

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

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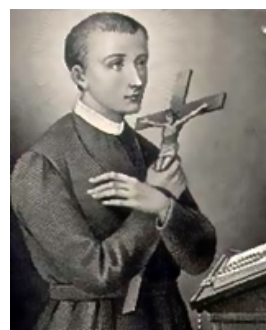
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners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

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) - August 25, 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

### First Reading - Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading - Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: You have the words of everlasting life. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - John 6: 60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

**Dandenong Deanery Council** invite you to their last dinner of the year on Wednesday, 4th September at St. John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant, Caroline St. Dandenong. Cost \$48 for a 3 course meal, wine and beer. RSVP by Friday, 30th August by calling Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email [dandenongdeanery@live.com.au](mailto:dandenongdeanery@live.com.au). Forms available from Church foyer.

### INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Earlier this year there was an Information session on the Permanent Diaconate. It was a successful gathering. The awareness that those men interested are most likely working full time, perhaps raising a family and therefore limited in available time has led to the decision to offer a different style of information session in September. This session will be on a weekday evening via ZOOM.

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. If you attended any previous session, you are also welcome to join the September gathering.

Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00

Location: via ZOOM. **Attendance will be by invitation.** Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison [kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au). **In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.**

St Elizabeth's Parish are delighted to announce that their Church Dinner & Dance will be held on Saturday, **21st September 2024!** Please save the date to celebrate this epic event together. Your participation is crucial in making this a memorable occasion and supporting our wonderful community! Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Please note that the Parish office will be closed on **Friday, 6th September**. The Church will be locked after the morning Mass on this day. Please use the Adoration Chapel for private prayer. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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.

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### Save the Date - Holding the Light Service, 28 November 2024

Holding the Light is an ecumenical service of lament - to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic and family violence, and to stand in solidarity with victim survivors. This service is open to anyone who might wish to join together, take part in a ritual and engage in a period of quiet prayer or reflection on the tragic results of violence, and in hope for a better future for our communities. **Date:** Thursday 28 November 2024. **Time:** 5.00pm. **Location:** Wesley Church Melbourne, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. More information is available at: <https://css.org.au/events/holding-the-light-3/>

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Send us an enquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

### *The Archbishop's Campaign - An invitation from the Archbishop*

**'Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as the first disciples responded to Jesus' invitation to "Come, follow Me" and with Him grow the early Church, so too are we called to continue this vital and life-giving work today. To do this, we have this year streamlined our approach to fundraising by moving to just one annual campaign for the purposes of the Archdiocese.**

**Your contribution to this campaign supports the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese and helps build the community of faith in the future. Thank you for your generosity and support. Yours in Christ, Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne.'**

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The focus of this year's campaign is support for the formation of new priests and for the care of retired priests - those who have served the community of faith in the past and those who will do so in the future.

Collections will be taken up after each Mass commencing this weekend. There is also a QR code to scan and donate directly (please see the bulletin board). Alternatively, there are pledge cards on the table in the foyer of the Church for you to fill in, and return in the postage paid envelope supplied.

For more information or, to donate online, please visit [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign).

Thank you for your support of the Archbishop's Campaign.

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## Saturday Vigil, August 24 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Thanksgiving to St. Gerard - from Bernie  
and Edgar, Esme & Eardly Peiris  
(Death Anniversary & Remembrance ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, August 25 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For a Private Intention  
and Tofae Mose Faamoe-Ioane (1st Death Anniversary ✝)

Mass 10:30am *Welcome Rite Blessing - Congratulations to  
Baby Vaeda James Marcellino and family in  
preparation of their baptism*  
and Thanksgiving on the 70th Wedding Anniversary of  
Giovanna & Giuseppe Campasso  
and Elizabeth Bala (Recently Deceased ✝)

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

## Monday, August 26

Mass 9:15am Wimalawathi (3mth Death Anniversary ✝)  
and Pascoale Fernandes (Recently Deceased ✝)

## Tuesday, August 27 - Saint Monica

Mass 9:15am Lorraine Benjamin (Recently Deceased ✝)  
and Flavian D'Lima (Recently Deceased ✝)

## Wednesday, August 28 - Saint Augustine

Mass 9:15am Hetty Benker (Recently Deceased ✝)

## Thursday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Mass 9:15am For the repose of the souls of Antonette & Charles  
Henry Vettivelu ✝

## Friday, August 30 - Please take extra care as Carpark will be busy due to St. Gerard's Primary School holding a Father's Day breakfast today.

Mass 9:15am Maurice Domingo (Death Anniversary ✝)  
and Mary Petersen (40th Death Anniversary ✝)

## Saturday, August 31

Mass 9:15am Denzil Hookens (Birthday Remembrance ✝)

## Saturday Vigil, August 31 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm For the Souls in Purgatory

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

## Sunday, September 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Father's Day

Mass 8:30am Sister Benedicta Nunes RSCJ (Recently Deceased ✝)  
and Chol Deng (Recently Deceased ✝)

Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving Mass - Zilah Martin

Mass 5:30pm For the Souls in Purgatory

## 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, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Ron Jabke, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwest, Carmela Fato, Lawton Ho, Pierina Nogarin

### **The recently deceased:**

Fr. Joseph Kuzhikanniyil, Sister Ann Mary SABS, Joan De Alwis, Elizabeth Bala, Joanita Rodrigues, Lorraine Benjamin, Sr. Benedicta Nunes RSCJ, Chol Deng, Pascoale Fernandes, Flavian D'Lima, Hetty Benker, Lorraine Benjamin, Charles Aquilina

**Anniversaries/Remembrances:**  
Edgar, Esme & Eardly Peiris

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, August 31**

Q. Roland, X. Fernando, T. Bui

**Saturday, September 7**

Knights of the Southern Cross

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, August 31**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, September 1**

8:30am G. DosRemedios

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, September 7**

5:30pm B. Collins

**Sunday, September 8**

8:30am M. Naidoo

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm J. Panicker

## CONFESSION

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On weekdays, Fr. Michael will be available to hear confession however, if another priest is officiating, please ask their availability. Thank you.

# Daily Antiphons - Monday, August 26 to Saturday, August 31, 2024

## Monday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - August 26

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Proclaim His marvellous deeds to all the nations.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - August 27 - Saint Monica

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold a wise woman who has built her house. She feared the Lord and walked in the right path.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord comes to judge the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever does the will of My heavenly Father is My brother, and sister, and mother, says the Lord.

## Wednesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - August 28 - Saint Augustine

**Entrance Antiphon:** In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Thus says the Lord: You have but one teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers.

## Thursday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - August 29

### The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Entrance Antiphon:** I spoke, O Lord, of Your decrees before kings, and was not confounded; I pondered Your commands and loved them greatly.

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

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

**Communion Antiphon:** John answered and said, He must increase; but I must decrease.

## Friday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - August 30

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## Saturday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time - August 31

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.