



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost. Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus

turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Day of obligation
Saturday 15th August
2026, 9:15 am Mass.

Let us gather as one
Parish family to honour
our blessed mother and
seek her intercession
and thank God for His
abundant blessing.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL THANKSGIVING STATEMENT 2025-2026

The Annual Financial
Thanksgiving Statement for
2025-2026 has been sent by
email. Parishioners who have
not received the thanksgiving
statement, please contact the
parish office. We thank you for
your continuous love, support
and generosity.



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 02/08/2026 \$ 3618.50

“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 **Sylvester De Silva** and for all those who have died recently deceased.



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.

READING, EUCHARISTIC & ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

The roster for the readers, eucharistic ministers and altar servers have been sent by email. Few copies are left in the sacristy, please feel free to take a copy. If you have not received the roster, please contact the parish office.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **15TH & 16TH AUGUST**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Dean. A / Liam. D
 Eucharistic Minister: Linda / Ignatius
 Altar Servers: Jeremy / Bertin

8:30am Mass

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

10:00am Mass

Readers: Sandra. P / Shenoli. B
 Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta / Benson
 Altar Servers: Grazinia / Shenoli

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 56: 1, 6 - 7
 Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you.
 2nd Reading: Rom 11: 13 - 15, 29-32
 Gospel: Mt 15: 21 - 28

Dear Parishioners,

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

About 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

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Weekend 9th August 2026.

- ☆ Kennedy Carroll
- ☆ Nash Carroll
- ☆ Maverick Carroll
- ☆ Alexandra Rae Galvin
- ☆ Austin Shane Galvin
- ☆ Amity Rae Galvin
- ☆ Beck Dominic Van Rheenen
- ☆ Bram Diederik Van Rheenen



SEAFORD PARISH PROFILE	YEAR						2026 Parish Census
AUSTRALIAN CENSUS DA-	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	
Total population	35,452	36654	41689	47679	51037	54332	Total number of Registered Families - 1062
Catholic population	8,729	9052	9737	11280	10631	9851	
% Catholic population	25	25	23	24	21	18	Thanksgiving Contributing Families - 187
Median age of Catholics	31	33	36	37	40	44	
Catholic families	3385	3503	3835	4418	4257	4183	Baptism for 6 months - 42
Catholics living alone	549	827	972	1137	1106	1130	
Catholics born overseas	2224	2243	2501	2917	2795	2884	Funerals for 6 months - 8
Not proficient in English	148	157	183	163	183	165	
Needing assistance	0	0	420	612	721	815	Average Head Count - 520 for the year
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 at 7:00pm in the Church.



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 Communion Service
Rosary	5:00 pm
Saturday	9:15 am Mass Assumption
	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 SHAC Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 Vinnies Meeting
	7:00 - 8:00 RCIA Information Evening
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm Adult Theology
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive

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.

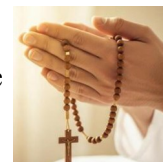
Winter Shelter Coordinator.



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.



Novena to Our Lady of Health – Velankanni 2026

1	Thursday, 27 August	6.30 pm
2	Friday, 28 August	6.30 pm
3	Saturday, 29 August	11.00 am
4	Sunday, 30 August	11.00 am
5	Monday, 31 August	6.30 pm
6	Tuesday, 1 September	6.30 pm
7	Wednesday, 2 September	6.30 pm
8	Thursday, 3 September	6.30 pm
9	Friday, 4 September	6.30 pm followed by Feast Mass at 7.00 pm
Please Bring a plate to share after the Feast Mass.		
St. Anne's Parish - 84 Austin Road, Seaford Vic 3198.		



About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. ACN operates solely on benefactor donations.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or Visit: aidtochurch.org/



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 held on the 15th-16th August)