

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 4th October 2026



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom

of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

Sunday Connection Loyola Press.



ST ANNE'S LEGION OF MARY PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Saturday October 24th at 3:30pm-5:30pm at Broughton Reserve
Station Street, Seaford. **All are welcome.**



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 27/09/2026 \$ 2475.75

“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, 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, Margot O’Neil, Christopher Lim, Rolly Domantay, Winney Payet.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Sylvia Arendze, Ashley Denetto, Joseph McCreedy, Salvacion Bell, Dalmasio Castanares** and for all those who have died recently deceased **James Hennessy, Belen Hernandez, Claris Sebestiampillai, Mari Celina Adam, Yohanes Edi Gunawan, Ruperta Hartig.** Rest in Peace. Amen.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **10TH & 11TH OCTOBER**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Alden. M / Rosario
 Eucharistic Minister: Ashley / Rosario
 Altar Servers: Bertin / Johan

8:30am Mass

Readers: Marita. W / Christina. O
 Eucharistic Minister: Jeff / Antony
 Altar Servers: Volunteer

10:00am Mass

Readers: Shenoli. B / Wendy. Z
 Eucharistic Minister: Salvatore / Zeeta
 Altar Servers: Gabrina / Mary

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 5: 1 - 7
 Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
 2nd Reading: Phil 4: 6 - 9
 Gospel: Mt 21: 33 - 43

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 25: 6 - 10
 Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
 2nd Reading: Phil 4: 12 - 14, 19 - 20
 Gospel: Mt 22: 1 - 14

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This Sunday, October 4, is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, and it marks the 800th anniversary of his death in 1226. He died on the night of October 3, at the Portiuncula, a small dwelling in the plain below the town of Assisi, in a little town now called Santa Maria degli Angeli. He wanted to be buried in the criminals' cemetery nearby on the Colle d'Inferno, but on October 4, the morning after he died, his body was transported to the church of St George in Assisi where it remained for four years until they built the great basilica of St Francis. His body was reburied in that. Two years previously, and



two years after his death he had been canonised a saint. He remains one of the great saints in the history of the church, and an essential part of the Italian renaissance. Yet we had to wait nearly 800 years before a Jesuit Pope took the name of Francis. St Francis was baptised John, but his father, Peter Bernadone, was a wealthy businessman who traded in cloth and was in France when his son was born. Because of this it seems that the family gave him the name of Francesco, and it stuck. "Francesco" was how Pope Francis signed all his letters. Bishop Vincent Long of Parramatta, himself a Franciscan member of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, recently recalled why the spirituality of St Francis is still relevant today. He outlined five areas for consideration; his poverty, his humility, his mission (even to Islam), his option for the poor, and his recognition of creation as God's special gift to us. **St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 OUR PARISH JOURNEY.

In December 4th - 6th 2026, Archbishop Peter Comensoli convoked a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be held.

Our parish will hold its parish assembly in reference to the Synod 2026 as a part of the listening phase. This is our chance to pray, listen and discuss together how we can be more faithful missionary disciple.

Three themes:

- ☆ Young Discipleship
- ☆ Missionary Leadership
- ☆ Formation and Participation

Every voice matters-Young and old new and long-time Parishioners.

Please leave 31st October 2026 at 9:30am free for this special event for our Parish. Contact the parish office for more information.

A sign-up sheet is placed in the foyer of the church for your registration.



**MELBOURNE
SYNOD**

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS CHRISTMAS

Our St. Anne's Vinnies Christmas Hamper and Toy Committee are looking for passionate members to join our team.

This wonderful opportunity to spread joy, support local families and make Christmas magical for children who may not get a toy for Christmas.

Whether you can help with planning, sausage sizzles, organising donations, sorting, packing and/or delivering hampers/toys, your involvement will have real impact.

To join the committee, PLEASE RING/SMS: Peter Vyverberg 0432120 704

Let's make this Christmas season shine with generosity and kindness.



MISSIONARY OF SISTERS OF ST PETER'S CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 17 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew.

This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph, Kisumu for water tanks. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

REMINDER FOR MEMORIAL MISSING PLAQUES

We regret to inform you that a number of memorial plaques have been stolen from our parish grounds last year. This is a distressing and unfortunate incident, especially for the families whose loved ones were remembered through these plaques.

A gentle reminder regarding the missing plaques, if you or someone you know has placed a memorial plaque in the parish grounds, we kindly ask you to please contact or email the parish office as soon as possible, as we are in need of more information of the details on the plaque. Your assistance in helping us get these details and restore the plaque would be greatly appreciated.

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	9:15 am No Mass
	5:00 pm Rosary
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
Wednesday	6:00 - 7:00 Synod Meeting
	7:00 - 8:00 pm RCIA
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm Adult Theology
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying



"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change."
- Saint Padre Pio

PIETY STALL

2 books – Friendly Guide to Prayer and Friendly Guide to the Psalms at \$29.95 each at the Piety Stall. Also we have Christmas Table Runners; and Christmas theme gift bags. Christmas diamond painting kits. Call at the Piety Stall to see what is available.

DAY LIGHT SAVING THIS WEEKEND

SPRING FORWARD



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Tilma replica visiting St. Thomas More Catholic Parish. **When:** Sunday 25th October 2026 **Where:** St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza. Mass will be held at 10am (with Adoration from 9-10am beforehand) with the tilma available for those needing healing to wear at the conclusion of Mass. This is a special privilege for the parish, as this tilma replica is one of only a handful in the world that have been laid on the original tilma given to St. Juan Diego by Our Lady.

In December 1531, a Mexican peasant and recent Catholic convert named Juan Diego saw a glowing vision of the Virgin Mary on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico.

During the apparition, Our Lady asked Juan Diego to tell the local bishop to build a shrine on the hill so that she could share her love and compassion with all believers.

The Bishop, Juan de Zumárraga, was doubtful about the apparition, and asked for a supernatural sign to prove the lady's identity. Mary told Juan Diego to climb the hill and gather flowers. Although it was freezing winter he found fresh, Spanish Castilian roses blooming, completely out of season. These flowers were particularly special to the bishop, who was born in Spain, so he would be utterly taken aback by seeing them in Central America in December. Juan Diego placed them inside his cloak woven from cactus fibre. The cloak was called a tilma.

Juan Diego took the roses to the bishop and unfolding his tilma, the flowers fell out, and a glowing, coloured image of the Virgin Mary miraculously appeared imprinted on the rough fabric. Being made of coarse cactus-fibre, a material that normally disintegrates within 20 to 30 years—it is miraculous that the image of the Virgin on the tilma has remained perfectly preserved for nearly 500 years without fading or showing any signs of human intervention. Because the image combined Aztec and Christian symbolism, the local people were inspired to cease their practice of human sacrifice and to convert to Christianity, with an estimated 8 to 10 million indigenous conversions within a decade.

The Tilma is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, visited by thousands of pilgrims every year. The replica tilma we see today has touched the original tilma in Mexico, and it has been blessed, so it is a valid sacramental to be used for healing, inspiration, comfort and strength, with the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday,

10th October - Treasury Gardens, Corner Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne

Wear pink and blue for the

Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com



This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.