



Holy Family
St. Joachim's
St. Anne's

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point. Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.



We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN CALLS FAITHFUL TO BE STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your commitment to the Archbishop's Campaign and for the important role you play in supporting the mission of the Church throughout our Archdiocese.

Through your dedication and service, the campaign continues to provide the resources that enable the Church's mission to flourish. It helps form future priests, supports retired and sick clergy, strengthens parish communities, and sustains ministries that bring the love of Christ to those in need. These works are only possible through the generosity, partnership, and efforts of many faithful people working together for the good of the Church.

This year's theme, '**Courage!... Do not be afraid**', is drawn from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. In every age, Christ calls His disciples to place their trust in Him and to move forward with confidence, even amid uncertainty and challenge. As you support the campaign in your parish and community, I encourage you to be guided by these words. The Lord is always with us, strengthening us for mission, and calling us to be witnesses of faith, hope and charity.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit. Please know of my gratitude and prayers for you and your loved ones.

May God bless you abundantly. **Most Rev Peter A Comensoli** (Special Collection will be on the 15th-16th August)

Our parish respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong people, who are the custodians of the Boon Wurrung land on which we worship. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Elders; past, present and future.

We are very grateful to all the parishioners for your continued support and donations.

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to:
St. Annes Church (CDF)

BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.

As reference please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your full name.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through the QR code Or the below link

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj6iAAD>



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 26/07/2026 \$ 3077.50

“Child Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility”

Welcome to St Anne’s Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer (seaford@cam.org.au).

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Jacqueline Ware, Allyson Joel, Frank Bartosy, Siyumi, Eliza Wilmot, Yeng Omo, Myra Buyco, Patricia Upton, Alex, Jay Sulton, Frances Kinna, Philomina, George Paul, Tracy Dalmau, Susie, Aida Mortimer, Shirley Hajak, Amber Elka Faska, Robin D’Cruz.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Felipe Florita Sr, Evelyn Fernandes, Kingsley Fernando, William and Daisy Hart** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Sweet Marcia Reyes. Rest in Peace. Amen.**



Piety Stall

New stock available at the Piety Stall, including small statues; cross and chain; pictures of Divine Mercy; Tote bags with picture of Virgin Mary. Call in after Mass and have a look.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 8TH & 9TH AUGUST

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Josephine. R / Annet. R
 Eucharistic Minister: Rosario / Liam
 Altar Servers: Johan / Rhys / Jeremy

8:30am Mass

Readers: Stephen. W / Sofia. A
 Eucharistic Minister: Jeff / Ranjani
 Altar Servers: Volunteer

10:00am Mass

Readers: Anthony. W / Beena.G
 Eucharistic Minister: Marylin / Amelia
 Altar Servers: Gabrina / Shenoli / Mary

PARISHIONER’S INITIATIVE



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 55: 1 - 3
 Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.
 2nd Reading: Rom 8: 35, 37 - 39
 Gospel: Mt 14: 13 - 21

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 19: 9, 11 - 13
 Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
 2nd Reading: Rom 9: 1 - 5
 Gospel: Mt 14: 22 - 33

Dear Parishioners,

Please welcome **Fr Peter Matheson** who will be celebrating all weekend masses till Fr Martin return.

Introduction:

Fr Peter ordained in 1970 by Cardinal Knox, initial parish St Mary's Geelong, then at St Columba's Elwood, and St Therese's Essendon, while working for 20 years in Catholic Education, Government School apostolate first, then at Mercy Campus, Ascot Vale. Parish priest for 13 years at SFX Montmorency, then 13 years at OLA Cheltenham. Retired at 75 in 2019

Please visit our website for more information



SEAFORD PARISH PROFILE	YEAR						
AUSTRALIAN CENSUS DATA	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	
Total population	35,452	36654	41689	47679	51037	54332	2026 Parish Census
Catholic population	8,729	9052	9737	11280	10631	9851	
% Catholic population	25	25	23	24	21	18	Total number of Registered Families - 1062
Median age of Catholics	31	33	36	37	40	44	Thanksgiving Contributing Families - 187
Catholic families	3385	3503	3835	4418	4257	4183	Baptism for 6 months - 42
Catholics living alone	549	827	972	1137	1106	1130	Funerals for 6 months - 8
Catholics born overseas	2224	2243	2501	2917	2795	2884	Average Head Count - 520 for the year
Not proficient in English	148	157	183	163	183	165	
Needing assistance	0	0	420	612	721	815	
Moved since last census	2814	3142	3655	4117	3506	3849	

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Thinking About Becoming Catholic? Join the RCIA Journey

Are you—or someone you know—interested in becoming Catholic, or simply want to explore the Catholic faith more deeply?

Our parish will soon begin the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**, a journey of faith and discovery designed for:

- Adults who have never been baptised
- Christians from other denominations seeking full communion with the Catholic Church
- Baptised Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

RCIA is a welcoming, supportive process that allows individuals to ask questions, share experiences, and grow in faith as they discern God's call. Sessions will begin Soon. If you, or someone you know, is interested, we warmly invite you to contact the parish office. Come and see where God might be calling you!

The program will be starting from last week of August, There is a information evening on 12th August.



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am Mass
Silent adoration	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Thursday	6:00 pm Communion Service
Friday Rosary	6:30 pm
First Friday	7:00 pm Mass
Saturday	5:00 pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30 pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am & 10:00am Mass
3rd Sunday	10:30am Filipino Mass (at Holy Family Hall)

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday	6:00 - 8:00 pm Marian Cenacle Group
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm VIBE
Friday	5:30 - 6:30 pm Youth Meeting 6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

JENNY'S KITCHEN

Jenny's kitchen continues to be a place of warmth, welcome, and nourishment for all parishioners. Secret ingredient is 'LOVE' To keep this beautiful ministry going, we are reaching out for your support.

We ask for your donations—whether it be non-perishable food items, fresh ingredients, or financial contributions.

Every small act of generosity helps us serve the parishioners.

If you are able to contribute, please reach out to Jenny directly or drop off your donations at your convenience. We appreciate your kindness.



FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

We have just passed the halfway mark for winter, and what a cold and wet one it has been thus far. We are still averaging 10 guests per night, mostly the same people attending every night with a few new faces popping in and out too.

You have all been amazing and pivotal in helping us to provide a safe and warm haven for our local rough sleepers but we still need your continued support. We are currently needing Up & Go drinks, primas and socks. It is also not too late to volunteer. If you can help cover only one shift, it all helps and is greatly needed, especially as winter takes hold and the volunteers start to succumb to colds & flu. All the information can be found

at www.pencc.org/wintershelter.

Winter Shelter Coordinator.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

2 - 9 August 2026

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

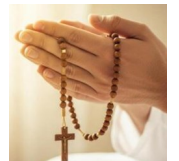
Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

You are warmly invited to join us every Saturday at 5:15 PM before the Vigil Mass for:

- The Holy Rosary
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Even if you have never joined before, simply come as you are. Many have found peace, comfort, strength, hope, guidance, mercy, spiritual renewal, and a deeper relationship with God and Our Blessed Mother Mary through these beautiful prayers.

A plenary indulgence is also granted to those who spend at least 30 minutes before the Blessed Sacrament. If a plenary indulgence is offered for a deceased soul, that soul goes to Heaven that very day. If it is offered for oneself, all temporal punishment due to sin up to that day is fully remitted. If that person were to die, he or she would go straight to Heaven. Details about the plenary indulgence are available upon request.



CATHOLIC MISSION SINCERELY THANKS THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST ANNE'S FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL.

As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than **160 countries** and over **1,100 dioceses**.

Your contribution of **\$95.00** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in **Kampira, Malawi**,

through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church.

Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, "**One in Christ, United in Mission**," reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten.

Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.



Reach out. Give life.