



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+YEARS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 19 Oct



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 book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of
our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



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: 19 Oct to 26 Oct

Sun	19 Oct	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards First Eucharist Mass
Tues	21 Oct	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	26 Oct	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: October and November 2025

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
19 Oct St Anne's First Euch	Carmel Murphy	Saskia Harris	Ellen Holmes	Barbara Young	Claudette Fahy
26 Oct	Saskia Harris	Volunteer required	Shireen Hosier	Elaine Macpherson	Claudette Fahy
2 Nov	Carmel Murphy	Paul Moritz	Caterina Brouwer	Lorraine Rath	Sue Waugh
9 Nov	Nada Whittle	Jill McLean	Therese Chapman	Michelle Kearney	Volunteer required

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.

Brien Mason's Funeral

Still to be confirmed however Brien's funeral looks likely to be at 11:00am on Thursday 30th October 2025 at Holy Spirit.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

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

Training Session Details:

Date: Tuesday 25th November 2025

Time: 10:30am

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

Playgroup—request for assistance

Ellen would love to hear from anyone who would be able to come along to playgroup to assist her **next Wednesday, 22nd October from 9:00 till 11:00am** in the Ark as Shireen is still away for another week. It is truly a delightful experience! Ring Ellen on 0404 357 023

Parish Remembrance Book

In preparation for Month of Remembrance during November, could you kindly let Michelle know, by 28th October 2025, of any names you would like included?

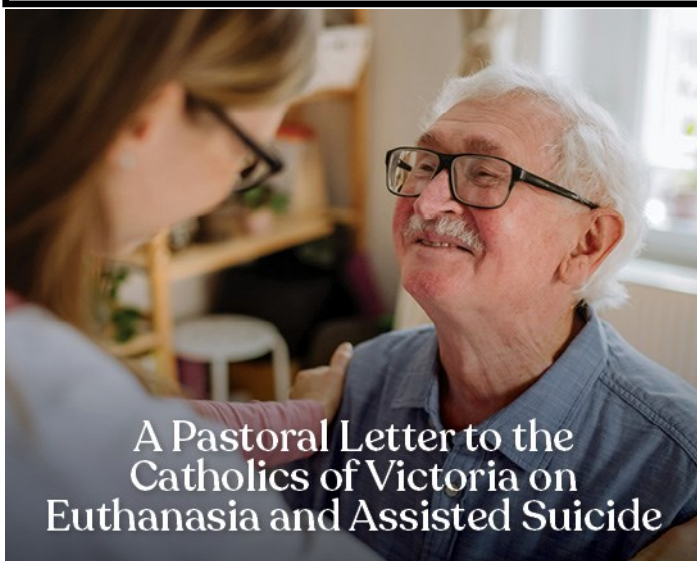
(The names of all those whose funerals have been held at St Gerard's this year have already been included.)

Archdiocese Survey

***A huge "Thank you" to everyone who returned a Survey... and so many of you did!
The completed Surveys are now with the Archdiocese.***

Bishop Thinh's visit to Holy Spirit has been postponed

The new date will be advised when confirmed.



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



A copy of the Pastoral Letter is available at the Church today or can be accessed at the links above.

THE BETHANY WAY INTRODUCTORY RETREAT 'At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus'

Saturday 8 November 2025, 12noon-4:00pm
Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne.

All are invited to this free retreat opening anew key passages of Scripture relating to Jesus' relationship with the family at Bethany. Discover Bethany, and your relationship with Jesus Christ, with reflective talks and plenty of time for personal prayer.

The retreat will introduce you to *The Bethany Way*, a new immersive formation offering in 2026.

Learn more and register:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway>



Blessed Peter To Rot, a Papua New Guinea martyr, will be canonised in Rome by Pope Leo XIV on Sunday 19th October 2025. Peter To Rot was born in 1912, became a lay catechist and, during WWII, ignored edicts from the Japanese occupiers that forbade any religious activities. He was arrested by the Japanese in 1945 and killed by lethal injection later that year, while still in prison.

The saint-to-be is a symbol of the unifying power of Christianity in PNG, a country of well over 800 languages and dialects and dozens of regions with unique cultures.

Advent Programme

Advent is a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.

The Promise is a small booklet with daily reflections for the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. Great for personal reflection or group discussion, it is time to start thinking of Advent preparation and this booklet from the Diocese of Wollongong is a great resource. Cost: \$6.60 (incl GST)

If you have any questions or you would like to place a phone or email order, call the Diocese of Wollongong on (02) 4222 2411 or orders@dow.org.au. Shipping of the books is expected to begin in early October 2025. They will send you an email confirmation when your order is shipped.