



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 15 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 book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

Second Reading

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ' Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



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: 15 to 22 February 2026

Sun	15 Feb	10:30am	Mass at St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
Tues	17 Feb	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Wed	18 Feb		Ash Wednesday Mass timetable below
Sun	22 Feb	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ASH WEDNESDAY: 18 February 2026

9:00am	St Anne's Church with the students (Years Prep to 4)
11:40am	Holy Spirit Church with the students
7:00pm	Holy Spirit Church

This is a day of fasting and of abstinence from meat.

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.

Consider adding this Mass to your Lenten discipline this year.

St Gerard's, 3 McCulloch Street, Warrandyte

ROSTER: February and March 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
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
8 Mar	Jill McLean	Saskia Harris	Catarina Brouwer	Elaine Macpherson	LENT, no flowers

Mary Magdalene – The Musical

An uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. Presented by **COG Theatre Group** and directed by **Beth Mondragon Williams**, this moving work reflects on redemption, grace, and hope.

When: Fri & Sat 13–14 March, 7:00 pm
Sat & Sun 14–15 March, 1:00 pm

Where: [Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew](#)

Tickets: trybooking.com/DHZPD

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

Sign up Schedule can be found here <https://signupschedule.com/stannesstrawberryfair> for anyone able to help with Set Up, Pack Down or on the stalls on the day.

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

Playgroup— Playgroup will recommence from Wednesday 18 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**