

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: 23 Aug 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 prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
 I remove you from your post,
 and the same day I call on my servant
 Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
 I invest him with your robe,
 gird him with your sash,
 entrust him with your authority;
 and he shall be a father
 to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and to the House of Judah.
 I place the key of the House of David
 on his shoulder;
 should he open, no one shall close,
 should he close, no one shall open.
 I drive him like a peg
 into a firm place;
 he will become a throne of glory
 for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
 do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
 you have heard the words of my mouth.
 Before the angels I will bless you,
 I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
 which excel all we ever knew of you.
 On the day I called, you answered;
 you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
 and the haughty he knows from afar.
 Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
 discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



NEWS FROM ST GERARD'S/ST ANNE'S PARISH

Reaching out in Prayer, Hospitality and Action

Committed to a Child Safe Environment

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The Parish of St Gerard & St Anne acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK: 23 to 30 August 2026

Sun	23 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	25 Aug	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Thurs	27 Aug	9:00am	Mass at St Anne's Chapel, PO. Prep
Sun	30 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: August and September 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
13 Sept	Jill McLean	Saskia Harris	Anita Lynch	Elaine Macpherson	Sue Waugh

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. Information can be accessed via: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

SYNOD CORNER

24. Synodality and trust

Trust grows when people know their voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the Church and between the Church and society.

PRAYER SERVICE OF LAMENT will be held at 4:00pm 15 September, St Patrick's Cathedral.

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.

COLOMBIAN EARTHQUAKE HITS CLOSE TO HOME - One of our Parish families has been deeply impacted by the Colombian earthquake. Gloria Arellano's parents and sister have lost their home. Gloria has set up a GoFundMe page. Link published with permission of Father Arsenio and at the request of Gloria.

Please find the link for the fundraiser: <https://gofund.me/8df0f7f26>

EMERGENCY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - COLOMBIA



Help provide emergency relief, restore vital community services, and bring hope to children and families as they recover.

Salesian Missions AUSTRALIA



THE JANSSEN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE



Our motto: KARUNA - A Compassionate Heart... embracing All

SPIRITUALITY DINNER

Date: Friday, 18th September 2026, 5.30pm – 8.30pm
Venue: 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, VIC 3155

Topic: Understanding Interculturality in the Biblical Context

Presenter: Fr. Christopher Monaghan is a Passionist priest and respected Scripture scholar. He has served as the president of the Yara Theological Union (YTU), a member college of the University of Divinity, since 2009, and has taught both New and Old Testaments at YTU since 1987.

Program:

5.30:	Welcome and Social
6.00:	Scated Dinner
7.00:	Presentation by Fr Christopher Monaghan
7.45:	Discussion and Conversation
8.30:	Closing

(Suggested donation: \$35)



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