



## Second Sunday of Lent: 1 March 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 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](mailto:parkorchards.safeguarding@cam.org.au)

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

## Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.



## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



## 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](mailto: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: 1 to 8 March 2026**

|      |       |                |                                               |
|------|-------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sun  | 1 Mar | <b>10:30am</b> | <b>Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte</b> |
| Tues | 3 Mar | <b>9:00am</b>  | <b>Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte</b> |
| Sun  | 8 Mar | <b>10:30am</b> | <b>Mass at St Gerard's Church, Warrandyte</b> |

### **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.**

**Consider adding this Mass to your Lenten discipline this year.**

St Gerard's, 3 McCulloch Street, Warrandyte

### **ROSTER: March 2026**

| Date                                               | Reader                    | Commentator               | Morning Tea       | Welcomers         | Flowers          |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>1 Mar</b>                                       | Carmel Murphy             | <b>Volunteer Required</b> | Anita Lynch       | Barbara Young     | LENT, no flowers |
| <b>8 Mar</b>                                       | Jill McLean               | Saskia Harris             | Catarina Brouwer  | Elaine Macpherson | LENT, no flowers |
| <b>15 Mar</b><br><b>St Anne</b><br><b>1st Euch</b> | Paul Moritz               | Michelle Kearney          | Elaine Macpherson | Michelle Kearney  | LENT, no flowers |
| <b>22 Mar</b><br><b>1st Euch</b>                   | <b>Volunteer Required</b> | Jill McLean               | Ellen Holmes      | Wilma Bouchier    | LENT, no flowers |

#### **Project Compassion**

Project Compassion boxes are available at the back of the Church. Donations are tax deductible and receipts can be provided on request. Please see Paul Moritz.

#### **Eucharist28—Sydney in 2028**

The 54th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Sydney in 2028, 100 years after the Congress was last in Sydney. Pope Leo has advised that he will attend. Information is available at [eucharist28.org](http://eucharist28.org) (**note, no ".au"**). You are asked to pray and prayer cards are available at the back of the Church today.

#### **Lectio Divina Spirituality Dinner**

The first Spirituality Dinner at the Janssen Spirituality Centre (JSC) Boronia for 2026 is on Thursday evening 5th March, 5:30pm-8:30pm. The focus of the evening will be Lectio Divina (Divina Reading) - understanding this ancient Christian meditative practice, its history, and its relevance to our time. Fr Nick de Groot SVD, a former director of JSC will give the presentation and lead a short Lectio Divina, with time for discussion and conversation. The evening includes a 3-course dinner. Suggested donation \$35 pp.

Booking: RSVP by Monday 2nd March to Fr Yon SVD at email: [enquiries@janssencentre.au](mailto:enquiries@janssencentre.au) or mobile: 0405 040 870. All are welcome!

## Rite of Election 2026 in the Archdiocese of Melbourne—Sunday 22 February 2026

This year's Rite of Election saw record numbers, with around **550 people** preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) this Easter. **It's the largest number ever recorded for the Archdiocese** and reflects a 57%



increase from 2025 which was already a 40% increase from 2024. St Patrick's was full. The candidates and catechumens came from 86 Parishes, migrant chaplaincies and universities across Melbourne. It appeared to be a much younger crowd than in previous years with more than a few groups coming forward with whole families to be baptised. No one is quite sure of the reason for the increase but there is certainty that this is evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work.

Source: Melbourne Catholic, 23 Feb 2026

## Tercentenary of the birth of St Gerard Majella : if you are travelling to Canberra

An outdoor Mass will be held at 10.30am Sunday 15th March in the grounds of the St Clements Retreat and Conference Centre in Galong, NSW to be celebrated by Fr John Hodgson CSsR – the Provincial Superior of the Redemptorist Congregation of Oceania. A picnic lunch and various activities will be held following the Mass.

For further information contact St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre on **02 6380 5222**.

**Playgroup**—Playgroup recommenced on Wednesday 18 February from 9:00-11:00am in the Ark at St Anne's. We welcome parents and grandparents with their beautiful babies and pre-schoolers. We'd love you to join us for play, friendship and coffee/tea in 2026!

*Ellen and Shireen*

## STRAWBERRY FAIR IS ON THIS SUNDAY AT ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

***Remember: bring cash and your own bags, leave the dog at home, drink alcohol only in the designated area and please don't block the neighbours driveways. Police have fined drivers in previous years.***



Strawberry fair 2026