



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

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Seaford**



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples

will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.



NATIONAL PARISH HEAD COUNT CONTIUNES

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.



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 03/05/2026 \$ 3665.25



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, .** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Freddy Currie, Violet Theresa, Jackie Xavier** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Fr Peter Foley, Carmel McArthur, Darren Reeves. Rest in Peace. Amen.**



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 to contact the Parish Office before **15th June 2026**

THANK YOU FOR YOU CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

FINANCIAL YEARLY STATEMENT

Our Parish software can send the statements directly to your email. In the coming days the office will give you a call to update your records. You can always request a printed copy of the same.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16TH & 17TH MAY

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Josephine. R / Liam. D
Eucharistic Minister: Ashley / Ignatius
Altar Servers: Rhys / Issac / Bertin

8:30am Mass

Readers: Jeanne. A / Kathleen. C
Eucharistic Minister: Brian/ Timothy
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Rosetta. Q / Mechelle. C
Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta / Grace
Altar Servers: Emily / Eric / Grazinia

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1 - 11
Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
2nd Reading: Eph 1: 17 - 23
Gospel: Mt 28: 16 - 20

STATEMENT ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF COMING TO ST. ANNE'S PARISH

Fifth Year – A Journey of Renewal

Dear Parishioners,

As I celebrate the fifth anniversary of my arrival at St. Anne's Parish on 12th May 2021, I give thanks to God for the blessings, challenges, growth, and journey we have shared together over these past five years.

When I first arrived at the parish, we entered almost immediately into the uncertainty of Covid lockdowns. Those first months became truly a *Year of Learning* for all of us. We learned how much we needed one another, how precious our faith community is, and how the Church continues to live even in difficult times. Though separated physically for periods of time, we remained united as one Body in Christ. I remain deeply grateful for the kindness and support you showed me during that difficult beginning.

In the second year, we focused on *Learning and Setting Goals*. With the support and wisdom of many parishioners, important foundations were laid for the future of the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, and Building Committee were formed and strengthened. These groups have played an important role in guiding parish life, administration, and the care of our buildings and resources. We also began strengthening ministries, especially those involving children, sacramental preparation, and faith formation.

The third year became *A Journey of Growth and Unity*. It was encouraging to see our parish life becoming vibrant again after the pandemic years. New parishioners and families joined our community, bringing new life and energy. I also had the privilege of learning more about your cultures, traditions, and stories. These experiences reminded me that our diversity is truly one of the great strengths of St. Anne's Parish.

Now, as we enter this fifth year together, I see it as *A Year of Renewal* — renewal of our church building, renewal of our parish community, and renewal in my own priestly life.

One of the major focuses for this year will be the renovation of our church building. Much work has already been done in planning and preparing for the future needs of our parish. Our church building is not simply a structure; it is the spiritual home where generations gather to pray, celebrate the sacraments, and encounter Christ. We are waiting on the archdiocesan approval for the next stage (which is community consultation). I thank all those who continue to work tirelessly in caring for and improving our parish facilities. I ask for your continued prayers, patience, support, and cooperation as we move forward in this important project.

This year is also personally significant for me as I complete eleven years of priestly ministry in the Archdiocese.

For this reason, I will be taking my sabbatical (long service) leave later this year. I see this not as stepping away from ministry, but as an opportunity for renewal — to deepen my spiritual life, reflect on my priestly vocation, rest, pray, and return refreshed for the next chapter of ministry and service.

I thank you sincerely for your encouragement, understanding, and friendship throughout these years. Your prayers, support, and generosity have helped me greatly in my priestly ministry.

As always, I continue to believe that the Church belongs to the Holy Spirit, and each one of us has a unique role in building up the community. My hope is that St. Anne's will continue to be a welcoming, supportive, prayerful, inclusive, and vibrant parish where everyone — young and old — feels respected, valued, and at home.

May St. Anne and St. Joachim continue to guide and protect us. Let us move forward together with faith, hope, and trust in God's plans for our parish community.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

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 participation matters

Participation helps people move from being passive recipients to active disciples. This deepens faith and strengthens mission.

Synodality is not uniformity

Different cultures, communities, and parishes will live synodality in different ways. Unity does not require sameness.

Synodality and hope

A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism—it is trust in God's faithfulness.

Synodality and young people

Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.

Synodality and families

Families are schools of synodality, where listening, patience, and forgiveness are lived daily. The Church learns synodality from family life.

Synodality and mission beyond the Church

A synodal Church listens not only inwardly but outwardly, engaging respectfully with society and culture.

Synodality prevents isolation

When leaders and communities walk together, no one carries the burden alone. Synodality builds shared responsibility.

Synodality and courage

Listening honestly may reveal uncomfortable truths. Synodality requires courage to face them with faith.



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
Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm SHAC Meeting
Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm Reconciliation Session
7:00 - 8:00 pm Vinnies Meeting
Friday 6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday 3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary



**PREGNANCY
ASSISTANCE
Cares**

**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.**

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

New items received for the Piety Stall – Small refillable Holy water bottles; larger (200ml) also available; Table runner of cherubins; Table runner of Our Lady; Angel ornaments.

Many other items suitable for First Holy Communion gifts.

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.

Blessings for Mothers

Loving God, As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian witnesses.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

