



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard

St. Anne

Celebrating
50
YEARS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time : Sunday 4 February 2024



The Parish of St Gerard & St Anne

Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon

Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Douche

St Anne's 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards 3114

St Gerard's McCulloch Street, Warrandyte 3113

Mass Times: St Gerard & St Anne

Sundays 10.30am

First Sunday of each month St Anne's Park Orchards

All other Sundays St Gerard's Warrandyte

Tuesdays 9.00am

St Gerard's Warrandyte

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Sacraments

Please contact the parish office for:

Baptisms: Every 2nd Sunday at St Anne's Chapel

Reconciliation: Holy Spirit Church, Nth Ringwood

Weddings: By appointment

St Anne's Primary School

Principal: Michael Edmonds **Ph:** (03) 9876 1533

Child Safe Committee: Private Mailbox

parkorchards.safeguarding@cam.org.au

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R.**

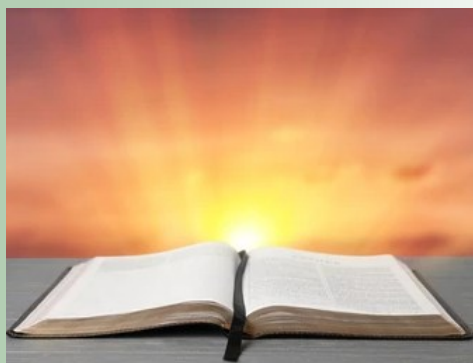
The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
he fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.



Alleluia
Alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



NEWS FROM ST GERARD'S/ST ANNE'S PARISH

Reaching out in Prayer, Hospitality and Action

Committed to a Child Safe Environment
Private Mailbox: parkorchards.safeguarding@cam.org.au



The Parish of St Gerard & St Anne acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK: 4 to 11 February

Sunday 4 February : **10.30am Mass** at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
A special welcome mass for St Anne's Foundation Students

Tuesday 6 February : **9.00am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Sunday 11 February : **10.30am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 14 February : **9.10am Ash Wednesday Mass** at St Anne's Park Orchards

Saturday 2 March : 10am - 4pm Strawberry Fair

Foundation Students Welcome Mass & Morning Tea



Welcome to our Foundation Students and families at mass today.
You are warmly invited to enjoy morning tea following mass.

Thankyou to our parishioners for welcoming all families
into our parish community.



St Gerard and St Anne's Church Rosters FEB to JUN

Updated Rosters are now published. Thank you to all volunteers.

Printed rosters available & displayed in the church foyers and found online:

www.cam1.org.au/parkorchardswarrandyte/Rosters-Documents

Ash Wednesday Mass

14th February



Ash Wednesday Mass will
beheld on Wednesday
14th February @ 9.10am
St Anne's Park Orchards

This mass will celebrate the
start of the school year and
Staff Commissioning for
St Anne's Primary School.

All Welcome



Strawberry Fair **Saturday 2 March**

Watch this space!
SF details to follow over the
coming weeks...



Pietà Lenten Program 2024

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024. Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with Pietà, an exquisite resource containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for devotional reading. In addition, there are longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, and reflections on Christian art, that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. If you are looking for an opportunity to grow your faith, joining a Lenten Group is

highly recommended. At Holy Spirit Parish there will be Lenten groups running on Wednesday evenings, one in a parishioners' home and the other on Zoom. There is also an opportunity for a daytime group in a parishioner's home on either a Tuesday or Thursday, depending on the number who express interest. If you would like a copy of this program for individual devotional reading or to join a Holy Spirit Parish Lenten group please contact Maryann by email: maryann_street@bigpond.com or Holy Spirit Parish 7036 9395

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes. The Mass will take place again on Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE? Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!). If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com)

On the Journey this week: On the Journey this week: Fr Simon Apablaza says that the reason Jesus taught them with authority is that his words are not only the expression of thoughts, but the expression of his own life. Mother Hilda has a tip on how to surrender to God's will. Plus, Fr Tony Percy says Jesus of Nazareth is revealing who he is; his words interpret his actions, and his actions confirm his words. A faith testimony from Stewart Brady on how he became involved in the menAlive movement through the efforts of his wife, and the changes it brought to his life, and Fr Mike Delaney says helping someone is a great gift that we can all do, even when we are struggling ourselves. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime .