



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16 November 2025

"Your  
endurance  
will win  
you your  
lives."

Luke 21:19

### 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 prophet Malachi

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the people with fairness. **R.**

## Second Reading

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

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.



## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



# 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: 16 to 23 November**

|      |        |         |                                         |
|------|--------|---------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sun  | 16 Nov | 10:30am | Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards |
| Tues | 18 Nov | 9:00am  | Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte  |
| Sun  | 23 Nov | 10:30am | Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte  |

## **ROSTER: November & December 2025**

| Date              | Reader        | Commentator        | Morning Tea      | Welcomers         | Flowers           |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 16 Nov<br>St Anne | Anita Lynch   | Saskia Harris      | Anita Lynch      | Wilma Bouchier    | Ellen Holmes      |
| 23 Nov            | Paul Moritz   | Cathy Morell       | Caterina Brouwer | Barbara Young     | Ellen Holmes      |
| 30 Nov            | Jill McLean   | Nada Whittle       | Ellen Holmes     | Elaine Macpherson | Elaine Macpherson |
| 7 Dec             | Saskia Harris | Volunteer Required | Shireen Hoser    | Lorraine Rath     | Elaine Macpherson |

**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.**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS: JUBILEE OF HOPE - local Pilgrimage on 28 November 2025**

#### **Holy Spirit, St Anne and St Gerard's Parishes:**

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church or email [marykryan@bigpond.com](mailto:marykryan@bigpond.com) to confirm a booking. Also, please indicate if you are willing to drive and take a passenger or two.



*Go out to the whole world;  
proclaim the Good News  
to all creation.*  
MARK 16:15



**THE  
ARCHBISHOP'S  
CAMPAIGN  
2025**

**Message as received from the Archdiocese:** "We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$1,000.00 contributed by the Parish of St Gerard and St Anne, Park Orchards and Warrandyte. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response."

### **TRADING TABLE update from Elaine Macpherson:**

**The Trading Table this week donated \$100.00 to Catholic Care Victoria Christmas Food Voucher Appeal for needy families. All further money raised this year will go to St Vincent de Paul, Holy Spirit, for their Christmas hamper appeal. The Trading Table will have a Christmas theme for the next six weeks. Thank you to all our generous community members. The garden produce has been great.**

## COMETH THE DAY—A GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's readings are referred to as *apocalyptic*. While 'Hollywood' and video games portray *apocalyptic* through images of widespread destruction, catastrophic events or zombie attacks, the original meaning refers to uncovering or unveiling to impart wisdom, meaning, and hope to people.

Like all biblical references to the future, such apocalyptic descriptions are symbolic in nature. They are meant to inspire believers to find whatever good they can from life's inevitable suffering. Contrary to what some people think, they don't point to specific historical occurrences, nor are they predictions of events taking place in our own time. Rather, they are meant to urge us on with perseverance and fidelity.

The prophet Malachi predicts: "the day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble". Yet, for the righteous, it will be a day of healing. Luke presents Jesus announcing: nations at war, family divisions, and various natural disasters. For individuals, there's also an expectation of persecution, hatred and even death. Yet, in the midst of the turmoil, promises for those who remain steadfast: "your endurance will win you your lives" and "not a hair of your head will be lost".

Jesus warns his disciples there will be challenging times ahead – for himself, his followers and the nation. Yet, in the midst of all this, he offers hope that "the end is not so soon." He urges his followers, and us, not to be fooled by so-called 'saviours and messiahs' spouting empty promises and false predictions. He implores us to remain resolute and forever focused on the gospel.

The gospel shines an insightful light upon the great efforts we put into building up visions, plans or structures only to have them torn down by circumstances; whether by natural disasters, accidents or the negligence and malice of others. We're encouraged to reflect on such realities, with Jesus cautioning us to invest our time, talent and resources in God's Kingdom and its values, which cannot be destroyed.

There's a verse in Marty Haugen's hymn "*Gather us in*," that says: "Not in the dark of buildings confining; not in some heaven light years away. But here, in this place, new light is streaming, *now* is the kingdom, *now* is the day." This is precisely what Jesus is saying. We must live God's Kingdom *now*, not just as something that will happen at some future date. While God's Kingdom is not fully established, it does have a solid foothold in our world.

Jesus is offering us the vision of an ending and a new beginning; a vision of God's Kingdom and a different kind of temple where Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus understands that every temple is temporary, every system we create will collapse, every cause, every framework that we construct will disappear and disappoint, except His!

David J Hore CSsR

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## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers and children's gifts:

It's that time of year again. Vinnies asks for your generosity providing a hamper of grocery items to be given to needy people in the area. Gifts can also be bought as Christmas presents for children of these families.

The hampers can be dropped off at Holy Spirit Church on Friday 5th December 2025.

If this is not possible, I can organise an alternative pickup.

Many thanks in anticipation of your generous support.

Anita Lynch

St Vincent de Paul Society.