

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 5th July 2026



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

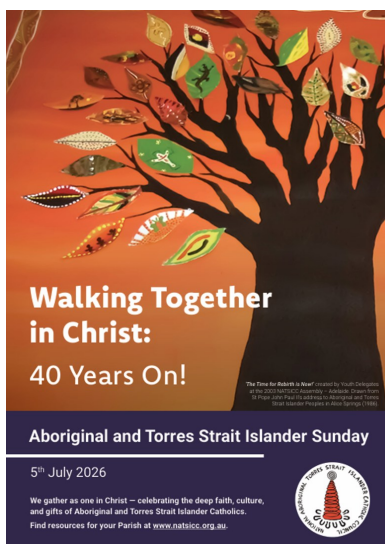
Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention

the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

2026 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY



On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make the life of the Church.

Prayer

God of all creation.

as we journey together in this Great South Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Holy Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.

Amen.

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 28/06/2026 \$ 3779.50

“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, John Duff, Aida Mortimer, Shirley Hajak, Amber Elka Faska.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Henry Surma, Hilda Rebello, Andrews Troncoso** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Julianne Tate, Lawrence Samy. Rest in Peace. Amen.**



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **11TH & 12TH JULY**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Liam. D / Nikita. F

Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius / Jarvis

Altar Servers: Issac / Luke / Alden

8:30am Mass

Readers: Brett. H / Lily. D

Eucharistic Minister: Christina / Timothy

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Shyla. M / Joe La

Eucharistic Minister: Anita / Grace

Altar Servers: Emily / Eric / Grazinia

Learn from me,

*for I am
gentle and
humble in
heart*

Jesus, Matthew 11:29



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Zech 9 : 9 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 9, 11 - 13

Gospel: Mt 11: 25 - 30

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 55 : 10 - 11

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 18 - 23

Gospel: Mt 13: 1 - 23

Sabbatical Leave (August - November)

Dear Parishioners,

As I prepare to begin my sabbatical (at the end of the month), I would like to thank you for your prayers and support. This period of leave will provide an opportunity for prayer, renewal, rest, and ongoing formation. I ask that you keep me in your prayers during this time, and I assure you of my prayers for our parish community.

During my absence, **Fr Peter Matheson** will celebrate all weekend Masses and preside at funerals. Tuesday (6pm) Wednesday (9:15 am) and First Fridays at (7 pm), Masses will be celebrated by neighbouring priests. On Thursdays (6pm) and Fridays (9:15 am), Communion Services will be held.

If you require the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in an emergency, please contact the parish office during business hours. If you or a loved one is admitted to hospital, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic chaplain so that pastoral care and the sacraments can be arranged.

If you anticipate needing any parish certificates (such as baptismal or other sacramental certificates), please contact the parish office as soon as possible so that these can be prepared before my leave.

If there is any question with anything related to parish, contact the office or talk to deacon Leo.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. May God bless you all, and I look forward to returning refreshed and renewed to continue serving our parish community.

DECORATIVE CANDLES ON SALE

I am Nimmi, and I come from family of candle makers, I'm honoured to carry on my grandfather's legacy by transforming discarded church candles into beautiful, eco-friendly creations. You can find these stunning candles at our piety stall, and the proceeds go directly to the church. Each candle is made with love, prayers, and dedication, and I believe they spread positivity and answered prayers wherever they're lit.

This meaningful hobby also helps me reduce my screen time and contribute to a more sustainable future.



Please visit our website for more information

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

The first 4 weeks are completed and winter has definitely shown up for them. We are averaging 10 guests per night, who greatly appreciate the warmth of the hall, the comfort of being safe and the donations of snacks St. Annes has been able to provide for them. The amount of donated snacks has been fantastic and we have enough to see us through the rest of winter, thank you.

We would like to change the call out for donations to UHT milk, up & go drinks, socks & jocks. This is something we are lacking at the moment.

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.

We also wanted to share with you the great work from one of our junior parishioners, Mia Salomon. Mia was present for our shelter talks and wanted to do something to help. She reached out to her teacher and together they organised a donation drive for food for the shelter. We were invited to St. Joachims for their school assembly where Mia presented us with what they had collected. Thank you so much Mia and St. Joachims for coming together to support the Frankston Winter Shelter.

1 Timothy 4:12 *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*

Winter Shelter Coordinator. See what Mia has wrote:



Dear Mrs Andrew,
As I sat in church on Sunday two guest speakers came up and spoke about the Frankston Winter Appeal. Although I can't volunteer my time to help, they spoke about how much they needed donations of snack packs such as Tiny Teddies, Oreos and Shapes. I am proud to be a Mini Vinnie and really want to help. I would like to start a donation drive at our school, where students could all help by donating a box of snacks to support our local community. Could you help me in getting started? Thank you Mia Salomon!

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday 9:15 am Mass
Silent adoration 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday 9:15 am Mass
Rosary 6:30 pm
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)

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES READY FOR COLLECTION

As we have come close to the end of the Financial year, the thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection in the foyer of the church, they have been sorted according to your last name. Please note that a few of the parishioner's envelope numbers have been reorganised.



If you are unable to find your envelope please contact the Parish office.

Let us know if you would like to move to electronic way of donation in the future (via Credit or debit card or bank transfer).

NEW GIVERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

SEAFORD PARISH PROFILE	YEAR					
AUSTRALIAN CENSUS DATA	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021
Total population	35,452	36654	41689	47679	51037	54332
Catholic population	8,729	9052	9737	11280	10631	9851
% Catholic population	25	25	23	24	21	18
Median age of Catholics	31	33	36	37	40	44
Catholic families	3385	3503	3835	4418	4257	4183
Catholics living alone	549	827	972	1137	1106	1130
Catholics born overseas	2224	2243	2501	2917	2795	2884
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

2026 Parish Census

Total number of Registered Families - 1062

Thanksgiving Contributing Families - 187

Baptism for 6 months - 42

Funerals for 6 months - 8

Average Head Count - 520 for the year

PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION

On **Sunday 29 June 2026** the traditional **Peter's Pence** collection takes place.

This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. Please find below information for the Peter's Pence Collection. Make a donation direct through secure digital channels official website **ObolodiSanPietro.va**

Or

Make a donation to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to send on: Account Name: RCTC – Main Account
 BSB: 083 091 Account No.: 51 514 3414
 Reference: PP-2026

Scan the following QR codes



PayPal



Credit card

Schedule for the Sacraments 2026

Confirmation : We have 42 candidate enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

As part of the confirmation program, we expect every child to attend at least 3 weekend (not weekdays) Masses throughout the program. You can go to any Catholic church around the area.

After the Mass, please see the priest and show the form we have given. He will sign it.

CONTINUE ATTENDING MASS

We encourage you to keep attending Mass even after completing the three required Masses. Every Mass you attend helps you grow closer to Jesus and strengthens your faith. Please bring this page with you to each Mass and show this side to the priest. After each Mass, fill in the following details in the order: Date- Name of the parish- and priest will sign it. Every Mass you attend will be recorded and counted. Special gifts and recognition will be awarded to the children who attend the most Masses during the program.

