



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent : Sunday 10 March 2024



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

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First Reading: A reading from the second book of Chronicles
The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Response: *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you*

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. *R.*

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' *R.*

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! *R.*

O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! *R.*

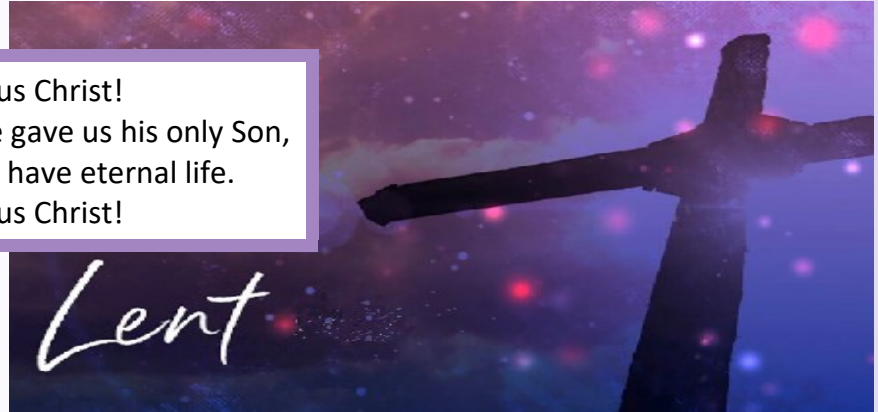
Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
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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Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

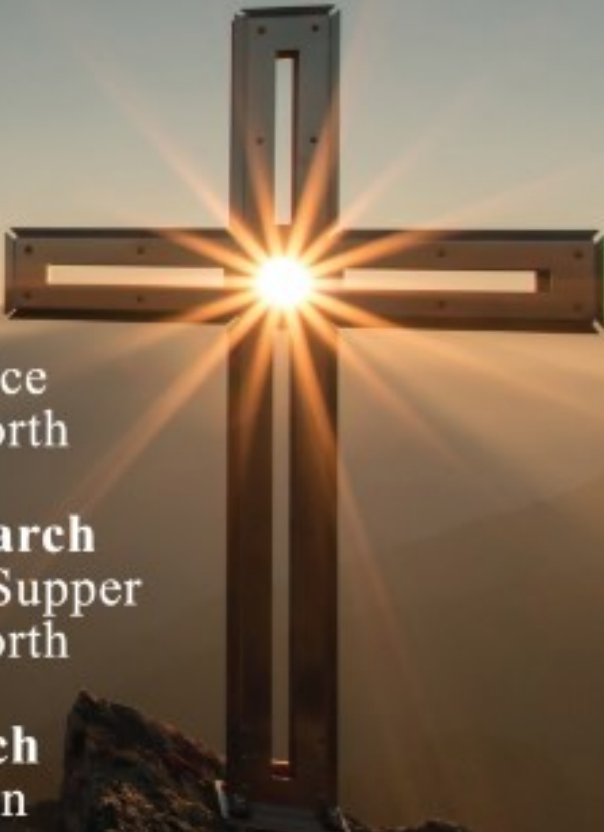
No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



PARISH OF ST GERARD'S & ST ANNE'S
EASTER SERVICES 2024



Tuesday, 26th March
7.30pm Forgiveness Service
Holy Spirit, Ringwood North

Holy Thursday, 28th March
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Holy Spirit, Ringwood North

Good Friday, 29th March
3.00pm The Lord's Passion
St Gerard's, Warrandyte

Easter Saturday, 30th March
7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass
St Gerard's, Warrandyte

Easter Sunday, 31st March
10.30am Easter Sunday Mass
St Gerard's, Warrandyte



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: 10 to 17 March

Sunday 10 March : **10.30am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Tuesday 12 March : **9.00am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Sunday 17 March : **10.30am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte



Strawberry Fair

And that's a wrap on our annual Strawberry Fair.

A big thank you to all for your support.

To everyone involved in organizing the fair and to all who attended.

The social capital was HUGE at the Strawberry Fair.

Whatever financial gain we receive will simply be a bonus!

A detailed wrap up and thank you will be posted by Emma Harris and the Strawberry Fair committee. Please watch this space...



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

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



The Fourth Sunday of Lent



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

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