



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+ YEARS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 26 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 first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.



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

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his store-room things both new and old.'



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: 26 July to 2 August 2026

Sun	26 July	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	28 July	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Thurs	30 July	9:00am	Mass at St Anne's Chapel. Class 3/4P
Sun	2 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: July and August 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
16 Aug St Anne	Paul Moritz	Nada Whittle	Caterina Brouwer	Elaine Macpherson	Claudette Fahy

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I will never forget you (Is 49:15) is the theme selected by Pope Leo XIV for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly that will be celebrated this Sunday, 26 July. This year's celebration coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

DONATION: Occasionally, foreign coins that look much like Australian coins end up in the weekly collection. Our bank won't accept them and so a significant quantity of such coins has accumulated in the Parish Office over time. These coins have recently been donated to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) through the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank. The bank's involvement is an extension of the Change For Good programme which operates in the International terminals of Australian airports. UNICEF is able to allocate the funds to each country involved, and continue its work there.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC): REMINDER

A reminder that evidence of a current WWCC must be provided to the Parish Priest or Parish Office before anyone can undertake activities of any kind for any reason for the Parish. Please be aware that we are subject to annual review of our compliance with the Archdiocese's Policy on this matter.

Thank you for respecting this obligation of the Parish.

The 2026 INTER CHURCH DINNER will be held on **Friday 28th August, commencing at 7:00pm** at Now & Not Yet, Yarra St, Warrandyte with guest speaker Shuey Lim, Audiologist.

Menu: Pumpkin Soup followed by Roast Chicken OR Roast Lamb both with vegetables OR a vegetarian meal. Tea and coffee included. Cost \$40.

RSVP: 4:00pm Friday 24th August to Parish Office, 7064 3922 or parkorchards@cam.org.au

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 been released. Opportunities for each of the four Regions of the Archdiocese to consult on a per Region basis are 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 August 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

20. Synodality and the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.