



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 9 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*)

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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

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



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: 9 to 16 August 2026

Sun	9 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	11 Aug	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Thurs	13 Aug	9:00am	Mass at St Anne's Chapel. Class 3/4J
Sun	16 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, PARK Orchards

ROSTER: August 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
30 Aug	Anita Lynch	Nada Whittle	Ellen Holmes	Wilma Bouchier	Saskia Harris

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, a Holy Day of Obligation that is not transferred to Sunday when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, will be at 9:15am, Saturday 15th August 2026 at Holy Spirit Chapel.

TRADING TABLE: The Trading Table has donated \$100 to the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation. Father Dillon is known to many in our Parish. Again, thank you all for your generosity.

Elaine Macpherson

POWER GROUP: next meeting is this Wednesday, 12th August at 12:30pm at Ringwood RSL.

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 21st August to Parish Office, 7064 3922 or parkorchards@cam.org.au

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN - The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026:

Synod Membership Application or *Who gets to go?*

Do you know someone who could serve as a Melbourne Synod member? Over the weekend of 4th to 6th December, representatives from throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne will come together to pray, discern, discuss important matters, and make decisions to help shape our shared mission and ministry. Attendance at the Synod is guided by Canon 463 and includes clergy, religious and lay representatives. In Melbourne, the Synod will comprise approximately 180 Members. Sixty (60) lay Members, comprising fifteen (15) representatives from each of the four regions, will be selected through a parish nomination process to participate in the Synod. If you are interested in nominating a parishioner to become a Synod member, nominations forms are available via:

<https://melbcath.org/synodnomination> and must be emailed to the Parish Office by 27 August, 2026. In the meantime, the invitation to gather as friends and family to participate in the consultation process is ongoing. Information can be accessed via: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

SYNOD CORNER

22. Synodality is a conversion

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

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.