



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+ YEARS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 30 August



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 Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



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: 30 August to 6 September 2026

Sun	30 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	1 Sept	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte Anointing Mass
Sun	6 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: August and September 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
20 Sept St Anne	Carmel Murphy	Michelle Kearney	Caterina Brouwer	Michelle Kearney	Therese Chapman

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM BARBARA YOUNG - *I wish to thank everybody who sent me messages and prayers. I am very grateful.*

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>

RITE OF RECONCILIATION - on Wednesday and Thursday this week, the children in Year 3 at St Anne's will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time.

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

SYNOD CORNER

25. Synodality is demanding Walking together takes patience, time, and effort. But the Gospel has never promised an easy path—only a fruitful one.

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

DEMENTIA AWARENESS Community Seminar

**Tuesday 15 September 2026
1-3pm**

**Manningham Uniting Church & Community Centre
109 Wood St, Templestowe**

Following on from the success of last year's seminar, we are holding a session with new speakers to cover different topics relating to dementia and caring for a loved one living with it.

We will have 2 keynote speakers - **Dr Nic Radcliffe** who is an experienced Geriatrician specialising in dementia diagnosis and management options, as well as **Mr Yixin Nie**, Occupational Therapist specialising in supporting & facilitating independent living at home for people with dementia & their carers.

We will also have multiple stall holders from different organisations to give you information on support services, legal advice, at-home-care and more. Refreshments provided and free car parking on site.

Register now to attend this free seminar

9846 2012; manninghamuc.org/2026dementiaseminar



**Manningham
Uniting Church**

This project is supported by Manningham Council's
Community Grants Program

**COMMUNITY
GRANTS**



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUNG VOICES AWARDS

Year 9 student Angelica reflects on picking up someone's spilt shopping. Full article at: [Student artists go boldly along the path of... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Helping others is how social justice starts at street level. Justice says no one should be invisible in their moment of need. Faith, for me, says every person carries dignity that does not depend on age, status, or strength. So, picking up oranges was not charity. It was recognition. It was saying, "I see you, and you matter." That is bold, because indifference is easier. Walking past is faster. But 'faith without work is dead (James 2:26)'. Choosing to stop is a small rebellion against a culture that tells us to mind our own business.

—Angelica Menezes

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**

