

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 13 Sept



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 book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance
of the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,

can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook
the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



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: 13 to 20 September 2026

Sun	13 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	15 Sept	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	20 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards

ROSTER: September and October 2026

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
27 Sept	Paul Moritz	Jill McLean	Elaine Macpherson	Wilma Bouchier	Therese Chapman
4 Oct	Saskia Harris	Michelle Kearney	Ellen Holmes	Barbara Young	Claudette Fahey

THANK YOU FROM GLORIA'S FATHER: *"I am deeply grateful to all of you for the financial support you have donated through my daughter, Gloria Isabel, during this difficult time. May God reward your generosity. Thank you, and sending you all a warm hug, — REMBERTO ARELLANO DEL RIO AND FAMILY"*



Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal

Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck.

But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face

pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centres, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies.

Learn more or donate today at

www.caritas.org.au/wftw



marchforthebabies.com

Please join us on the 18 year anniversary, as we march for the babies. Attendance is **completely free**, we just ask that you **please book in advance** for yourself, your family or group through the link shown.

Our march is a family-friendly event with a peaceful police presence.

**BOOK YOUR
FREE
TICKETS**



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MARCH FOR THE BABIES

1:00PM, 10th OCTOBER 2026

STARTING AT TREASURY GARDENS:

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

SYNOD LATEST from Cathy Jenkins, the Synod Program Lead.

Thank you to all those who have participated in the consultation process for the Melbourne Synod. Through regional meetings, parish gatherings, consultations with retired priests of the Archdiocese, priests in active ministry, and community organisations, we have come together to reflect prayerfully on the Synod themes for discernment:

- Formation and Participation
- Missionary Leadership
- Young Discipleship

We are grateful to the National Centre for Pastoral Research for their careful analysis of the consultation data. This work is now being prepared for the Synod Writing Groups.

Throughout September, the Synod working document (*Instrumentum Laboris*) will be developed and refined. The document will then be made available for further feedback during October. The working document is a guide for discussion and discernment, and captures what has been heard throughout the consultation process. It will help Synod members focus on the key questions, priorities, and opportunities facing the Church in its mission and future direction.

Prepared through prayerful analysis and discernment of the feedback received, the document brings together the principal themes, insights, and questions that have emerged. It will serve as an important resource for discussion and discernment during the Synod Assembly from 4th to 6th December 2026.

The Synod Commission has also been progressing the member selection process. Attendance at the Synod is guided by Canon §463 and includes clergy, religious and lay representatives. A number of members will participate by virtue of their office, including the auxiliary bishops, the vicar general, episcopal vicars, members of the council of priests, and the rectors of major seminaries.

The Synod will also include parish priests, representatives of ministries and pastoral bodies, and members freely appointed by the Archbishop of Melbourne. In addition, 60 lay members, comprising 15 representatives from each region, will be selected. Parishes have been actively engaged in nominating candidates for these positions. Priests have participated in the nomination of priest members, while nominations are also being received for religious sisters and brothers, as well as deacons.

A liturgy and prayer group has also been formed and is preparing the prayers and liturgical celebrations that will guide Synod members in their discernment throughout the Synod process.

Together, these members will reflect the breadth and diversity of the Archdiocese as they gather for prayer, discernment and consultation during the Synod.

Source: Melbourne Catholic, 8 September 2026

SYNOD CORNER

28. Why participation matters

Participation helps people move from being passive recipients to active disciples. This deepens faith and strengthens mission.

29. Synodality is not uniformity

Different cultures, communities, and parishes will live synodality in different ways. Unity does not require sameness.