



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
+YEARS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 31 Aug



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*)

St Anne Parish Office 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards

Phone: 7064 3922

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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

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave
humbly,

and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home
for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new
life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



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: 31 August to 7 Sept

Sun	31 Aug	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte First Eucharist Commitment Mass
Tues	2 Sept	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	7 Sept	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: August and September 2025

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
31-Aug	Paul Moritz	Cathy Morell	Ellen Holmes	Michelle Kearney	Elaine Macpherson
7-Sep	Volunteer required	Nada Whittle	Shireen Hoser	Wilma Bouchier	Anne-Marie Stevenson
14 Sept First Eucharist	Saskia Harris	Volunteer required	Gail Northey	Barbara Young	Anne-Marie Stevenson
21 Sept St Anne's	Carmel Murphy	Paul Moritz	Therese Chapman	Elaine Macpherson	Sue Waugh

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

St Vincent de Paul Donation Box at St Gerard's

Just a reminder that we have a

St Vincent de Paul Donation Box at St Gerard's.

**Please feel free to make a donation
now and then. Every bit helps!**

There is honour in making way for the humblest.

There is honour in giving up your place to the poor.

There is honour in caring for the neediest.

You gain respect in working for the challenged ones.

You gain respect in seeking freedom for those who are captives.

You gain respect in pursuing training for those who lack skills.

It is through honest reflection that you gain self-worth.

It is through modesty that you gain good friends.

It is through facing struggles that you gain the peace of Christ.

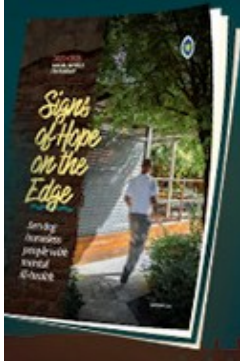
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ministries across the Archdiocese
—bringing the Good News to life
not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



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2025**





2025-2026 • SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Signs of Hope on the Edge

Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health

Social Justice Sunday 31st August 2025

Australia is facing a deepening crisis. Over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness. Services are overstretched and many people are left without care, shelter or hope. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. Services are overwhelmed, and too many people are left without the help they desperately need.

This year's Social Justice Statement [[available here: Resources of Social Justice Statement 2025-2026](#)] calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to and cared for those on the edge of society. Just as Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46–52*), we are called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate including spouses of any inquirers.

Online Diaconate information meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 24 September 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: via [ZOOM](#)

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session, the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

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Janssen Centre - HEALING RETREAT

Reconnecting with your inner self through Spiritual enrichment, Mindfulness meditation, Getting to know your personalities and Healing massage (optional, at no cost).

Date: From Friday, 12th till Sunday 14 Sept 2025 **Venue:** 22 Woodvale Road Boronia, VIC 3155

Facilitated by Fr Thien Nguyen, Fr Yon Wiryono, Sr Maria Bui & Norm Currie

• **Arrival:** After 5.00pm for 6.00pm Dinner, Friday • **Departure:** by 3.00pm Sunday

• **Fees:** \$260 live-in (inputs, accommodation, all meals, tea, coffee, biscuits)

\$160 live-out (inputs, four meals, tea, coffee, biscuits)

(Since spaces are limited, please make your booking as soon as you can)

Booking: Latest by Monday, 8 Sept 2025

Mobile: 0432261194 (Fr. Thien) / Tel. 9762.6625 or Email: enquiries@janssencentre.au

Bank details: Acc. Name: Divine Word Missionaries BSB: 063108; Ac. No.: 1050 6541

A Kambrook urn has been left in the Parish Centre. Could the owner kindly retrieve it as soon as possible?