



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Easter Sunday: 20 April 2025



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

Third Sunday of each month St Anne's Park Orchards
All other Sundays St Gerard's Warrandyte

Tuesdays 9.00am

St Gerard's Warrandyte

Mass Times: Holy Spirit Ringwood North

Wednesday 9.15am Mass

Friday 9.15am Mass

Saturday 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 9.00am Mass

Sunday 5.00pm Mass (*in the Chapel*)

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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 Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothings else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.



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

Reaching out in Prayer, Hospitality and Action

Committed to a Child Safe Environment

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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: 20 April to 27 April

Sun	20 Apr	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Tues	22 Apr	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	27 Apr	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

A "thank you" from Kerry McGowan

Dear Fr Arsenio, PPC and Parishioners ,

I am deeply grateful for your kindness, generosity and support over the last 10 years. My role was somewhat "behind the scenes" but I always felt connected and privileged to be part of the St Anne & St Gerard Parish community.

During this time my children started & finished at St Anne's Primary school, so it was the perfect role to balance family life.

While it saddens me to go, I am happy to know my connection with the Parish will continue. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts and best wishes as my family faces current challenges.

We look forward to sunnier days in the future with bright, new and exciting opportunities.

Kind Regards ,
Kerry McGowan

An Easter message from Father Arsenio

As the dawn breaks on this glorious Easter morning, the darkness of Good Friday has passed, the silence of Holy Saturday has been broken, it is the resounding cry of joy echoes through the world: Christ is Risen! In a world that often feels burdened by challenges and uncertainties, the Easter story offers us a beacon of light and wellspring of hope. It reminds us that even in the darkest of times, new life is possible. Just as the stone was rolled away from the tomb, so too can the obstacles in our lives be overcome through faith in the risen Lord. This Easter, let the joy of Christ's victory fill our homes, our families, and our parish community. Let us be witnesses to this hope, sharing the Good News with those around us through our words and our actions.

May this Easter season be a time of deep reflection, renewed faith, and abundant blessings for you and your loved ones. May the risen Christ grant you joy, peace, and the strength to live each day in the light of his glorious resurrection. Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter!

Fr. Arsenio.

Funeral Service of Mr Jim McGuirk

Tuesday 29th April, 2025, 11:00am.

Jim's family has requested that the details of his Funeral Service be published to "any parishioners and friends of Dad's who would like to attend his funeral".

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JIM
McGuirk



29 August, 1932 - 8 April, 2025

Funeral Service Details:

Tuesday 29 April 2025

11:00am
St Gerard's Church
3 McCulloch St Warrandyte

Please join Alesa, Marita,
Colette and Dominique after the service at
The Grand Hotel (110 Yarra St, Warrandyte)
(Riverview Room)

Seeing Is Believing

(John 20: 1 - 9)

"The Lord has been taken from the tomb!"

It was a morning of extreme urgency. Mary Magdalene ventured out and found the open, empty tomb. The angels, the Gardener-Lord, will come later in the morning. Mary sees only the empty tomb, and rushes to tell the others. She uses the words "has been taken," implying the tomb has been robbed.

Peter hits the ground running, along with another disciple. The other disciple gets there first and looks in. Since Mary got there "while it was still dark," she did not see what he sees: wrappings on the ground. Only Peter goes into the tomb and sees the rest of the story, the neatly rolled head covering in its own place. And seeing this, he believes.

What do we believe? John wants us to consider this before the story goes any further. What does it mean that the tomb is open, the body gone, the wrappings there? Would robbers bother the tomb of a penniless man? Would the Romans gain from removing the body? Or the Judean leaders, who wanted the body to stay put? Who would unwrap a body and steal it away? And who would pause to fold up the head cloth and put it down?

For two thousand years Christians have been calling this event resurrection. It is not just the meaning of Easter, but the reason there are Christians at all. Who do you see when you look into the empty tomb?