



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
YEARS

Reaching out in Prayer, Hospitality and Action: Committed to a Child Safe Environment

First Sunday of Lent : Sunday 18 February 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

The Parish of St Gerard & St Anne

Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon

Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche

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 book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *R.*

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. *R.*

The Lord is good and upright.


He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. *R.*

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe.

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Lent

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



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

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK: 18 to 25 February

Sunday 18 February : **10.30am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Tuesday 20 February : **9.00am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
7.30pm PPC meeting in the Parish Centre

Sunday 25 February : **10.30am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 2 March : 10am - 4pm Strawberry Fair

Parish Phone & Internet



Please note the Parish Phone & Internet are offline. Currently all calls to the Parish are diverting to message bank. Please continue to leave a detailed message, which will be actioned per standard process. A technician is scheduled for WED 21 FEB to assist.

Thanks for your patience.



St Anne's Playgroup

The Ark, St Anne's Primary School Park Orchards

Playgroup has recommenced on Wednesday mornings 9-11am in the Ark. We are eager to welcome new families and old, pre-schoolers, babies, their parents and grandparents to our happy playgroup. We have loads of toys and puzzles, good coffee and good company so come and join the fun on Wednesdays 9 -11 in the Ark!

Enquiries to Ellen on 0404 357 023

STRAWBERRY FAIR Saturday 2 March



Set up of PLANTS

We would love to hear from anyone who is able to assist with transporting plants from North Ringwood to St Anne on set up day: **Friday 1st March.**

A trailer might be an advantage but not a necessity. Please call if you or someone you know is available!

Thank You - Ellen & Margaret

Volunteers Required!

Please volunteer your time at the Fair:

On line sign up schedule:

<https://signupschedule.com/stannesstrawberryfair>

OR

Email parish centre for details:

parkorchards@cam.org.au



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



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

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 .