



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross: 14 Sept 2025



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*)

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

First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus 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 the Father.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed
the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'



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: 14 Sept to 21 Sept

Sun	14 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
		5:00pm	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
			Both are First Eucharist Masses
Tues	16 Sept	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	21 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards

ROSTER: September and October 2025

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
14 Sept First Eucharist	Saskia Harris	Volunteer required	Gail Northey	Barbara Young	Anne-Marie Stevenson
21 Sept St Anne's	Carmel Murphy	Volunteer required	Therese Chapman	Elaine Macpherson	Sue Waugh
28-Sept	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Anita Lynch	Lorraine Rath	Sue Waugh
5-Oct	Anita Lynch	Saskia Harris	Caterina Brouwer	Michelle Kearney	Therese Chapman

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.

Season of Creation



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

- signing the **Turn Debt into Hope** petition – caritas.org.au/debt
- committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a **Catholic Earthcare Household** - caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/



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DEBT
INTO
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**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

Live Your Best Life in Love... A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple

And every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship.

You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We offer two further weekends in 2025.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

October 3-5:

Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)

October 10-12:

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session

Monday 27 October at 7pm (AEDT)

Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/information-session

Catholic Theological College

Knox Public Lecture

Wednesday 15 October 2025

7.30pm

For more information:

ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/

Catholic Theological College

Engaging Your Faith

in October 2025

From \$25 per session.

For more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Strawberry Fair Sunday, 1 March 2026—Save the Date!

Currently seeking stall holder volunteers. Contact Emma Harris at Stannesstrawberryfair@gmail.com.

Direct Debit and Credit Card Contributors

If you notice anything unusual on your bank statement related to our Parish, please contact the Parish Office immediately. The matter will be referred to, investigated for you by, the Archdiocese's PACEM Team.