

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th June 2026



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

**Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford**



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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as

God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

### PARISH HEAD COUNT RESULTS : AVERAGE FOR THE PAST YEARS.

| 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|------|------|------|------|
| 432  | 473  | 488  | 519  |

| Mass Time   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> | 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> | 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> | 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup><br>Total (0-17) (18-29) (30-49) (50-69) (70 years and above) |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| 6:00 pm     | 206                              | 149                               | 189 - M -79 F - 110                | 199                                                                                             | 51 | 19 | 42 | 45 | 42 |
| 8:30 am     | 129                              | 95                                | 110 - M -51 F - 59                 | 100                                                                                             | 5  | 0  | 20 | 40 | 35 |
| 10:00 am    | 188                              | 228                               | 173 M - 72 F - 101                 | 210                                                                                             | 41 | 10 | 45 | 69 | 45 |
| Holy Family |                                  |                                   | 100 M - 33 F - 67                  |                                                                                                 |    |    |    |    |    |

*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 31/05/2026 \$ 3785.25**

### **“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](mailto: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, John Duff, Rita Brown.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Anthony Pool, Alberta Monger** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Alain Villemin. Rest in Peace. Amen.**



### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND** **13TH & 14TH JUNE**

#### **6:00pm Vigil Mass**

Readers: Rosario / Alden. M  
Eucharistic Minister: Jarvis / Linda  
Altar Servers: Luke / Rhys / Jeremy

#### **8:30am Mass**

Readers: Marita. W / Fina. A  
Eucharistic Minister: Ranjani / Christina. O  
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

#### **10:00am Mass**

Readers: Robert. H / Jamie. F  
Eucharistic Minister: Martin / Salvatore  
Altar Servers: Victoria / Gabrina / Mary

### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A** **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

1st Reading: Deut 8: 2 - 3, 14 - 16  
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10: 16 - 17  
Gospel: Jn 6: 51 - 58

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A** **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ex 19: 2 - 6  
Responsorial Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.  
2nd Reading: Rom 5: 6 - 11  
Gospel: Mt 9: 36 - 10: 8

## Dear Parishioners,

### Pope Leo XIV has released the first papal encyclical on artificial intelligence.

Following in the footsteps of Leo XIII, who responded to the Industrial Revolution, Pope Leo XIV presents AI as a defining transformation of our time—one that will influence how people work, think, relate, create, learn, and understand human identity itself.

The encyclical does not fully endorse nor completely reject AI. Instead, it acknowledges its genuine advantages while also warning about its serious ethical and social risks.

At the heart of the reflection is a deeper question: what understanding of the human person is embedded within this technology?

To guide this reflection, Pope Leo XIV uses two biblical images—The Tower of Babel and the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

Babel symbolizes humanity striving to build without God: a society shaped by pride, self-reliance, uniformity, and the pursuit of power separated from truth.

Jerusalem, on the other hand, represents restoration rooted in humility, shared responsibility, diversity of voices, and God at the center.

This, he suggests, is the real decision facing humanity—not simply how advanced AI becomes, but whether humanity itself becomes more faithful, more wise, and more truly human through its development.

The encyclical also challenges the idea that AI is neutral. Every technological system reflects certain values and priorities, meaning ethics must be considered not only in how AI is used, but in how it is designed from the very beginning.

Pope Leo is also clear about the limits of machines. AI may simulate intelligence, but it cannot love, sacrifice, show compassion, or carry moral responsibility.

In an age increasingly dominated by screens and artificial interactions, he warns of a subtle danger: the

weakening of genuine human presence and real relationships.

Christianity, however, points in a different direction. The fullness of life is not found in technological elevation, but in grace.

Technology can assist humanity, but it cannot save it. No machine can fulfill the deepest desires of the human heart—only Jesus Christ can.

### **SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Our parish warmly welcomes and supports children with special needs in their journey of faith and preparation for the Sacraments.

We recognise that every child is unique, and parents and carers know their children best. We value and respect the guidance and insights that parents can provide regarding their child's abilities, needs, and readiness for the Sacraments.

The parish is committed to working closely with families to ensure that children with special needs are given every opportunity to celebrate the Sacraments in a meaningful and appropriate way. We are happy to make suitable arrangements and provide pastoral support to help each child participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church.

Parents who would like to discuss sacramental preparation or celebration for their child are encouraged to contact the parish office or speak with the parish priest. Together, we can help every child encounter God's love and grace through the Sacraments.

### **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES UPDATE**

We are preparing thanksgiving envelopes for the next Financial year which will be distributed in the next month.

We would request the parishioners with envelopes who would like to move to or consider via direct debit or credit card. Please contact the Parish Office before **15th June 2026**

**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**

There will be a **Special Collection** next weekend  
June 6th and 7th June for

### **Catholic Mission Propagation of the Faith**

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through Project like St Peters Nyamikuta Primary School, the church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelopes, scan the QR code, or visit [catholicmission.org.au/united](http://catholicmission.org.au/united) to make a difference today.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

[catholicmission.org.au/united](http://catholicmission.org.au/united)



## 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 pm 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)

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Monday** 6:00 - 8:00 pm Marian Cenacle Group  
**Tuesday** 5:30 - 6:30 pm SHAC Meeting  
**Wednesday** 6:00 - 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist Session  
 7:00 - 8:00pm Vinnies meeting  
**Friday** 6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive  
**Saturday** 3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

## **CAN YOU HELP VICTIMS OF CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?**

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. Generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities). You could help this important work simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating **an unwanted motor vehicle, such as a car from a deceased estate** or which, for whatever reason, is no longer required. Also, since the "Lifeboat Car Project" began in 2020, one single dedicated volunteer has overseen the process, which includes working with the donor to organise a Roadworthy Certificate and assisting recipients or purchasers of the vehicle with the required documentation for Vicroads. He now needs a rest – or at least some help! So "Lifeboat" also needs a few people who are reasonably familiar with the usual car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) to negotiate the formal processes. If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) for more information.

## GOLF CLUBS AND BAG

A set of right hand Golf clubs and bag is available

Ideal for beginners .

**Please contact Jeff: 0412 550 740**



## FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER



Thank you to everyone who has made a financial & goods donation to the shelter already, it is all very much welcomed & appreciated. Also, thank you to everyone who has already registered to volunteer. We have had an increase in volunteers from St Annes this year from previous years, which is really great and encouraging to see.

We are still needing the following gaps filled:

Overnights: Tuesday - fortnightly 2am - 6am, Thursday fortnightly 2am - 6am. You can also register as an emergency for one off shifts 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.

Thank you and God bless.

**Winter Shelter Coordinator.**

## Schedule for the Sacraments 2026

Dear Sacrament Families, 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.

**First Holy Communion:** The Mass selection dates are published on our website. Please submit all the paper work for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to the Parish office.

## FIRST EUCHARIST CATECHISM SESSIONS FOR NON CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

All non catholic school children will need to do special religious education program apart from the sacramental program of the parish. There will be two sessions for the children for the preparation of First Eucharist.

Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 6 -7 pm

Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 6 -7 pm

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

