

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3rd May 2026



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father,



between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

NATIONAL PARISH HEAD COUNT

This year the National Head Count happens on the four weekends of 3-4 May, 10-11 May, 17-18 May and 24-25 May for annual head count.

This annual count taken is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years. Our collection ministers will be spending sometime extra to count everyone in each section of the church.



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>

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 26/04/2026 \$ 3034.80

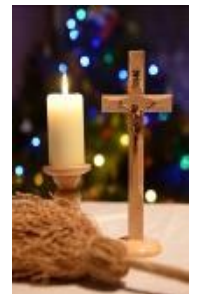


Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

“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, John McCready, Yeng Omo, Myra Buyco, Patricia Upton, Alex, Jay Sulton, Kerry Marshall, Frances Kinna, Philomina, George Paul, Tracy Dalmau, Susie, Darren Reeves.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Fidel Ollada, William Hart** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Fr Peter Foley.** **Rest in Peace. Amen.**



***Do not let your hearts
be troubled.
Trust in God,
trust also in me***

J E S U S - J O H N 14:1

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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9TH & 10TH MAY

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Jarvis. J / Annet. R
Eucharistic Minister: Linda / Liam
Altar Servers: Jeremy / Bertin / Luke

8:30am Mass

Readers: Brett. H / Lily. D
Eucharistic Minister: Angela / Jeff
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Amelia. H / Janice. F
Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn / Lloyd
Altar Servers: Eric / Emily / Shenoli

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6: 1 - 7
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
2nd Reading: 1 Pet 2: 4 - 9
Gospel: Jn 14: 1 - 12

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17
Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
2nd Reading: 1 Pet 3: 15 - 18
Gospel: Jn 14: 15 - 21

Dear Parishioners,

Dear Parents of children in our sacramental program,
A reminder regarding some important items for your child's Sacramental preparation:

Profile Pages / Sorry Card / Mass Selection

Page were due on the weekends of March 28/29 for first Reconciliation and April 18/19 for First Eucharist. We are still waiting on a number of families to return these. If you have not yet submitted them, please do so as soon as possible. If we don't receive them soon we will assume your child is not ready this year.

2. Workbook Return Dates

Please ensure your child's workbook is returned on or before the following date:

May 18, for first Reconciliation and **June 1**, for First Eucharist.

Your cooperation helps us ensure everything is well prepared for the celebration of the Sacraments. Thank you for your support and commitment.

JENNY'S KITCHEN

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

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 or drop off your donations at your convenience. We appreciate your kindness.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. **Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope.**

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate:

Using the appeal envelope available in our parish

Online - www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Phone - (03) 9967 2515, Scan the QR code above.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)



**Pregnancy Assistance Frankston
are having their annual
MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL on
Sunday 10th May.**

**A 'Hub of Love' for women & babies.
Thank you for your generosity & support.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation booklets are due to be returned this weekend or latest by Monday 18th 2026 to the school or the parish office.



Melbourne Synod 2026

The Archbishop formally signed the Decree of Convocation of the Melbourne Synod. These frequently asked questions can help gradually build awareness about the Synod and what it means for the life and mission of our local Church.

Why the Church is embracing synodality now

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.



Synodality is a conversion

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.

Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

Synodality and trust

Trust grows when people know their voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the Church and between the Church and society.

Synodality is demanding

Walking together takes patience, time, and effort. But the Gospel has never promised an easy path—only a fruitful one.

Synodality and the Holy Spirit

At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

Synodality and Scripture

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical story.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am Mass
Silent adoration 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday Rosary 6:30 pm
Saturday 5:20 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 6:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday 3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday - Vocations from our own Parish.
Monday - For men preparing for ordination to the priesthood.
Tuesday - For seminarians to grow in self-awareness as they continue to discern Jesus Christ's call.
Wednesday - For seminarians to model the life and virtues of St Joseph.
Thursday - For the Eucharist to be the 'source and summit' for seminarians.
Friday - For applicants for the seminary and prospective seminarians.
Saturday - For Mary, Mother of Priests, to guide and protect our seminarians.

Schedule for the Sacraments 2026

Dear Parishioners, Please see the dates for the sacraments this year. We need your help to let the families of non Catholic school know these dates as early as possible.

Profile pages and Mass selection sheet for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion were due last weekend. The first set of mass selection dates are published on our website.

Confirmation enrolment Mass are on May 16/17 & 23/24. Preparation evening, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church.

All non Catholic school children will need to do special Religious education program apart from the sacramental program of the parish. There will 2 session for the children for the preparation of Reconciliation. Details for other Sacraments will be updated soon.

Piety Stall Notice

Book for toddlers on the Saints and Prayers to the Saints for pre school children. Columban Calendars have been restocked, these have space for daily memos and give the name of the saint for the day as well as beautiful paintings for each month.

We have some new Little Golden Books – please call at the Piety Stall to peruse. Also a couple of copies of “Catholic Prayers for All Occasions

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER



A very **BIG thank you** to everyone for listening to us speak at last weekend's masses. An even BIGGER thank you to everyone who has made a financial donation and who has registered to be a volunteer. We are still needing the following gaps filled to be able to open the shelter this year:

Overnights: Mon - 2am - 6am, Tues - fortnightly 10pm - 2am & 2am - 6am, Wed - 2am - 6am, Fri - fortnightly 10pm - 2am & 2am - 6am.

Mornings: Friday 6am - 8am, Sat 6am - 8am

You can also register as an emergency for one off shift when our volunteers are sick or away.

Even if you can help out just once, it all helps and is greatly appreciated.

As mentioned in our talks, we are asking the parishioners of St. Anne's to donate multi packs of shapes, tiny teddies & chips. These can be left in the foyer of the church.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Jesus,

We thank you for the great gift of your priesthood in the Church.

We pray for all priests and those in formation for the priesthood.

Make their lives alive with your Spirit, and fruitful in love and service

Shape their hearts to be more like your own-the Heart of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

Draw them close to you, and bless them with courage and zeal as they serve your people.

Give them joy as they proclaim the hope of your resurrection. and wisdom and trust as they follow your call.

We ask this with great confidence in you.

Amen.

St John Vianney - Patron of priests

Pray for us.