



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 19 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 book of Wisdom
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



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: 19 to 26 July 2026

Sun	19 July	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Tues	21 July	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Thurs	23 July	9:10am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Sun	26 July	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: July and August 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
9 Aug	Ann Serong	Michelle Kearney	Anita Lynch	Barbara Young	Claudette Fahy



50th Annual Park Orchards Ladies Lunch

Honouring the past and present ladies of Park Orchards.
Five decades of friendship, community, and shared memories.
You are invited to celebrate this incredible milestone with us.

DATE & TIME
Thursday, July 30th | 12:00 PM Noon

VENUE
Club Ringwood
Corner of Oban Road & Maroondah Highway, Ringwood

DETAILS
Join us for a beautiful afternoon celebrating our rich local history,
catching up with old friends, and welcoming new ones.

DRESS CODE
A Touch of Gold

RSVP
Kindly reply by Thursday, July 23rd
Sue: sue.epo@gmail.com
or Wilma: 9876 1410



St Gerard's is turning 50.

Mass was celebrated at St Gerard's for the first time on 1st August 1976.

Congratulations to all who have sustained the Parish over these many years.



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026:

Registrations now open for the Regional Synod Consultation Sessions

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. All three Papers, *Formation and Participation*, *Missionary Leadership* and *Young Discipleship* together with a “how-to -conduct” the consultation process have now been released. 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 (details below)**. Two representatives of each Parish are invited to attend. At least one representative to be a lay person.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will host the Region gatherings which will be an important opportunity to prayerfully listen, discern and contribute to the Archbishop's consultation with the People of God across the Archdiocese. While every local community of faith is strongly encouraged to engage in consultation locally, the Regional consultation sessions will bring together people from different communities across the Region to listen to one another, strengthen awareness and engagement of the Synod as a local Church, and foster a shared commitment to our missionary future. We encourage you to prayerfully select representatives who will participate actively in the conversation and bring back the fruits of the consultation to your parish community. In each consultation session, parish representatives will have the opportunity to be engaged in the consultation through spiritual conversation with a table made up of other parish representatives from the same Region on a single Archdiocesan Synod theme. **Each representative will need to select their preferred allocated theme, as part of the registration process.** The conversations will be based on the Synod theme papers: *Missionary Leadership*, *Formation and Participation*, and *Young Discipleship*.

Participants will need to select and read one thematic Paper prior to attending the consultation session. Copies of the Theme Papers (all 3-4 pages long) are available from the Parish Office via email or paper.

Eastern Region Consultation Session details:

Where: Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen.

When: 8 July 2026

1:30pm Registration and afternoon tea

2:00pm Session commences

Booking is via Trybooking and both Parish representatives are to book at the same time. Booking instructions will be forwarded to the representatives (or Michelle can do it for you both).

SYNOD CORNER

19. Synodality and joy

When people are invited to participate meaningfully, joy increases. A synodal Church is not weighed down by bureaucracy but energised by shared mission.