

Fifth Sunday of Easter: 3 May 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

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
 as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
 for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
 Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
 with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
 and all his works to be trusted.
 The Lord loves justice and right
 and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
 on those who hope in his love,
 to rescue their souls from death,
 to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'



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: 3 to 10 May 2026

Sun	3 May	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	5 May	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte Anointing Mass
Thurs	7 May	9:00am	Mass at St Anne's Chapel with Class 5/6A
Sun	10 May	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Experience Mass in the peace and beauty of Warrandyte: Please join us for **Mass at St Gerard's in Warrandyte every Tuesday morning at 9:00am.** 3 McCulloch Street, Warrandyte

ROSTER: May 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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	Michelle Kearney	Ellen Holmes	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson
24 May	Paul Moritz	Nada Whittle	Anita Lynch	Elaine Macpherson	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 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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY 5th MAY 2026—the Parish Secretary will be attending the Archdiocese's Parish Administration Forum in East Melbourne this coming Tuesday.

Synod Corner

8. Synodality and priests

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

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***

SOCIAL JUSTICE, HUMANITY AND FAITH

Catholic Mission (CM) and the Xavier Social Justice Network welcome Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, Cardinal Mykola Bychok and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli for an evening focused on social justice, humanity and faith.

Tuesday 5th May 2026, 7:30pm—9:00pm, EHPAC, 135 Barkers Road Kew

The event will begin with a guided panel discussion with the cardinals and Archbishop Comensoli, followed by a Q&A session.

This event is free of charge. Registrations are essential. Link:

[A Dialogue of Peace, Humanity and Justice Tickets, EHPAC, Kew | TryBooking Australia](#)

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.**

Dear God, help us to be gentle with ourselves and patient with others. On the hard days, remind us we are not alone and help us to keep going with hope. Amen.