



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+ YEARS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 28 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 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

St Gerard's Warrandyte

Mass Times: Holy Spirit Ringwood North

Wednesday 9.15am Mass

Friday 9.15am Mass

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 Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."



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: 28 Sept to 5 Oct

Sun	28 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	30 Sept	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	5 Oct	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: September and October 2025

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
28-Sept	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Anita Lynch	Lorraine Rath	Sue Waugh
5-Oct	Anita Lynch	Saskia Harris	Caterina Brouwer	Michelle Kearney	Therese Chapman
12-Oct	Paul Moritz	Volunteer required	Elaine Macpherson	Wilma Bouchier	Therese Chapman
19 Oct					
St Anne's	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Ellen Holmes	Barbara Young	Claudette fahy
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Experience Mass in the peace and beauty of Warrandyte.

We warmly welcome everyone to join us for

Mass at St Gerard's in Warrandyte every Tuesday morning at 9:00am.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those of you who have completed the mandated Safeguarding Training over the last month.

For those who have yet to do so:

We invite all volunteers and clergy to attend an upcoming *Safeguarding Essentials* interactive group training session, hosted by **St Gerard's and St Anne's** and delivered by a Safeguarding Professional from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This essential training is a requirement across the Archdiocese and once completed, doesn't have to be re-done by Volunteers for three (3) years. Safeguarding Essentials will teach you how to recognise, respond to and report abuse with a focus on protecting children and vulnerable people in our Parish. However, what you learn can be taken beyond the Parish and will not only help keep St Gerard's and St Anne's safe but also your friends and family.

Training Session Details:

Date: Tuesday 25th November 2025

Time: 10:30am

Location: St Anne's Parish Centre, 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards

If you are unable to attend this session, you will need to complete the training online via this link:

[Safeguarding Essentials training module | Melbourne Catholic](#)

RSVP: Please email the Parish Office, parkorchards@cam.org.au to confirm your attendance.

Let's work together to continue to make our community safe for everyone.

Archdiocese Survey: Due Date 5th October 2025.

Completed Survey responses can be returned to the Parish by dropping them off in the box provided at St Gerard's this coming Sunday (28/9) or the following Sunday (5/10) at 10:30am Mass.

Envelopes will be available so you can maintain the privacy of your comments.

Copies of the Survey will also be available for those who didn't receive one, either in person or via email, last Sunday.

Lifeboat Foundation

For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of **unwanted cars** e.g. from deceased states, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them or selling them to raise funds.

You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might **donate an unwanted motor vehicle**, and (b) **identifying someone to assist** in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time.

If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact **Fr. Kevin Dillon – frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360.**

The Gospel at Our Doorstep

(Luke 16: 19 - 31)

Abraham answered, "They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them." "I know, Father Abraham," he said, "but they're not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways." Abraham replied, "If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead." (Luke 16: 29 - 31)

In this week's parable, Jesus paints a vivid picture of two lives: a rich man who feasted every day and a poor man, Lazarus, who lay at his gate, hungry and covered in sores. The rich man's tragedy is not his wealth but his blindness. Day after day, he steps over Lazarus without seeing him as a brother. When both die, their situations are reversed – Lazarus is comforted and the rich man is in torment, longing for even a drop of water.

This story is not just about the afterlife – it's about how we live *right now*. Who are the "Lazaruses" at our doors today? They may be the homeless person we pass on the way to work, the neighbour struggling with loneliness, the refugee family we hear about on the news or even someone in our own church pews. Jesus invites us to open our eyes, hearts and hands. This isn't simply about charity – it's about seeing Christ in the other and allowing our lives to be interrupted by compassion.