



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

## Second Sunday of Lent : Sunday 25 February 2024

SECOND 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](mailto:parkorchards.safeguarding@cam.org.au)

#### First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

#### Responsorial Psalm:

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

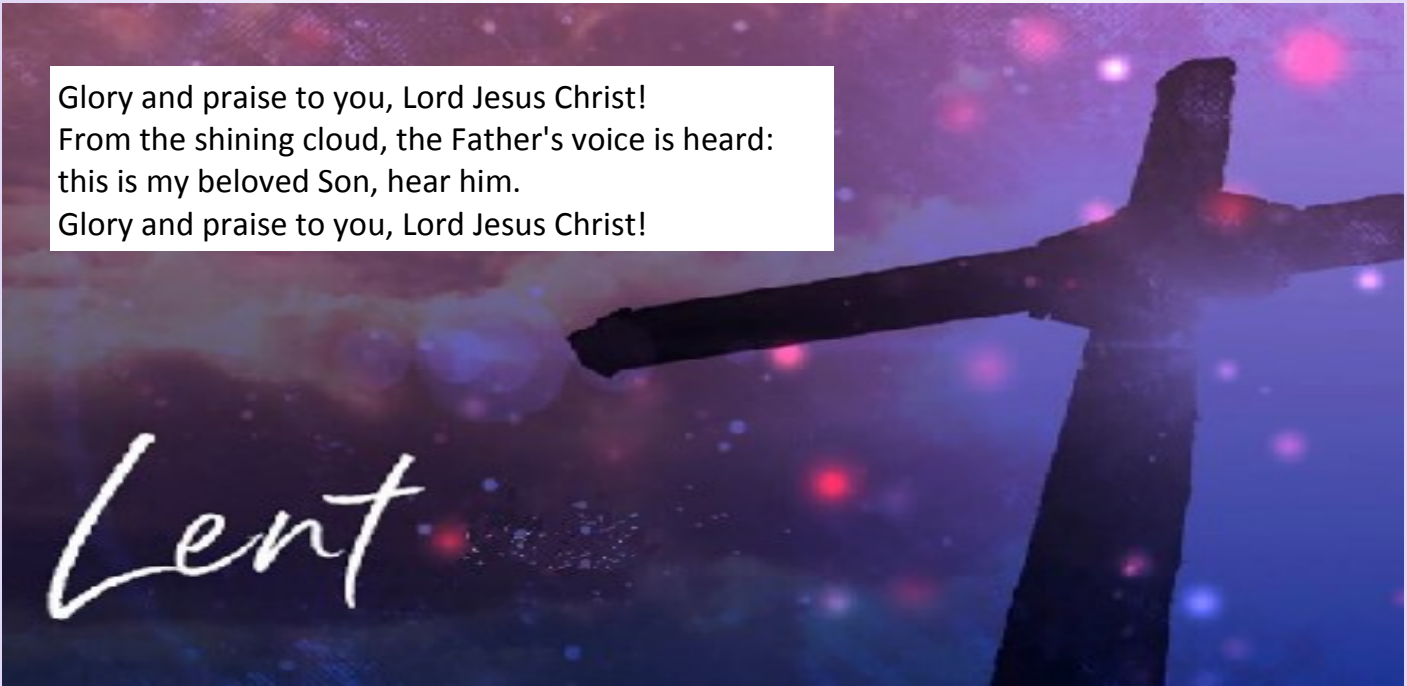
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

## **Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen?

When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.



Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



## 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: 25 February to 3 March**

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

Tuesday 27 February : **9.00am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

**Saturday 2 March : 10am - 4pm Strawberry Fair**

Sunday 3 March : **10.30am Mass** at St Anne's Church, Warrandyte



### **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](mailto:parkorchards@cam.org.au)

**Cakes and Biscuits** need to be dropped off on set up day, Friday 1 March 8am- 2pm.

**Or** early on fair day Saturday 2 March. Please email [stannesstrawberryfair@gmail.com](mailto:stannesstrawberryfair@gmail.com) if any issues with these times. Drop off to the school hall. Thank You!



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.cam1.org.au/parkorchardswarrandyte/Rosters-Documents)

**HIGH SPIRITS** is back for 2024. Does your child attend a State Primary School and is interested in making their Sacraments at Holy Spirit? We are accepting new enrolments now. Classes run during school terms on a Sunday from 4.00-5.00 pm in the Mary Bresnan Room of the Holy Spirit Parish House. The children then attend mass at 5.00 pm in the Chapel. If you would like further information or have any queries, please contact the High Spirits Coordinator, Elma Gama on 0413 231 871.

**You are invited to join us for Encounter.** Sunday 25th February 4:30pm—7:30pm, St Christopher's Parish Syndal An unforgettable evening for high school students to encounter Jesus Christ with prayer, fellowship, food, and fun. An opportunity for secondary school students to hang out with youth from all over Melbourne. Enquiries 99265761 or email: [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)

**On the Journey this week:** On the Journey this week: We begin our Lenten reflection series with Sr Katherine Stone MGL. This week Sr Katherine says Lent leads us into the wilderness to face the wild beasts of our life. Mother Hilda tells the story of Archbishop Thuc of Saigon and how he handled humiliation. Fr Tony Percy says that like Jesus in the Gospel, we too experience catapulting events. Darren McDowell and Sr Mary Helen Hill give their Lenten reflections from our Pietà Lenten series. Plus, more great music! V Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime .