



PARK ORCHARDS & WARRANDYTE

Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Celebrating
50
YEARS

Sixth Sunday of Easter: 25 May 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

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.



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 John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'



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: 25 May to 1 June

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

ST. MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Is holding a community event, with HOPE at the core of our message.



We invite you to join us in raising awareness of:

THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The event will be comprised of an **ART EXHIBITION** of works carried out by survivors of domestic violence, abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour along with a **PANEL OF EXPERT GUESTS** who have in-depth knowledge on this matter.

PLEASE COME ALONG (no cost)

Saturday May 31st

79 - 81 Pitt Street Eltham

Commencing at 2pm - doors open at 1.30pm when art can be viewed.

PANEL OF EXPERTS 2.00PM, Q&A 3.00pm - 3.30pm

A time to honour and support victims and survivors 3.30 - 4pm

REFRESHMENTS AND A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE EXHIBITION AFTER THE FORUM

WHICH INCLUDES AN INSTALLATION BY VICKI WARD MP LAST DISPLAYED IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE. VICKI WILL ALSO BE SPEAKING ON THE PANEL.



For more information ring: 9439 9238

www.stmargaretseltham.org.au

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday 8th June 2025, St Gerard's will be hosting a service for the Warrandyte InterChurch Council for the World Day of Prayer for Christian Churches for Christian Unity. Everybody is welcome.

And along those lines, you might like to copy the link below into your preferred search engine and read about Pope Leo's meeting with the Eastern Churches.

'He made us feel proud,' said Syriac Catholic Archbishop Nathanael Nizar Wadih Semaan of Adiabene, in northern Iraq, after the meeting. 'Sometimes we think that we have nothing to offer, that we are few in numbers, and dwindling, but he reminded us that we have a rich liturgy and a deep spirituality. He told us we should not only preserve it like a treasure but also share it with the world. That was very moving.'

[Eastern Churches find new hope in meeting with... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

HOLY SPIRIT— Sacramental Program for children attending non-Catholic schools.

Children who wish to receive their First Eucharist in November 2025 should join our 'High Spirits' religious education class which is on at 4:00pm-5:00pm each Sunday during school terms at Holy Spirit. Please contact the parish office at Holy Spirit on 7036 9395 or email RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au to register your interest for your child or grandchild.

Winter Shelter

The logo for Winter Shelter features the word "winter" in a light blue, lowercase sans-serif font, followed by the word "shelter" in a black, lowercase sans-serif font. The "shelter" text is enclosed within a black outline of a house roof.

Volunteers needed

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be part of our friendly team at Holy Spirit's Winter Shelter on Friday nights. Happily, we have had a good response. Volunteers are still needed on the other nights of the week at the other churches. You would be warmly welcomed.

We could also do with more helpers on Saturday morning breakfast shift from 7:00-9:00am to help serve breakfast and pack lunch for our departing guests. To volunteer go to wintershelter.org.au

And ... Cooks needed!!!

**Once again Holy Spirit in conjunction with St Gerard and St Anne's is hosting the Winter Shelter every Friday night commencing June 6th and running through to August 29th.
We need your help!**

If you are able to cook a soup, main meal, vegetable dish or salad, a dessert, cake or slice please use the links below to the Take them a meal apps. Choose a date, click Take and fill in your details. A reminder email will be sent to you a couple of days beforehand.

Food can be delivered to Holy Spirit Church on Friday afternoons from 3:15pm to 3:45pm or between 5:00 - 5:30 pm.

Please include a list of ingredients. Please remember to label containers to be returned.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program supporting the homeless men in our area.

Soups & Salad roster: <https://takethemameal.com/POLH4316>

Main meals roster: <https://takethemameal.com/KOVJ9050>

Hot vegetable/side and Dessert, Cake or Slice roster: <https://takethemameal.com/WYQV1660>

**P.S. If you would like to cook something but don't wish to use the app on the computer or if you just need more information about Volunteering, please ring Ellen Holmes on
0404 357 023.**