

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

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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) August 4, 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

### First Reading - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That,' said Moses to them, 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

### Second Reading - Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel Reading - John 6: 24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**We are thankful to Paul Cowan, St. Gerard's Primary School for their contribution to the fencing surrounding the School and Church. We thank them also for covering the entire cost of painting the whole building of the "Library Room." We are very grateful especially to Paul for his generosity.**

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### Fr. Michael's Celebration of Diamond Jubilee

*Fr. Michael would like to thank everybody, from the bottom of his heart, for the wonderful celebration of his Diamond Jubilee.*

*Susan will be collating a photo book as a gift for Fr. Michael. Any photos you may have from his celebration, please forward these pictures to Susan at mobile no 0408329787 or email [sseeruth@gmail.com](mailto:sseeruth@gmail.com)*

This past Sunday (July 28) it was the pleasure of St. Gerard's, Dandenong North to host the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Fr Michael Shadbolt. With us for over 5 years now following his long tenure at neighbouring Holy Family Parish Doveton, Fr Shadbolt is well ingrained in the St Gerard's family, where he celebrates Masses weekly. Joined with his fellow diamond jubilee celebrant Fr Kerry Cronan, Fr Shadbolt celebrated the 10:30AM Mass, which was concelebrated by his close friend Fr Brendan Lane and Fr Doug Santiago and our Parish Priest Fr Shanthaiah Marneni. <https://youtu.be/C1iLGcvT4gk>.

A full house was witness to this historic milestone, which celebrated the 60th anniversary of priestly ordination of Frs Shadbolt and Cronan on July 25, 1964, where they and 21 other priests were ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Fr Cronan had the privilege of reading the Gospel (John 6: 1-15) on Jesus feeding the multitude, which Fr Shadbolt referenced in his Homily. Following the Mass, about 250 people gathered at the main Parish Hall behind St Gerard's Church to help Fr Shadbolt celebrate this wondrous milestone with Fr Cronan, along with family, friends and parishioners. [https://youtu.be/TJ8xla4r\\_70](https://youtu.be/TJ8xla4r_70).

<https://youtu.be/EC0n96tJoFI> Those in attendance were blessed with music provided by two members of the St Gerard's Choir, which was followed with speeches from close friends Val Noone (who had been ordained with him, though left the priesthood), and Fr Brendan Lane. Fr Lane spoke on his close association with Fr Shadbolt of over 30 years, where Fr Shadbolt was his assistant at Sunshine and Hampton Park Parishes, and was renowned for being unafraid to speak his mind on all topics, often getting him in trouble with his own hierarchy [https://youtu.be/jNppn\\_usteY](https://youtu.be/jNppn_usteY)

Following Fr Lane's 'roast' style talk (which was reciprocating the 'roast' Fr Shadbolt gave to Fr Lane for his 50th Anniversary in August 2023 <https://www.youtube.com/live/7geSddk7Azc?si=oXLO6lO-x-7HgJ1K&t=2700> ), Fr Shadbolt himself took to the microphone to speak on his priestly vocation, which included 6 years as a missionary priest in Venezuela in the 1970s, and currently as the main exorcist of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Fr Shadbolt thanked everyone who helped him along the way, old and new. Following his talk, Frs Shadbolt and Cronan cut the cake, which was followed by dessert. <https://youtu.be/mDltPG8jgAM>

After the speeches, a slideshow was presented featuring the various parts of Fr Shadbolt's priestly ministry:

<https://youtu.be/rsGPv9Ms8Pc>.

Those in attendance enjoyed a wonderful event. Many thanks go to all those who participated in any way, from those behind the scenes, to those in attendance. Fr Shadbolt appreciates all your support. *(Synopsis by Andrew Vaccaro)*

### Topic: 'God and Caesar' with speaker, Tony Abbott.

Tony Abbott is among the most consequential politicians in Australian political history. Come along to hear his thoughts on a range of current events and topics. Tony Abbott served as the 28th Prime Minister of Australia from 2013-2015. After studying at Oxford University and working as a journalist he was elected to the Australian House of Representatives in the seat of Warringah.

He was known as a politician of integrity and conviction and for his dedication to the cause of Indigenous Australians. He has served in many volunteer capacities including as a volunteer fire-fighter. He remains active in public life and continues to make important contributions to important debates. Date: Monday 12th August. Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. Tickets: [Godandbeer.com.au](http://Godandbeer.com.au).

Cost: Free, please book a ticket to ensure a seat. Contact: John - [jtsmyth@gmail.com](mailto:jtsmyth@gmail.com)

### KSC Archbishop's Dinner - August 30, 2024

The 24th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund, will feature guest speaker Adjunct Professor Natasha Michael (Palliative Care Specialist) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday, August 30. Anyone interested in attending, or would like more information, or to make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians, should contact Andrew Vaccaro at [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net), 9795 7851, or 0404 390 824 by August 8.

**National Vocations Awareness Week** – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

**Radio Maria Australia** is a Catholic radio station bringing Christ into your every day! Our station broadcasts 24/7, with interesting and inspiring shows and podcasts, daily masses and Rosary prayers, and a variety of positive music - all to foster faith, hope and God's love. You can tune in live via: [www.RadioMaria.org.au](http://www.RadioMaria.org.au) Digital Radio: 202.928. Apple or Google Play.

**Women's Retreat: Living with Joy!** To be held on Saturday, 17 August from 9:30am-4pm. St John the Evangelist Church / Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. The event will include Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, Talks. Fr Frankie Mulgrew was a professional entertainer in the UK before answering the call to become a Catholic priest. \$80 Lunch & morning tea. Special 2 for 1 deal for under 35's! [www.trybooking.com/CQZUT](http://www.trybooking.com/CQZUT) . RSVP: 11 August. Mobile: 0425 761 216 [www.cwlvicww.org.au/](http://www.cwlvicww.org.au/)

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## Saturday Vigil, August 3rd - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Paul Rajiah Fernando (*Death Anniversary* ✚)  
and Thanksgiving to the Holy Family from J. Rodrigues and family

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, August 4th - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Joan De Alwis (*Recently Deceased* ✚)  
and For Cedric Lecordier - to be ordained a priest in Mauritius on this day

Mass 5:30pm Elizabeth Bala (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

## Monday, August 5th

Mass 9:15am Victor Jayamaha (*Remembrance* ✚)

## Tuesday, August 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass 9:15am Repose of the Soul of Michele Martyn (*Remembrance* ✚)

## Wednesday, August 7th

Mass 9:15am Andre Beaufond (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

## Thursday, August 8th - Saint Mary of the Cross

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

## Friday, August 9th - Parish Office will be closed today

**The Church will be locked after the morning Mass.**

Mass 9:15am Glen Latchford (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

## Saturday, August 10th - Saint Lawrence

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

and James Cameron (*Remembrance* ✚)

## Saturday Vigil, August 10th - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Joanita Rodrigues (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, August 11th - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Sister Celia Dos Remedios (*Remembrance* ✚) and for the Abandoned Souls in Purgatory

Mass 10:30am Magdaline Ghosh (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

## 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, Elajah Isah, Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Hilda Marianne, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Clarice Giacomini, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Ron Jabke, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwest, Carmela Fato, John Cleary

## **The recently deceased:**

Faustina D'Sa, Derrick DeZilva, Dino Antonucci, Yolande Pirie, Fr. Joseph Kuzhikanniyil, Sister Ann Mary SABS, Joan De Alwis, Elizabeth Bala, Joanita Rodrigues

## **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Ellie Arthur

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday, August 10**

Legion of Mary & J. Okoduwa

**Saturday, August 17**

Gonsalves Family,

M. Ferdinands & L. Harper

## Reading Roster

**Saturday, August 10**

5:30pm P. Kroon

**Sunday, August 11**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

**Saturday, August 17**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, August 18**

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Dear Parishioners, Fr. Shanthaiah will be on his annual leave from August 5th until September 13th. Priests have been organised to attend to the sacraments during his absence.

**Please ask the officiating priest for their availability to hear confession.**

Fr. Shanthaiah has asked for you to please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

# Daily Antiphons - Monday, August 5 to Saturday, August 10, 2024

## Monday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 5

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Teach me Your laws, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

## Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! This is My Son, My beloved, in whom is all My delight: listen to Him. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

## Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 7

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding His flock.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

## Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 8 - Saint Mary of the Cross

**Entrance Antiphon:** Come, you blessed of My Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited Me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul clings to You; Your right hand holds me fast.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after Him. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

## Friday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 9

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** It is I who deal death and give life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

## Saturday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 10 - Saint Lawrence

**Entrance Antiphon:** This is the blessed Lawrence who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever serves Me must follow Me and where I am there also will My servant be, says the Lord.