



First Sunday in Advent: 30 November 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 prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
 concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
 shall tower above the mountains
 and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,

peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
 to the Temple of the God of Jacob
 that he may teach us his ways
 so that we may walk in his paths;
 since the Law will go out from Zion,
 and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
 and adjudicate between many peoples;
 these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
 their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,

there will be no more training for war

O House of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
 of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,
 in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



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: 30 Nov to 7 Dec

Sun	30 Nov	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Tues	2 Dec	9:00am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte
Sun	7 Dec	10:30am	Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

ROSTER: November and December 2025

Date	Reader	Commentator	Morning Tea	Welcomers	Flowers
30 Nov	Paul Moritz	Nada Whittle	Ellen Holmes	Elaine Macpherson	Elaine Macpherson
7 Dec	Saskia Harris	Volunteer Required	Shireen Hoser	Lorraine Rath	Elaine Macpherson
14 Dec	Carmel Murphy	Paul Moritz	Elaine Macpherson	Michelle Kearney	Saskia Harris
21 Dec St Anne	Nada Whittle	Jill McLean	Therese Chapman	Wilma Bouchier	Saskia Harris

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.

Message from the office of Bishop Tinh Nguyen to the Parishioners of St Gerard's and St Anne's

Bishop Tinh Nguyen, (Auxiliary Bishop for the Eastern Region) looks forward to joining our

community for weekday mass on Tuesday 9th Dec @ St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte.

Please come along if you can.

In addition, on Friday 12th December, he will be available to meet with anyone who would like to discuss the future of the parish.

Where: St Anne's Parish Centre

Time: By appointment from 9.30am -12.30pm

For approx. 30min duration. Either individually or in groups of 2-3 ppl.

You are warmly encouraged to use this opportunity to speak from the heart about your concerns.

Please contact the Parish Secretary Michelle Kearney, to book on a time on 7064 3922 or email ParkOrchards@cam.org.au

Note from Michelle: as at 28th November, we have two (2) time slots remaining.

The Dominican Friars of Camberwell are again offering their course on the thoughts of Thomas Aquinas. The course was first trialled in 2025 and is now offered for 2026.

Information available at [MTI Camberwell](https://www.mti.org.au)

Advent and Christmas 2025

CHRISTMAS 2025 TIMETABLE

Service of Forgiveness: 7:00pm, Tuesday 16th December

St Anne's Church, Park Orchards

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December:

- 6:00pm St Anne's Church, Park Orchards
- 9:00pm St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December:

9:00am St Anne's Church, Park Orchards



Advent Reflection: Week 1

Advent is the place where we wait and prepare for the incredible: the birth of Jesus. Every year as we listen to the Advent words, pray our Advent prayers and sing our Advent songs we are invited once again to prepare – to open our hearts to Christ's face more clearly and to know more deeply the great love God has demonstrated to the world. And the face of this great love is Jesus.

Carl Sagan



Churches of Warrandyte Community Christmas Carols

The Churches of Warrandyte Community Christmas Carols will be held at 7:00pm, Saturday 13th December 2025 at Stiggants Reserve, Yarra St Warrandyte.

The organisers would appreciate it if a couple of Parish volunteers could arrive by 5:00pm on Saturday 13th December and help in setting up.



Christmas Mass timetable roadside display boards

We are very grateful to O'Brien Real Estate for their generous support of the Parish this year. Anthony Molinaro at O'Brien's stepped in and organised O'Brien's sponsorship of the roadside boards that display the times of our Christmas Masses. These boards help alert the wider Park Orchards and Warrandyte communities to the time of our Christmas services.

Thank you!

Go from here ready for the coming of Jesus.

We are aware of those whose hopes or dreams have come to nothing.

You will be ready for the coming of God's promised one,

and our celebrations will include a full measure of compassion.