



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

# Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

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

## Palm Sunday The Passion of the Lord: Sunday 24 March



### 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 prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' *R.*

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. *R.*

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! *R.*

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' *R.*



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

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
Dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**



## **Gospel: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgment, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!'

Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him: it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me!' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit. All kneel and pause a moment.


At that, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.





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: 24 to 31 March**

**Sunday 24 March: 10.30am Palm Sunday Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte  
Easter Market Stall Before & After 10.30am Mass

**Tuesday 26 March: 9.00am Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte  
**7.30pm Forgiveness Service & Individual Reconciliation**  
at Holy Spirit Ringwood North

**Thursday 28 March: 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper** at Holy Spirit Ringwood North

**Friday 29 March: 3.00pm The Lord's Passion** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

**Saturday 30 March: 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

**Sunday 31 March: 10.30am Easter Sunday Mass** at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte



A Filipino Choir has been invited to sing on Easter Sunday, 10.30am Mass at St Gerard's Church. The service will be followed with morning tea. All warmly invited.



## **EASTER Market Stall**

**THIS WEEKEND**

This will be held at St Gerard's before & after 10.30am Mass on

**Sunday 24 March**

Donations with an Easter Theme, baked goods, bric a brac and books happily accepted.



Volunteers are needed for our upcoming Easter Services. Please consider if you are available to support the Parish.

Sign up sheets are available in St Gerard's Church foyer.  
**OR** Please email [parkorchards@cam.org.au](mailto:parkorchards@cam.org.au)

# Strawberry Fair Raffle

Raffle winners and prizes:

- 1st prize - Carmel Murphy (\$2000 voucher)
- 2nd prize - Esmeralda Hannan (\$1000 voucher)
- 3rd prize - Sue Bertagno (\$500 Bunnings voucher)
- 4th prize - Thomas Cahill (Haier bar fridge)
- 5th prize - Frank Lui (Stonehouse hamper & voucher)
- 6th prize - Adele Walsh (\$200 voucher)
- 7th prize - Jo Goskin (\$200 voucher)
- 8th prize - Gerry Kearney (Rob Dolan wine selection \$150)
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### **Coburg Brewery Co**

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## **Strawberry Fair Survey**

The Strawberry Fair Committee is seeking feedback to help support future planning.

Printed Surveys are available at St Gerard's church. Please complete and leave in the box as marked.

Thank You

**Further Strawberry Fair News to follow soon...  
Please watch this space...**