



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+YEARS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 8 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
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First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

Second Reading

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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Prayer

God of justice and mercy, you hear the cries we try not to hear and see the needs we learn to overlook.

Forgive us when our faith becomes comfortable, when our prayers cost us nothing, when our worship ends at the door and does not travel into the streets.

Break the habits of indifference within us. Loosen the bonds of injustice we have normalised. Turn our hearts outward - to the hungry, to those without shelter, to all whose lives are made fragile by systems that value profit over people.

Teach us to share our bread, to open our homes and our common life, to see the dignity of every neighbour as bound up with our own.

May our choices reflect your compassion. And may your light rise among us, until justice flows like a living spring and hope is restored. Amen.



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: 8 to 15 February 2026

Sun	8 Feb	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	10 Feb	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	15 Feb	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards

ROSTER: February and March 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
1 Mar	Carmel Murphy	Volunteer Required	Anita Lynch	Barbara Young	LENT, no flowers

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 Konyneburg
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

STRAWBERRY FAIR

SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026

ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Strawberry fair 2026

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. *And Jill is looking for a volunteer to shadow her this year and take over the Preserves stall in 2027!*

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!" Please contact Ellen on 0404 357 023

Lourdes Day Mass— Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate Mass at 10:30am, Saturday 14th February at St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome particularly those who are ill, infirm or elderly and those who care for them.

Trading Table— \$100 has been donated to the local Conference of St Vincent de Paul. Many thanks!!!

Playgroup— Playgroup will recommence from Wednesday 11 February from 9:00-11:00am in the Ark at St Anne's. We welcome parents and grandparents with their beautiful babies and pre-schoolers. In February, we also look forward to seeing our preppies who have a Wednesday brain break (off)! We'd love you to join us for play, friendship and coffee/tea in 2026! *Ellen and Shireen*

POWER GROUP— Next get together is Wednesday 11 February at 12:30pm at Cherry Hill.

School Closures on Extreme Fire Danger Days — advice as provided to parents by School Principal, Michael Edmonds, in the School Newsletter published 5 Dec, 2026:

EXTREME WEATHER DAYS : St Anne's is rated as a Category 3 Bushfire at Risk School. We have been recently informed that additional measures need to be put in place for our school at Extreme Fire Danger Rating days this fire season as the Shelter in Place for our school is now required to meet the Performance Criteria to protect life in a bushfire. Should there be a need to utilise these shelters in their current state, there is a genuine risk to life. Additional mitigations have to be implemented and until such time as the rectifications are complete, we are therefore required to; Close the school during Extreme Fire Danger Rating days in addition to the Catastrophic days (last season this would have resulted in three closure days). The rectification measures that are required would cost an exorbitant amount of money that we do not have. Hopefully we do not experience any Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days.

Have a great weekend Michael .

Some of you will be aware that the School was closed on Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd and 4th February 2026 in compliance with this policy and the School's Category 3 designation. There are still some anomalies to be clarified such as it is not altogether clear why the School was directed to close on Tuesday when the Bureau of Meteorology rated the day as High, not Extreme. The School is actively pursuing clarification.