



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 27 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 Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness
deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



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: 27 Sept to 4 Oct 2026

Sun	27 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	15 Sept	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
			Anointing Mass
Sun	4 Oct	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: September and October 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomer	Flowers
27 Sept	Paul Moritz	Jill McLean	Ellen Holmes	Wilma Bouchier	Therese Chapman
4 Oct	Saskia Harris	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson	Barbara Young	Claudette Fahey
11 Oct	Anita Lynch	Gerald Glover	Therese Chapman	Elaine Macpherson	Claudette Fahey
18 Oct St Anne's	Ann Serong	Saskia Harris	Anita Lynch	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson

DAYLIGHT SAVING starts on Sunday 4th October, 2026. Clocks will go forward by one hour.

HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY FETE will be held on Saturday 11 October 2026, 10:00am to 5:00pm.

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF PETER CLAVER: The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 17 October 9.00am to 2.30pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph, Kisumu, Kenya for water tanks. Enquiries Ph: 9817 3715

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary From 1st to 7th October, 2026 *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:



www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

CELEBRATION OF CREATION (St Francis Feast's Day):

BLESSING OF PETS / LOVED OBJECTS

Date: Sunday, 4 October 2026, 3:00pm - 4.30pm **Venue:** 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia.
In the spirit of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology, *Janssen Spiritual Centre in Boronia* is holding an outdoor service and a special **Blessing of the Animals**, where people are warmly invited to bring their pets to be blessed. You are invited to bring your pets/loved objects (statues, rosary beads, rocks, plants...) and to share the significance of your loving relationship with them. **All welcome! Starts with a 'cuppa' at 3.00pm.**
Cost: Free. Donations appreciated. **Booking:** Email: enquiries@janssencentre.au
Mobile: 0432261194 (Fr. Thien), Tel. 9762.6625 Web: www.janssencentre.au

SYNOD CORNER

32. Synodality and families

Families are schools of synodality, where listening, patience, and forgiveness are lived daily. The Church learns synodality from family life.

33. Synodality and mission beyond the Church

A synodal Church listens not only inwardly but outwardly, engaging respectfully with society

A PRAYER FOR WATER in the SEASON OF CREATION, September 2026

*God of living water, Source and Sustainer of all life,
we give thanks for the waters that nourish the earth:
for rain falling on dry ground, rivers running towards the sea, springs rising from
hidden places and every cup of water that refreshes and restores.*
*We remember before you all who are thirsty - those who search each day for water,
those who wait beside empty tanks, those whose wells are polluted, whose
pipelines have been destroyed, and whose access to water is restricted by poverty,
displacement, warfare or deliberate policy.*
*We pray especially for the people of Gaza and for all places where water has
become a weapon of war or an instrument of power.*
*Forgive us when we take your gifts for granted;
when we treat water as a possession rather than a sacred trust;
when our ways of living diminish rivers, wetlands and aquifers;
and when we remain silent while others are denied what every person needs in
order to live.*
*God who brought water from the rock, bring life from places that appear barren,
hope where despair has taken hold, and peace where violence has destroyed.*
Give courage to those who protect water and defend life.
Guide governments and communities in the ways of justice.
And make us willing participants in your work of renewal.
May water flow freely. May the earth be healed.
*May the thirsty drink. May justice roll down like waters and peace like an
ever-flowing stream. Amen.*