



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 12 July 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: 3 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 (first Friday of the month)

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 prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



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: 12 to 19 July 2026

Sun	12 July	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	14 July	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	19 July	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards

ROSTER: July and August 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
12 Jul	Saskia Harris	Jill McLean	Caterina Brouwer	Elaine Macpherson	Ellen Holmes
19 Jul St Anne's	Anita Lynch	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson	Barbara Young	Ellen Holmes
26 Jul	Nada Whittle	Paul Moritz	Ellen Holmes	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson
2 Aug	Carmel Murphy	Saskia Harris	Therese Chapman	Wilma Bouchier	Elaine Macpherson

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination, trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process, to be used at both Parish and Regional level, is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

Papers for *Formation and Participation* and *Missionary Leadership* together with a "how-to-conduct" the consultation process were released on 8 July 2026. Opportunities for each of the four Regions of the Archdiocese to consult on a per Region basis are also on offer with the Eastern Region scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 8 August 2026. Time and venue to be confirmed. Two representatives of each Parish are invited to attend. At least one representative to be a lay person.

Copies of the Theme Papers (both 3 pages long) are available from the Parish Office.

SYNOD CORNER

18. Is synodality slow?

Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.



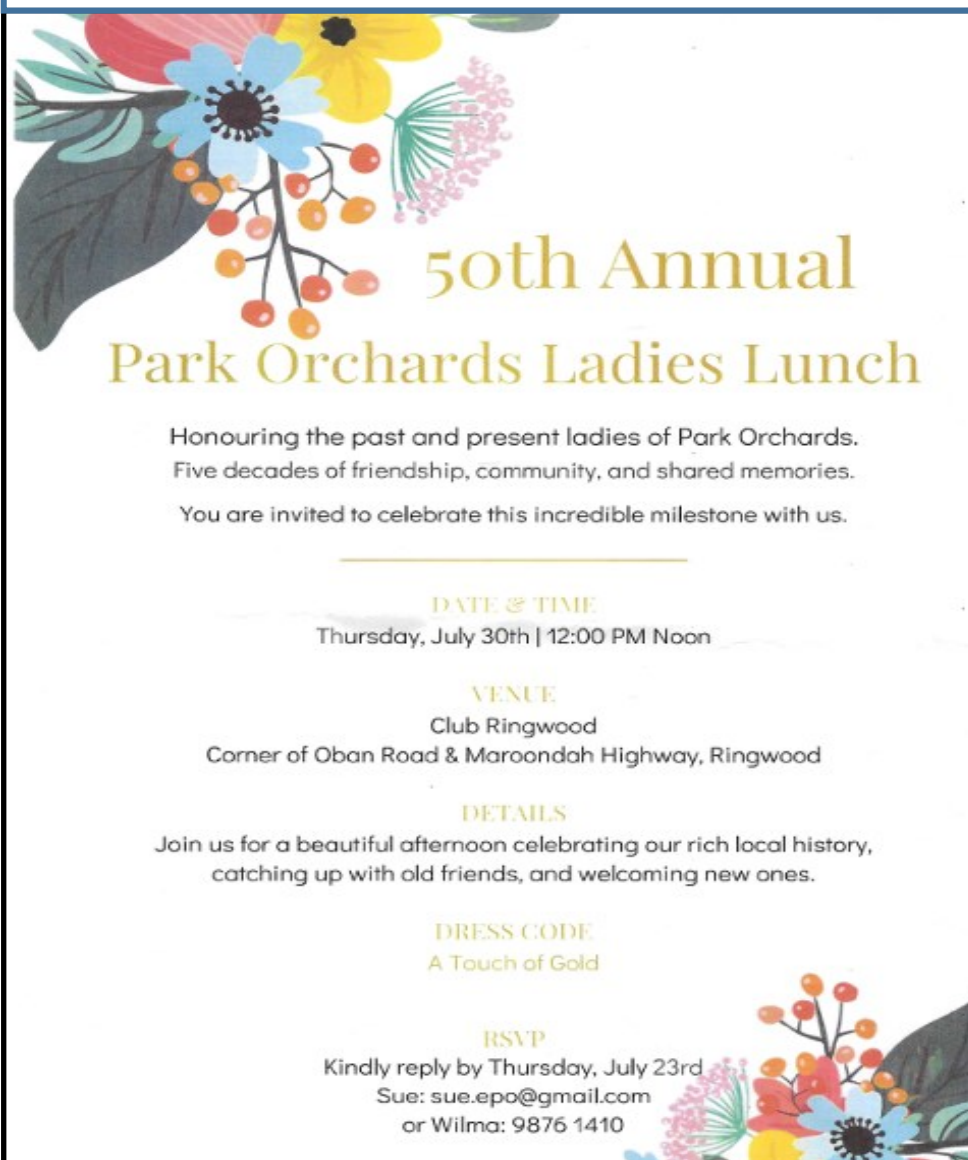
Reach out. Give life.

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish communities of St Gerard & St Anne for your generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than **160 countries** and over **1,100 dioceses**. Your contribution of **\$245.00** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in **Kampira, Malawi**, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church.

Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, **"One in Christ, United in Mission,"** reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten.

Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.



THANK YOU

A heartfelt "thank you" to the Parishioners in Wednesday's working bee who did so much to set up St Anne's for Anne-Marie's funeral and to those who on Thursday, didn't wait to be asked and stacked chairs, tidied up and did whatever they could see needed doing after Mass. You emulated St Mary McKillop who said "Never see a need without trying to do something about it." Michelle

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Enrichment Day for Couples

When: Saturday 15 August 2026, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Where: St Eugene's Retreat and Conference Centre, 45 John Field Drive, Newborough

Cost: \$60 per couple and includes lunch + morning and afternoon tea