

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH PRIEST: FR. SHANTHAIAH MARNENI

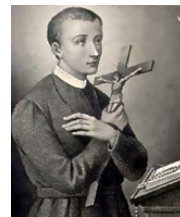
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Confession: Until April 7th, NO weekday Confession. Only Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am \*check website \*

Parish Secretary & Safeguarding Officer: Sumitha Moses Parish Secretary: Sinthia Stellato Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Mass Readings (Year A) - March 29, 2026*

**Entrance Antiphon:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the Highest.

### **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 - The Passion of the Lord according to Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66**

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



### *Prayer to Saint Gerard Majella*



**Great protector of the family, Saint Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love Him with all their hearts. We ask you to pray also that those who take the lives of unborn innocents, and attack the dignity of motherhood, may come to see the error of their ways, and that all may value the true holiness of Christian family life. God, our loving Father, Your love gives life to the world. Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife. May Your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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"

**Please see the posters and website [www.stgerards.org.au](http://www.stgerards.org.au) for more information regarding amended confession times. Confessions will only be heard on a Saturday after Mass, until April 7th.**

**The Good Friday Holy Land Collection will be taken up on Friday, the 3rd of April. We thank you in advance for your generosity.** Your donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the Holy Land. Envelopes can be collected from the foyer.

### **Please note the following:**

**Monday, 30th March is Fr. Shanthaiah's Birthday!**

**Mass time change on Tuesday, 31st March - Mass will begin at 7:45am for this day only.**

**RCIA has completed its current course. Please check bulletin for updates on a recommencement date.**

**The last day for Altar Server Training will be on Thursday, 2nd April. Training will resume on Thursday, 30th April. Please call Ron Maroun on 0412 212 287 if you have any queries.**

**Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Fr. Michael's Gregorian Mass. There will be announcement soon in regards to where the Masses will be held. Should you wish to contribute, please visit the Piety Stall.**

**The Parish office will be closed on Friday, 3rd April and will re-open on Monday, 13th April.**

**We wish you all every blessing during this Holy Week and Sacred Paschal Triduum.**

**God bless you all - Fr Shanthaiah and staff.**

### *The Sacred Paschal Triduum, 2026*

**\*\*\*No confessions will be heard on a weekday until Tuesday, 7th April.\*\*\***

#### *Holy Thursday - April 2nd*

**No morning Mass and No Confessions**

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

#### *Friday of the Passion of the Lord - April 3rd*

**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 Easter Vigil - April 4th*

**9:00am until 10:00am - Confessions**

**6:00pm - Maronite Community Easter Vigil Mass**

**8:30pm - St. Gerard's Easter Vigil Mass**

#### *The Resurrection of the Lord - April 5th*

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

### *Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12th*

Please join St. Mary's Parish in Dandenong for their Divine Mercy Celebration beginning at 1:30pm with Exposition then at 3:00pm Novena followed by Mass.

Mass will be held as usual at St. Gerard's at 8:30 and 10:30am and 5:30pm.

Since signing the Decree of Convocation of the Melbourne Synod by the Archbishop, each week, we will share frequently asked questions regarding Synods.

#### **8. Synodality and priests**

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

#### **9. Synodality and the laity**

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.

#### **10. Synodality is about mission**

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

#### **11. What synodality is NOT**

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.

#### **12. Synodality and unity**

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## Saturday Vigil, 28th March

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass 5:30pm Marcienne Rivet and Denise Pélicier  
(*Death Anniversary* ✝)

*and* Thanksgiving Mass from the Fernando Family

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community Palm Sunday

## Sunday, 29th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass 8:30am Repose of the souls of Antonette & Charles Henry Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✝)

*and* Angela Chmielewski (*2nd Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 5:30pm Sandra Wickremesooriya (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

## Monday, 30th March - Fr. Shanthaiah's Birthday

Mass 9:15am Francesca Tomaino (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

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

7:00pm Maronite Passion evening prayer & Veneration

## Tuesday, 31st March **\*\*Please note Mass Time Change\*\***

Mass 7:45am Intentions of the Parish

7:00pm Maronite Prayer & Veneration of the Cross

## Wednesday, 1st April

Mass 9:15am May Francis Tirimanne (*29th Death Anniv.* ✝)  
*and* Joan Isaacs (*Remembrance* ✝)

*and* Jasmine Jimenez (*1st Year Death Anniversary* ✝)

*and* Rita Culloden (*Recently Deceased* ✝)

7:00pm Maronite Ceremony of the Lamp

## Thursday, 2nd April - Thursday of the Lord's Supper

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

## Friday, 3rd April - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am Stations of the Cross

11:00am Maronite Good Friday Service

3:00pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

## Saturday, 4th April - Holy Saturday - No morning Mass

9:00am Confessions until 10:00am

6:00pm Maronite Easter Mass

8:30pm *Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord*

## Sunday, 5th April

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

Mass 8:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

*No evening Mass on Easter Sunday*

## Please pray for...

**Our sick:** Heather Fernandez, Maria Tomaselli, Ricky Fagan, Jeanne Joseph, Anne Moorthy, Lynette Whetton, Lucia, Gration Vettivelu, John Keble, Pamela Chen, Michael Bruno, Steven Dickson, Derek Chater, Franca Rechichi, Robyn Coffey, Marion Quyn, David Naidoo, Barbara Daniells, Jackie Foulstone

### The recently deceased:

Phillip Deayton, Maria Farry, Benigno Martin, Connie Smith, Vinay Ghokle, Rita Culloden

### Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Sandra Wickemesooriya, Olga Kroon, Michelina Calabro, Antonio Bruno, Carmela Bruno, May Francis Tirimanne, Francesca Tomaino

### Church Cleaning

Saturday, April 4

R. Quyn, Xavier Fam., T. Bui, Sheela

Saturday, April 11

Knights of the Southern Cross

### Weekly Collection

March 22, 2026

Thanksgiving: \$1,438.10

Presbytery: \$746.65

### Readers for Easter

Holy Thursday - 2nd April, 7pm

R. Gonsalves, M. Naidoo, J. D'Souza

Good Friday - 3rd April, 3pm

I. Muliopola, J. D'Souza, A. Miranda

C. Becerra, Fr. Shanthaiah,

M. Lourdunathan and Choir

Easter Vigil, - 4th April, 8:30pm

J. Fernando, R. Rodrigues, S. Moses,

J. Panicker, C. Fernando, E. Ebert

Easter Sunday - 5th April

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am A. Pacifique

**No Evening Mass Easter Sunday**

**All readers for Holy Week and**

**Easter will be contacted and will be**

**provided with readings.**

### Reading Roster

Saturday, April 11

Divine Mercy Sunday

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, April 12

8:30am G. Becerra

10:30am D. Naidoo

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

# Daily Antiphons - Holy Week

Monday, March 30th to Friday, April 3rd, 2026

## Monday of Holy Week - March 30th

**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 31st

**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 - April 1st

**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 - April 2nd

**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 - April 3rd

**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!*