



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+YEARS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 7 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
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First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had
you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



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: 7 Sept to 14 Sept

Sun	7 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	9 Sept	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	14 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: September 2025

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
7-Sep	Volunteer required	Nada Whittle	Shireen Hoser	Wilma Bouchier	Anne-Marie Stevenson
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

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.

Set in beautiful surroundings, Mass at St Gerard's is an inspiring way to start your day so please come along and share the experience with us. St Gerard's, 3 McCulloch Street, Warrandyte.



Statue of St Anne and her child Mary

The Parish has been gifted a statue of St Anne with her child, Mary.

The statue is currently ensconced in the niche in the Parish Centre.

Please feel free to drop by and become acquainted with them.



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.

Some inspiring Dads

Saint Zechariah: Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, shows us that even fathers can learn and grow in faith. A priest of Israel, he struggled to believe the angel's announcement that his wife Elizabeth would bear a son in her old age. For his doubt, he was struck mute until the child's birth (Luke 1:20). But when the time came to name the boy, Zechariah obeyed God's command, writing, "His name is John" (Luke 1:63). In that moment his speech returned, and he burst into praise, blessing God for his faithfulness. Zechariah's story reminds us that [humility and openness to God](#) can make us better parents.

Jairus: Jairus, a synagogue leader, appears only briefly in the Gospels but his faith speaks volumes about fatherhood. When his young daughter was dying, he fell at Jesus' feet and pleaded, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live" (Mark 5:23). His desperation shows the heart of a father who will do anything for his child. Even when news came that she had died, Jairus clung to hope and Jesus restored her to life. Jairus reminds us that [faith and persistence](#) can bring light in the darkest moments.

St Stephen of Hungary: The first King of Hungary, St Stephen (c. 975–1038), saw his role as both monarch and father as a sacred duty. With his wife Gisela of Bavaria, he raised children in a spirit of faith, including his son St Emeric. To Emeric he wrote a famous letter, urging him to cultivate humility, justice, and mercy: "Humility exalts, pride debases". Stephen's guidance was not just about ruling a kingdom but about shaping a holy life. By weaving Christian values into his family and his people, he [left a legacy of faith](#) that endures in Hungary to this day.

St Isidore the Farmer: St Isidore the Farmer (c. 1070–1130) was a simple man of Madrid whose life shows [the dignity of hard work](#). Known for his devotion to prayer, he rose early each day to attend Mass before heading to the fields. Legends say that angels sometimes helped plough his land while he prayed, ensuring his family never lacked. Married to St Maria de la Cabeza, Isidore's diligence and humility sustained his household. His life shows that [providing for one's family with honesty and faith is a path to holiness, even in the most ordinary of circumstances](#).

St Thomas More: St Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, was not only a statesman and martyr but also a devoted father of four. Known for his wit and learning, he insisted on giving his daughters the same quality of education as his son—a radical move in the 16th century. Along with his biological children, he also welcomed a stepdaughter and was guardian to two other girls, caring for them as though they were his own children. His letters reveal his deep affection, particularly for his eldest daughter Margaret. When faced with pressure to betray his conscience by approving King Henry VIII's break from Rome, he refused, famously declaring at his trial, "I die the King's faithful servant but God's first". More's integrity showed his children that [faith and principle outweigh worldly success](#).

St Louis Martin: Louis Martin, the father of St Thérèse of Lisieux, embodied a quiet devotion that inspired his children with five of his daughters entering religious life. A watchmaker by trade, Louis was also a man of deep prayer. His goal, he once said, was simple: "My desire is to love God with all my heart". After his wife Zélie died young, Louis continued raising their daughters with tenderness and strength, guiding them towards lives of faith. His [patience, devotion and joy in God](#) made him a model of holiness in everyday family life.

Source: Melbourne Catholic, 3 September 2025.

A Kambrook urn has been left in the Parish Centre. Could the owner kindly retrieve it as soon as possible?