



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2 August 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*)

St Anne Parish Office 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards

Phone: 7064 3922

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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

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



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: 2 to 9 August 2026

Sun	2 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	4 Aug	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte Anointing Mass
Thurs	6 Aug	9:00am	Mass at St Anne's Chapel. Class 3/4G
Sun	9 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: August 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
2 Aug	Carmel Murphy	Saskia Harris	Therese Chapman	Wilma Bouchier	Elaine Macpherson
9 Aug	Ann Serong	Michelle Kearney	Anita Lynch	Volunteer Required	Claudette Fahy
16 Aug St Anne	Paul Moritz	Nada Whittle	Caterina Brouwer	Elaine Macpherson	Claudette Fahy
23 Aug	Saskia Harris	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson	Michelle Kearney	Saskia Harris

MESSAGE FROM BARBARA REID: *Barbara Reid wants all to know that she is very happy at BaptCare and her family are preparing her house for sale. She misses everyone and sends her love. When she is more settled in she would like to come to Mass but in the meantime she is there in Spirit.*

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

CENSUS 2026— Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services, guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

SING AUSTRALIA ANNUAL CONCERT: Sing Australia will be holding their Annual Concert on **16 August 2026 at Holy Spirit Church, 120 Oban Road, Ringwood North at 2.00 pm.**

Afternoon Tea will be provided. Come along for a fun, toe-tapping, afternoon where you will feel most welcome.

Admittance is \$15.00; Concession \$10.00 and children free. Please bring cash as we cannot cater for EFTPOS Card Entries

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

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: Saturday 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

21. Why the Church is embracing synodality now

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.