



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating  
50+ YEARS

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 6 Sept 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

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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](mailto:parkorchards.safeguarding@cam.org.au)

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' **R.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.



## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted  
to us.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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## SYNOD CORNER

### 26. Synodality and the Holy Spirit

At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

### 27. Synodality and Scripture

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical story.



# 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: 6 to 13 September 2026

|      |         |         |                                        |
|------|---------|---------|----------------------------------------|
| Sun  | 6 Sept  | 10:30am | Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte |
| Tues | 8 Sept  | 9:00am  | Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte |
| Sun  | 13 Sept | 10:30am | Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte |

## ROSTER: September 2026

| Date               | Reader        | Commentator      | Morning Tea       | Welcomers         | Flowers         |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 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<br>St Anne | Carmel Murphy | Michelle Kearney | Caterina Brouwer  | Michelle Kearney  | Therese Chapman |
| 27 Sept            | Paul Moritz   | Jill McLean      | Elaine Macpherson | Wilma Bouchier    | Therese Chapman |

**POWER CLUB** will meet at 12:30pm Wednesday 9th September 2026 at Ringwood RSL.

### YOUR GENEROSITY:

**GoFundMe**—With generous donations from members of our congregation, along with the Trading Table, we have given \$400.00 to Gloria Arellano to provide some assistance for her parents and sister, left homeless after the Columbian earthquake destroyed their home. Thank you all so much. Elaine Macpherson.

**Winter Shelter**—Thank you to all those who supported this year's Winter Shelter program on Friday nights at Holy Spirit by either cooking or donating. The program ran at nearly full capacity with 12 guests each night of Winter. The men were wonderfully well fed and had a warm, comfy bed for the nights! We were very blessed to have the opportunity to serve the homeless men in our area through this wonderful ecumenical program.

**There are still a few dishes waiting to be collected from the kitchen at Holy Spirit.** They can be collected before and after 9:00am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit.

Warm regards, Ellen Holmes 0404 357 023

**Nepal/Tibet floods** – here is a safe way to donate to relief efforts in Nepal. Other channels may result in your money going astray.

Prime Minister Disaster Relief  
Fund – Government of Nepal

[pmdrf.nchl.com.np](http://pmdrf.nchl.com.np)





**THE HOLY SPIRIT AGAIN???** Just as the French are experiencing, a Parish in New York City has seen recent, unexpected growth. At St Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village, 80% of parishioners are currently under 40 years of age and the pastor, Fr Boniface Endorf OP, isn't quite sure why these younger people have come and stayed but knows it is a moment of genuine renewal. The growth has attracted the attention of secular American media, with in-depth articles appearing in the *New York Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*. **Full article can be found here:** [It takes a village \(and the Holy Spirit!\): Fr... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

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

**RUOK Day** is this Thursday 10 September 2026. You never know how timely your "Are you OK?" to a friend or family member might prove to be.



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GREAT-GRANDFATHERS AND FATHER-FIGURES***



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# 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**

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