



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

Third Sunday of Lent : Sunday 3 March 2024

THIRD 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 Exodus
The Law was given through Moses.

The Lord spoke all these words.

He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. R.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. R.

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
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Lent

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



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: 3 to 10 March

Saturday 2 March : 10am - 4pm Strawberry Fair

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

Tuesday 5 March : **9.00am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Sunday 10 March : **10.30am Mass** at St Gerard'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



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

Cakes and Biscuits: Please drop off to the school hall: Friday 1 March 8am- 2pm
OR early on fair day: Saturday 2 March

Plant Donations: Please drop to Parish Centre as sign posted on doors

Raffle Books: Please return to Parish Centre Friday 1 March 9am -11am
OR direct to Raffle Stall on fair day: Saturday 2 March

Books & Toys: Donations now closed 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 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

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.

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST DOMINIC'S- Saturday, 16 March St Dominic's Parish invites everyone for a day-long Advent Retreat focusing on theme: 'Sacrifice, Suffering, Salvation'. Time: commences with 9:00am Mass and concluding with Adoration, Confession and Benediction from 4-5pm. Venue: St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell Cost: \$20.00, includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch

To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPJAH>

OR contact Carlo via email: pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au

On the Journey this week: Sr Katherine Stone MGL says all the readings this weekend helps us with our struggle to know God as our loving Father and ourselves as beloved sons and daughters. Mother Hilda says God put little things into our life so that we might just see God saying I love you. Fr Tony Percy says that Jesus is transfigured immediately, not so us, however as we offer ourselves to God, we are slowly, but surely transfigured. Sr Anastasia Reeves OP reminds us that we, too, much practice what we preach, and Fr Antony Jukes says our prayer this week can be: Lord, help me to recognise your infinite love and mercy. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime .