



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16 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

Email: parkorchards@cam.org.au

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

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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: 16 to 23 August 2026

Sun	16 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Tues	18 Aug	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	23 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: August and September 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
6 Sept	Nada Whittle	Paul Moritz	Therese Chapman	Barbara Young	Sue Waugh

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.

RSVP: 4:00pm Friday 21st August to Parish Office, 7064 3922 or parkorchards@cam.org.au

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:

Supporting the persecuted—Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit:

aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject . Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



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

23. Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

Simplicity September

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters.

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.

02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567 or www.simplicityseptember.org.au

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION:

THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

*We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. **Applications close October 31st, 2026.** Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.*