



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Fourth Sunday of Easter: 11 May 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*)

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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
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First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands.

One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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NEWS FROM ST GERARD'S/ST ANNE'S PARISH

Reaching out in Prayer, Hospitality and Action

Committed to a Child Safe Environment

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The Parish of St Gerard & St Anne acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK: 11 May to 18 May

Sun	11 May	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	13 May	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	18 May	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards

From Pope Leo XIV's first message to the world:

I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian. He said, "With you I am a Christian, for you a bishop." So may we all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.

To the Church of Rome, a special greeting:

We have to look together how to be a missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms for everyone, like this [St Peter's] square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love.

Winter Shelter



Volunteers needed

Winter is fast approaching and the Maroondah Winter Shelter is commencing 1st June and running through till 31st August. Through the Winter Shelter program churches across Maroondah band together to assist homeless men in our area with a nourishing meal and a warm bed in the winter months. Holy Spirit supported by our parish of St Gerard and St Anne will again be hosting on Friday nights. To volunteer. please go to wintershelter.org.au .

Volunteers can choose to help in the kitchen, setting up beds, chatting to the guests at the evening meal. Shifts are from 5:30pm to 8:30pm or 10pm, Overnight shift 10:00pm to 7:00am oversees the sleeping guests (you may have some time to sleep in shifts) and Breakfast shift (7:00am-9:00am) serves breakfast and packs lunches for the men. More details are available on the website.

Do come and join our friendly team on Friday nights at Holy Spirit Winter Shelter or you would equally be warmly welcomed any other night of the week at the other churches.

Please stay tuned for our meal roster which is coming soon - for those who are interested in helping feed our guests by cooking from your home.

Please speak to Ellen Holmes for more information: 0404 357 023

Mother's Day Reflection

- For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and for others who show us a mother's love, we pray to the Lord.
- For adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care, we pray to the Lord.
- For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.
- For those who wish to serve as mothers but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort, we pray to the Lord.
- For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.



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Use your knowledge to build self-reliance for those with little opportunity.

Join Palms [online](#) for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, from those who've done it before. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 22 May 2025

Time: 6 pm – 7 pm

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