



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+ YEARS

Sixth Sunday of Easter: 10 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 laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



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: 10 to 17 May 2026

Sun	10 May	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	12 May	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Thurs	14 May	9:00am	Mass at St Anne's Chapel with Class 1/2D
Sun	17 May	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards

ROSTER: May 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
10 May	Jill McLean	Saskia Harris	Bernadette, Jill & Saskia	Michelle Kearney	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
31 May	Anita Lynch	Michelle Kearney	Caterina Brouwer	Wilma Bouchier	Saskia Harris

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL PARISH COUNCILS, Parishes of St Gerard's and St Anne's, Holy Spirit

Message from Fr Arsenio: *"Following a period of reflection and discernment, it has been decided that, as of 30 April, our Individual Pastoral Councils formally concluded.*

This weekend we acknowledge with deep gratitude the generous service, wisdom, and commitment of all Council members. The strength and life of our parish communities today are a direct result of your faithful contribution.

While this marks the end of one chapter, it is also the beginning of a new one. A Transition Council will be established, bringing together representatives from across our communities to help shape a shared vision and mission for the future.

As we move forward, we ask for your continued prayers during this Easter season—a time of renewal and hope. We also invite all parishioners to reflect on how they may continue to contribute to the life of our community in this new phase.

Thank you again for your leadership, faith, and generosity. What you have built will continue to grow into the future."

Synod Corner

9. Synodality and the laity

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE: Sunday 24th May at the Community Church, 57 Yarra St, Warrandyte, commencing at 4:30pm. *All welcome.*

POWER CLUB: the next meeting of the POWER Club is this coming Wednesday, 13th May 2026, 12:30pm at the Corner Café in Park Orchards.

WINTER SHELTER HOMELESS PROGRAM 2026: *A message from Ellen Holmes*

Winter Shelter Homeless Program 2026

*Winter is fast approaching with less than 3 weeks to go before our 2026 program serving the homeless men in our community commences. At this point we are still urgently seeking volunteers to help run the program on Friday nights. Last year we had 60 volunteers. At last count, we have 22 volunteers. **For further information and to volunteer see <https://www.wintershelter.org.au> or contact Silvio on 0431 399 938 or Ellen Holmes 0404 357 023***

Meals for Maroondah Winter Shelter

*Once again, we are inviting all families to support us by cooking something. We would like to provide a couple of soups, three main meals, a hot vegetable dish and a salad and a couple of desserts or cakes each Friday night. If you are willing to cook something, just click on the links below to open the app, choose a date, Click Take and enter your name, phone number and email address. The app sends a reminder email a few days before. **Food can be delivered to Holy Spirit church on Friday afternoons between 3.15 -3.45pm or between 5:00 and 5:30pm.***

If you have any questions, please ring Ellen Holmes on 0404 357 023.

Cooking roster for Soups and Salad:

<https://takethemameal.com/MDGV3473>

Cooking roster for Main Meals:

<https://takethemameal.com/XIQA1806>

Cooking roster for Hot vegetables/Dessert and Cakes:

<https://takethemameal.com/FKLLK5524>

Thanks for your support for the homeless men in our midst!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK AT HOLY SPIRIT - THANK YOU for your generosity

TRADING TABLE

Message from Elaine Macpherson—"The Trading Table has donated \$100 to the Columban Mission and has \$30 already towards the next cause. Thank you to all who donated items, in particular, Jill, who has kindly made jams and marmalade for the Table and Wilma for her wrist warmers. There are many local organisations helping struggling families so the next donation will go to one of them, please speak to Elaine if you have a group in mind."

If you wish to see the receipt from Columban Mission, please contact the Parish Office. There is insufficient space this week to include it in the Bulletin.

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and for others who show us a mother's love, we pray to the Lord.

For adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.

For those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.



Happy Mother's Day