

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 18 Oct 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

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
 sing to the Lord all the earth.
 Tell among the nations his glory
 and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
 to be feared above all gods;
 the gods of the heathens are naught.
 It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
 give the Lord glory and power,
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,
 O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
 He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'



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: 18 to 25 Oct 2026

Sun	18 Oct	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Tues	20 Oct	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	25 Oct	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

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.

St Gerard's, 3 McCulloch Street, Warrandyte

ROSTER: October and November 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomer	Flowers
18 Oct St Anne's	Ann Serong	Saskia Harris	Anita Lynch	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson
25 Oct	Jill McLean	Nada Whittle	Caterina Brouwer	Wilma Bouchier	Elaine Macpherson
1 Nov	Jill McLean	Paul Moritz	Elaine Macpherson	Volunteer required	Ellen Holmes
8 Nov	Paul Moritz	Volunteer required	Ellen Holmes	Elaine Macpherson	Ellen Holmes

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: November is Remembrance Month. Please contact the Parish Office for additions to the Book of Remembrance AT parkorchards@cam.org.au OR phone 7064 3922. (Deaths in the Parish to date for this year have been included.)

WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY CAROLS: Christmas comes to Warrandyte when the Warrandyte Community Carols are presented at Stiggants Reserve on Saturday 12th December, commencing at 7.00pm. A huge line-up of featured artists will entertain the crowd as the whole community gathers to celebrate the Christmas season.

NEEDED NOW-

- Poster & Letterbox Distributors: Two (2) Helpers
- Set Up Team: Eight (8) Set Up helpers.
- Catering Team: Three to four (3-4) Catering Team helpers.
- Candle Team: Four (4) Candle Sales helpers.
- Photography: Two (2) Photographers.
- Pack Up Team: Eight (8) Pack Up helpers.

If you can help, please contact office@wcc.org.au

A "TASTER" FOR THE 2027 THE BETHANY WAY

There is always something to do, someone to care for, somewhere to be. Our lives are full of good things: family, work, parish, serving others. Yet, do we spend time for our own formation in faith?

This year's 'Bethany Wayfarers' have approached the end of their 20-week formation journey. Now, you and your community are invited to consider joining our 2027 intake of *The Bethany Way*.

Whether you are a leader, parent or just someone who wants to see where God is calling them, come and experience a 'taster' of *The Bethany Way* at our Introductory Retreat on Saturday 31 October. In the footsteps of Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany, discover a deeper way of being formed at the feet of Christ the Teacher.

Will you let Christ form you in 2027?



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**INTRODUCTORY RETREAT
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026
CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE, EAST MELBOURNE**

Come and experience a deeper way of being formed in Christ.
Learn more or register: melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway
Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au



LOOKING FOR FLEXIBLE WORK AND A CHANCE TO SUPPORT PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS?

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities. If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you.

For details: www.aidtochurch.org/work

SYNOD CORNER

38. Synodality and mercy

Listening with compassion reflects the mercy of Christ, who always began with encounter.

39. Synodality invites responsibility

Being heard also means being responsible for the Church's mission.