



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50+ YEARS

Saints Peter and Paul: 29 June 2025



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 Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build
my Church;

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed 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: 29 June to 6 July

Sun	29 June	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	1 July	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	6 July	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: July 2025

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
6-Jul	Volunteer	Volunteer	Elaine Macpherson	Barbara Young	Therese Chapman
13-Jul	Anita Lynch	Saskia Harris	Ellen Holmes	Elaine Macpherson	Claudette Fahy
20-Jul St Anne	Paul Moritz	Cathy Morell	Shireen Hoser	Lorraine Rath	Claudette Fahy
27-Jul	Volunteer	Volunteer	Gail Northey	Michelle Kearney	Anne-Marie Stevenson

COG Theatre Group

Call of Guadalupe (COG) is a Christian-based, not-for-profit community theatre based in Melbourne's Burwood. COG was founded in 2004 to stage Call of Guadalupe, which was the inspiration of Singapore-based business-woman Ann Lim and the late artist, actor and writer, John Lee. COG found theatre to be a powerful way to communicate messages about the culture of life, love and joy. COG promotes the sanctity of human life at every stage. COG is all-inclusive and embraces members of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Alongside its annual productions, COG runs drama, singing and writing workshops and offers community outreach programs to schools, youth groups and nursing homes.

COG are excited to announce an upcoming production for 2026: *Mary Magdalene – The Musical* to be staged in February and March 2026. This original Australian work promises to be a powerful and uplifting portrayal of faith, redemption, and the enduring hope found in the Gospel.

Expressions of interest to the organising team for cast, crew or marketing are now open. An Information session, afternoon tea and extracts of musical will be performed on July 26. For more info and to register your interest, go to cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or www.trybooking.com/DBRJU/

Yarra Theological Union

Study Theology at Yarra Theological Union (YTU) in Box Hill or online. We are a Catholic College of the University of Divinity offering Undergraduate and Postgraduate Courses.

Visit our website for more information and timetable. www.ytu.edu.au

Classes start late July [Timetables and Units for Semester 2, 2025](#).

Contact the Dean via email dean@ytu.edu.au and he will guide you through the process of enrolment and discuss any questions you may have. Looking forward to welcoming you to YTU.

Pope Leo XIV appoints two new Archbishops

Pope Leo has appointed Bishop Anthony Ireland as the new Archbishop of Hobart.

Currently an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the Archbishop-elect has also served in academic and spiritual formation as a lecturer and seminary rector, as well as having considerable ministry experience in parishes including Doncaster and in the health-care sector. Bishop Ireland said he had received the news of his appointment 'with a heart full of quiet joy', saying he was 'humbled and grateful for the trust placed in me to shepherd a diocese. I kindly ask for your prayers—for me, and for all those I will soon be blessed to serve and guide.' Bishop Ireland will be installed as the new Archbishop of Hobart on Tuesday, 12 August 2025.

Pope Leo has also appointed the Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay, as Archbishop of Brisbane.

He is currently Bishop of Sandhurst in regional Victoria.

'I am deeply honoured by Pope Leo's decision to appoint me as Archbishop of Brisbane—a diocese that has such a strong tradition of fostering the liturgical, spiritual, evangelising and educational endeavours of the Catholic community, both within the Archdiocese and more broadly,' Bishop Mackinlay said.

The installation Mass for Archbishop-elect Mackinlay will take place on 11 September 2025 at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

Source: Melbourne Catholic 24/6/25

Thanksgiving Envelopes

Thanksgiving envelopes for July 2025 to June 2026 inclusive are available for pick up at St Gerard's Church from this Sunday, 29th June 2025.

We do have extra sets so you can start or resume using Thanksgiving envelopes if you so wish. Please take one of the extra sets and **tell Michelle the envelope number.**

*God of bold beginnings and second chances, you called Peter, the fisherman who failed, and Paul, the persecutor who changed. Help us follow you with courage and heart. **Lead us like Peter. Transform us like Paul.***

*When we doubt ourselves, remind us: you built your Church on someone who sank in fear and someone who once tried to tear it down. **Lead us like Peter. Transform us like Paul.***

*Give us voices that speak truth, even when it's risky. Give us faith that holds strong, even when we're shaken. **Give us the fire they had.***

*Peter walked beside you. Paul found you on the road. Show us that there's no "wrong way" to come to you—just the way we are. **We say yes to your call, Lord. Use us. Shape us. Send us.***

Saint Peter, rock of the Church – pray for us.

Saint Paul, fearless preacher – pray for us.

Jesus, friend and guide – walk with us.

Amen