



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+ YEARS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 20 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*)

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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

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity
on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



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: 20 to 27 September 2026

Sun	20 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Tues	15 Sept	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	27 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Park Orchards

ROSTER: September and October 2026

20 Sept St Anne	Saskia Harris	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
11 Oct	Anita Lynch	Gerald Glover	Therese Chapman	Elaine Macpherson	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:

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

30. Synodality and hope

A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism—it is trust in God's faithfulness

31. Synodality and young people

Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.