



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+YEARS

Fourth Sunday in Advent: 21 December 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

No 9:00am Mass from 30 Dec 25, resumes 3 Feb 26
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) **Resumes 1 Feb 26**

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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 prophet Isaiah

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the
patience of men without trying the patience
of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Emmanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God
is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son

and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



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

Reaching out in Prayer, Hospitality and Action

Committed to a Child Safe Environment

Private Mailbox: parkorchards.safeguarding@cam.org.au



The Parish of St Gerard & St Anne acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK: 21 to 28 December

Sun	21 Dec	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Tues	23 Dec	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Thurs	25 Dec	See Timetable, last page of the Bulletin	
Sun	28 Dec	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

- 9:00am Tuesday at St Gerard's—last Mass for 2025 is 23 December. First Mass for 2026 is 3rd February.
- 5:00pm Sunday at Holy Spirit Chapel—last Mass for 2025 is 21 December. First Mass for 2026 is 1 February.

ROSTER: December 2025

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
21 Dec St Anne	Nada Whittle	Jill McLean	Therese Chapman	Wilma Bouchier	No flowers in Advent
25 Dec	Tasks as per sign up sheets.				Anne-Marie Stevenson
28 Dec	Anita Lynch	Saskia Harris	Anita Lynch	Barbara Young	Sue Waugh

Rosters during January 2026—we will need volunteers on the day for all tasks during January HOWEVER we need to be a bit more organised for morning tea. Can you please let Michelle know as soon as feasible if you are able to provide morning tea on Sunday 4th or 18th or 25th January (NB: this is a long weekend). Caterina has volunteered for Sunday 11th January.

Trading Table—\$300 has been donated to St Vincent De Paul, Holy Spirit. Well done!

Parish Office—the Office will be closed from 3:30pm Christmas Eve, re-opening 2nd January 2026.

Wishing each of you a happy and Holy Christmas and a wonderful 2026.

With thanks for your guidance and support in 2025.

Michelle



Strawberry Fair Plant stall

The beautiful weather has finally arrived and with the warmth and rain, the garden is springing to life. Calling all garden lovers and green thumbs to start propagating for the Strawberry Fair plant stall!

Ellen is coordinating again and would love to hear from anyone who has any ideas or would like to help in any way with plant stall! **Call 0404 357 023**

Advent and Christmas 2025

CHRISTMAS 2025 TIMETABLE

Service of Forgiveness: 7:00pm, Tuesday 16th December

St Anne's Church, Park Orchards

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December:

- 6:00pm St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
- 9:00pm St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December:

9:00am St Anne's Church, Park Orchards



Holy Spirit Mass timetable for Christmas 2025:

Christmas Eve

- 5:00pm Childrens Mass, Holy Spirit Church
- 7:30pm Family Mass, Holy Spirit Church
- 10:30pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church

Christmas Day

- 9:00 Mass, Holy Spirit Church



Advent Reflection: Week 4

We are all called to be a light of hope in our world.
We are called to be lamplighters.

Christopher Gleeson SJ



Mass of Reconciliation, Tuesday 16th December 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral.

'Even in devastating darkness, there is light. Hanukkah proclaims that light cannot be extinguished by darkness. Our faith, too, calls us to be a light for the world—to resist despair, to name evil truthfully, and to move together from desolation toward hope.'



Archbishop Peter A Comensoli
responding to the recent attacks at Bondi Beach