



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+ YEARS

Fourth Sunday of Easter: 26 April 2026



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

(Anointing Mass, first Tuesday of the month)
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

parkorchards.safeguarding@cam.org.au

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'



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: 26 April to 3 May 2026

Sun	26 Apr	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	28 Apr	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	3 May	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Experience Mass in the peace and beauty of Warrandyte

We warmly welcome everyone to join us for **Mass at St Gerard's in Warrandyte every Tuesday morning at 9:00am**. 3 McCulloch Street, Warrandyte

ROSTER: April and May 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
26 April	Jill McLean	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson	Wilma Bouchier	Therese Chapman
3 May	Nada Whittle	Paul Moritz	Therese Chapman	Barbara Young	Ellen Holmes
10 May	<i>Mother's Day: Volunteers Required</i>				Ellen Holmes
17 May St Anne's	Saskia Harris	Jill McLean	Ellen Holmes	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please return Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible. There's a drop off box at the back of St Gerard's. Receipts can be provided. Please see Paul Moritz.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK AT HOLY SPIRIT DROP OFF BOXES AT ST GERARD'S

Vinnies Food Bank at Holy Spirit needs to be replenished ... often. Could you please consider bringing one of the items listed below **to St Gerard's on either Sunday 26 April or 3 May 2026?**

- Coffee, tea, sugar.
- Pasta sauce.
- Dry & sweet biscuits.
- Breakfast cereals.
- Long life milk.
- Tinned fruits
- Vegemite & peanut butter.
- Noodles, chips

Please check the Best By & Use By dates.

Synod Corner

7. Synodality and bishops

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

A THANK YOU FROM KEVIN AND ANNE-MARIE STEVENSON

Dear Parishioners, we are very touched by the messages and acts of support for Anne-Marie and myself, and for the work we have been involved in for the Parish.

It is truly humbling when our Parish mobilises to help in difficult times.

Kevin

BAPTISM OF ANTHONY PITCHER

Please RSVP to Christine or Rob by 13 May 2026. Invitations with all the details are on the back table at St Gerard's.

WINTER SHELTER HOMELESS PROGRAM 2026: A message from Ellen Holmes

Winter is fast approaching with less than 5 weeks to go before our 2026 program serving the homeless men in our community commences. Once again Holy Spirit will be offering shelter and a hot meal for up to a dozen homeless men on Friday nights during Winter. The program is well structured and safe.

*At this point we are **urgently seeking volunteers** to help run the program on Friday nights and at a later date, we will be seeking donations of meals. We would especially love to hear from night owls to work the overnight shift from 10pm to 6am. You can find further information and **volunteer at** <https://www.wintershelter.org.au>*

*This program only succeeds if we have enough volunteers. It is a rewarding experience and warms the heart to be part of it! You can **contact Silvio on 0431 399 938 or Ellen Holmes 0404 357 023***

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, 26 April 2026:

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Rev Fr Dishan Candappa OCDS PP, DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS

(Daily Prayers for Vocations cards on the back table at St Gerard's)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD -TRAINING AND FORMATION

Mary Immaculate Parish, 2-6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe on Friday 15 May from 6:00pm to 9:00pm **AND** Saturday 16 May from 9:00am to 4:00pm (NB: *continuous*, not repeated sessions). The Ministers of the Word training program examines what liturgical ministry is about and details the practical and spiritual formation needed for those who proclaim the Word of God in the Church's liturgy. The Mass is explored in some detail, with a special focus on the Liturgy of the Word and the layout and content of the Lectionary are examined in relation to the Liturgical Year. Vocal tone, eye contact, body language and movement are also discussed and modelled with interaction from participants welcomed and encouraged. **Nomination for the course must come from the Parish Priest. Please speak to Fr Arsenio if interested.**

BEYOND THE VOWS: A ONE-DAY MARRIAGE RETREAT

Sat 30 May 2026 | 9:45am–5:00pm Catholic Regional College, Caroline Springs \$80 per couple
Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLAGK>

A practical, faith-grounded day with real insights, communication tools, and quality couple time. All married couples welcome!