



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 February 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 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 prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity,
seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave

a humble and lowly people,

and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

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

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



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: 1 to 8 February 2026

Sun	1 Feb	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	3 Feb	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	8 Feb	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: February 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
1 Feb	Paul Moritz	Jill McLean	Ellen Holmes	Elaine Macpherson	Claudette Fahy
8 Feb	Saskia Harris	Anne-Marie Stevenson	Elaine Macpherson	Michelle Kearney	Claudette Fahy
15 Feb St Anne	15 February is the 2026 Sacrament Commitment and the Prep Welcome Mass				Anne-Marie Stevenson
22 Feb	Anita Lynch	Paul Moritz	Volunteer Required	Wilma Bouchier	LENT, no flowers

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.

A SIMPLE WAY TO HELP

If anyone has any unwanted, broken rosary beads and would like to donate them for a good cause where a Dominican quadriplegic brother is able to repair them, there is a box on the table in the Holy Spirit Church foyer where you can place them and Holy Spirit staff will ensure he receives them. He is still able to use his hands minimally and this is very therapeutic for him. He would be very grateful.

OR, if that drop off is impractical for you, give them to Michelle and she will ensure they get to Holy Spirit.



FOR YOUR AWARENESS

A new business, Tokyo Massage, has opened in the North Ringwood shopping strip situated between the children's ice-cream shop and Delaware Mews. It's service offering is not appropriate for the neighbourhood (or any neighbourhood). You can find the petition to request the closure of Tokyo Massage at [change.org](https://www.change.org).

STRAWBERRY FAIR

SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026

ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Strawberry fair 2026

Raffle tickets—books not collected last week will be available for pick up at Mass this Sunday.

Jam— Jill is making jam and will happily accept donations of fruit and sugar. Jill can provide the jars if you'd like to make jam or chutney for the Strawberry Fair yourself. Please contact Jill on 0408 405 733.

Plant Stall— note from Ellen Holmes “Ellen is going potty and invites you to join the fun ! Now is a great time to divide those overcrowded plant pots - one prayer plant became four with three to donate! It's Magic ! Plants for free! Yay!”

Some resources for Lent, 18 Feb to 2 April 2026:

- **From the Archdiocese of Brisbane—** *The Journey Home Daily Reflections for Lent* by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. A Lent 2026 daily prayer and reflection resource for groups and individuals. \$5+GST. **Further information** at <https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/lent-resource/>
- **From Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia—I am Light**
During Lent this year, we will very deliberately tend and nurture the Light of Life given to us by Jesus. We would love to have you join us.
Each day a 2.30 min video will arrive in your email, with bespoke images, curated music, the word of God and a simple prayer.
The Light within you will then grow and become clearer, a torch to show you the way forward, to find and help others, a 'life light' shining in you.
Created by Michael Hansen SJ, these daily prayers will enlighten you through Lent and prepare you for the night of lights on Holy Saturday.
Register to receive your blessing to your inbox each day from Ash Wednesday 18th February to Easter Sunday 5th April 2026.
Price information:
We offer these Lenten prayers for free because we wish to reach everyone, regardless of income. But this year we have significant costs for each daily prayer because of many new images and music.
If you wish, and are able, please support our ministry with a donation
Note gifts to the Ministry are not refundable or tax deductible.
Register here [Lent 26: I Am Light - Lenten Prayers - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia](#)
- **Offered by Holy Spirit—**using *Compassio*, a grace filled guide for use by small groups (and individuals). Cost \$7.
Day, time and venue:

Mondays	10.00am	Parish House	Leader: Helen Konynenburg
Mondays	1.00pm	Parish House	Leader: Mary Ryan
Wednesdays	7.30pm	Parishioner's home	Leader: Vicki and Chris Morris
Thursdays	7.45 pm	Online via Zoom	Leader: Maryann Street

Speak to Elaine Macpherson to sign up. Ph: 9879 4187