



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+YEARS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 25 Oct 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: 3 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

(Anointing Mass, first Tuesday of the month)
St Gerard's Warrandyte

Mass Times: Holy Spirit Ringwood North

Wednesday: 9.15am Mass

Friday: 9.15am Mass (first Friday of the month)

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

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

Second Reading

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



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: 25 Oct to 1 Nov 2026

Sun	25 Oct	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	27 Oct	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	1 Nov	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

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.
 St Gerard's, 3 McCulloch Street, Warrandyte

ROSTER: October and November 2026

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomer	Flowers
25 Oct	Carmel Murphy	Nada Whittle	Caterina Brouwer	Wilma Bouchier	Elaine Macpherson
1 Nov	Jill McLean	Paul Moritz	Elaine Macpherson	Volunteer required	Ellen Holmes
8 Nov	Paul Moritz	Michelle Kearney	Ellen Holmes	Elaine Macpherson	Ellen Holmes
15 Nov St Anne	Saskia Harris	Nada Whittle	Anita Lynch	Michelle Kearney	Saskia Harris

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: November is Remembrance Month. Please contact the Parish Office for additions to the Book of Remembrance AT parkorchards@cam.org.au OR phone 7064 3922. (Deaths in the Parish to date for this year have been included.)

TRADING TABLE "The Trading Table September proceeds, along with the financial contribution from a parishioner allowed us to donate \$200 to the Carmelite Library of Spirituality. This specialised collection, in Middle Park, is open Tuesdays 10am- 3pm."
 The Table's next donation will be to the CLEAN WATER PROJECT which will bring clean water to thousands of families in Timor-Leste. **Elaine Macpherson**

THE CARMELITE LIBRARY OF SPIRITUALITY: Nestled next to the Carmelite church Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Middle Park is one of the country's most remarkable theological libraries. Its collection ranges from Carmelite spirituality and Mariology to Jewish mysticism, Buddhist texts and Indigenous Australian spiritual traditions, attracting everyone from doctoral researchers to people simply searching for wisdom, meaning and a place to reflect. For now, however, the library is struggling to maintain even its basic operations. Staffing has been reduced, opening hours have been cut and new acquisitions are increasingly difficult to make. **Full article:** [The Carmelites' hidden treasury of spiritual... | Melbourne Catho-](#)

TOWARDS GREATER COLLABORATION : HOLY SPIRIT, ST GERARD'S AND ST ANNE'S PARISHES- AN UPDATE *as provided by Ellen Holmes*

April 30: Our Individual parish councils were dissolved by Father Arsenio. Nominations were invited for a transition council with representatives from across the parish communities.

Nominations were received for Chris Dale, Elaine Macpherson, Ellen Holmes and Frans Brouwer from St Gerard's and St Anne's . Holy Spirit - Yvette Collins, Andrew Conway, Jacek Holewa, Chris Morris, Marita North-Coombes, Mary Ryan, Don Shroder, Maureen Taffe, Laurie Wilson and Elma Gama

Saturday 6th June: Discernment day held at Holy Spirit. Run by Jacqui Giuliano from Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM). We analysed the Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results (SOAR) of our parishes under headings of Evangelisation, Fellowship, Worship, Discipleship, Service and Outreach. We have a lot to be grateful for, a good foundation we can build on.

Tuesday, 22nd September: We met for a further session led by Jacqui of CAM. Interim Parish Council is proposed with lifespan of 18 months.

Wednesday, 14th October: the outcome of this meeting, the first initiative for the whole community, was a plan for the first joint mass to be held at St Gerard's. The 9am mass at Holy Spirit will be cancelled that day so that everyone can attend St Gerard's. See the invitation.

SYNOD CORNER

40. Synodality and prayer

Without prayer, synodality loses its soul. Every step must be rooted in prayer.

41. Synodality helps the Church grow

Growth in faith often comes through dialogue and shared discernment.

