://www.trybooking.com/CQACG) or [info@cwlvicww.org.au](mailto:info@cwlvicww.org.au)

To mark the 60th anniversary of Caritas Australia, we have compiled a selection of our favourite 60 photos. Vote for your favourite photo to go into the draw to win a beautiful Indigenous Australian artwork from Djilpin Arts, our First Australian partner in the Northern Territory. The artwork is a painting by Harry Malibirr which depicts five dreaming stories. Simply visit our website [caritas.org.au/faces-of-caritas-australia-60th-anniversary](http://caritas.org.au/faces-of-caritas-australia-60th-anniversary), choose a photo from the gallery and vote via the online form. Entries close 30 June 2024.

### **Begotten by Love : Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today’s Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham’s offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God’s command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham’s descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations

(see Genesis 22:16–18).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today’s First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter’s preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter’s preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God

(see Acts 2:5–11).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God’s covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7–9; Ephesians 2:12). This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today’s Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today’s Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil, 4th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Vigil 5:30pm Theresa Furnell (*Death Anniversary* ✚)  
and For those who have fallen away from their faith  
to return to Jesus and be saved

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony and thanksgiving  
on the 1st Birthday of Christelle D'Vaz  
and Denis O'Rourke (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Victor Jayamaha (*Remembrance* ✚)  
and Yvonne & Ronald Barnett (*Death Anniversaries* ✚)

Mass 5:30pm For those who have fallen away from their faith  
to return to Jesus and be saved

### Monday, 6th May - Saint Catherine of Siena

Mass 9:15am Harold Dorsey (*Remembrance* ✚)  
and Thanksgiving on the 21st Birthday of Jonathan  
Francis  
and For the good health of Clarice Giacomini

### Tuesday, 7th May

Mass 9:15am For those who have fallen away from their faith  
to return to Jesus and be saved  
and Yvonne Koelmeyer (*3rd Death Anniversary* ✚)

### Wednesday, 8th May

Mass 9:15am For the good health of Hermione & Karen Daniels

### Thursday, 9th May

Mass 9:15am For a special intention

### Friday, 10th May

Mass 9:15am Fr. Francis Xavier MSFS (*Remembrance* ✚)

### Saturday, 11th May

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving on the wedding day of Alexandra  
Harper and Anthony Garrubba

### Saturday Vigil, 11th May - The Ascension of the Lord

Vigil 5:30pm Anthony Nihal Wijesekera  
(*4th Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, 12th May - The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 8:30am Peter Vanderputt (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm For those who have fallen away from their faith  
to return to Jesus and be saved

### 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, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Krzysztof Borkowski, Elajah Isah Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Hilda Marianne, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Clarice Giacomini

### **The recently deceased:**

Angela Chmielewski, William Fernando, Pamela Fernando, Rudy Pereira, Marie de Chalain, Trevor Pereira, Daisy Ng, Freda Grey, Denis O'Rourke

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Sr. Maria CSN, Gianni Sottile, Patricia Silva

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, May 11**

Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands,  
L. Harper

**Saturday, May 18**

Kronfeld family, Ratika & family

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, May 11**

5:30pm C. Fernando

**Sunday, May 12**

8:30am D. Naidoo

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

**Saturday, May 18**

5:30pm P. Kroon

**Sunday, May 19**

8:30am M. Noble

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

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

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, May 6 to Saturday, May 11th, 2024

### Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter - 6th May

**Entrance Antiphon:** Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord takes delight in His people.

**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:** Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

### Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - 7th May

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your right hand has saved me, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; He will lead you to the whole truth. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory, alleluia.

### Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter - 8th May

**Entrance Antiphon:** I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of Your name to my kin, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord, to be with you for ever. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

### Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - 9th May

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, when You went forth before Your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter - 10th May

**Entrance Antiphon:** You have redeemed us, Lord, by Your Blood from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** God is king of all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

### Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter - 11th May

**Entrance Antiphon:** O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** God is king of all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** I went from the Father and came into the world; and now I leave the world to return to the Father. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, I wish that, where I Am, those You gave Me may also be with Me, that they may see the glory that You gave Me, alleluia.