



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Ascension of the Lord: 17 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

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



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: 17 to 24 May 2026

Sun	17 May	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Tues	19 May	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Thurs	21 May	9:00am	Mass at St Anne's Chapel with Class 5/6C
Sun	24 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 and June 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
7 June	King's Birthday long weekend. Volunteers needed.				Saskia Harris

NOMINATE FOR THE JOINT PPC

The parishes of Holy Spirit, St. Anne and St Gerard are now to take meaningful steps towards greater collaboration through shared structures. We remain committed to walking this journey prayerfully, respectfully and with hope, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we work more closely together.

A joint PPC is to be formed, so expression of interest is now open to become new members.

Nomination forms are available at both St Anne's and St Gerard's Churches. Please return the forms to the Parish Office, by June 1, 2026.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026 Thank you to the parishioners, and Trading Table organisers and customers, who contributed to Project Compassion for this year. Our Parish raised \$836 for Caritas to use in development programmes overseas, helping less privileged people get the help they need. A good example of living our Parish motto, by reaching out with ACTION. *Paul Moritz*

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

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

Winter Shelter Homeless Program 2026

*Winter is fast approaching with less than 2 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!

Synod Corner

10. Synodality is about mission

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding their Annual Mission Dinner on Sunday 14 June 2026 at 1.00 pm at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver - Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions.

Bookings close 5th June. Tickets: \$50.00 per person. Bookings: phone 9817 3715

'Myanmar today lives in a kind of Holy Saturday moment. The pain of Good Friday is real and visible, but the promise of Easter is already quietly at work beneath the surface. Hope is wounded, but not buried ... hope in Myanmar today is like a candle in a storm. The wind lashes, it bends it, nearly extinguishes it, but it continues to burn.'



Cardinal Charles Bo of Myanmar

Source: Melbourne Catholic, 13 May 2026

on how the light of Easter hope continues to shine, unextinguished, in his troubled homeland