

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 11th October 2026



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the

city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the

kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

Sunday Connection Loyola Press.



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 04/10/2026 \$ 4532.50

“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, 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 **Luis Reyes, Esperanza Reyes, Bernard Swanson** and for all those who have died recently deceased **James Hennessy, Vivienne Madeira, Ruperta Hartig, Sr Marie Rose Wilson.** Rest in Peace. Amen.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **17TH & 18TH OCTOBER**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

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

8:30am Mass

Readers: Sofia. A / Fina. A
 Eucharistic Minister: Brian / Jeff
 Altar Servers: Volunteer

10:00am Mass

Readers: Shanel. B / Shyla. M
 Eucharistic Minister: Amelia / Marilyn
 Altar Servers: Grazinia / Shenoli

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 45:1, 4 - 6
 Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.
 2nd Reading: 1 Thess 1: 1 - 5
 Gospel: Mt 22: 15 - 21

Dr Sr Mary Glowrey (*Australia's second saint?*)

In *Melbourne Catholic* this week we read of a small delegation from St Vincent's hospital Melbourne invited by the Catholic Health Association of India to visit India and see the legacy of venerable Dr Sr Mary Glowrey who is on path to follow St Mary MacKillop as Australia's second saint, and second with Melbourne connections.

Mary Glowrey was born in Birregurra, between Geelong and Colac, in 1887. She studied medicine at Melbourne University and St Vincent's hospital and graduated as one of the first female doctors in Victoria, with qualifications in different areas including gynaecology and obstetrics. Having read about the health situation of many Indian women she sailed for India in 1920 and settled in Guntur. She joined a Dutch Order of Religious Sisters that allowed their Sisters to work in the medical profession.

"In Guntur, Dr Mary Glowrey would profess with the Congregation of Jesus Mary Joseph, found the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) in 1941 and become its first president, help seed the creation of the National Academy of Sciences in India and, while caring for some 100,000 patients each year, transform the small dispensary where she worked into St Joseph's Hospital" (*Melbourne Catholic article*).

Mary died in Bengaluru (Bangalore) in 1957. Her younger brother Eddie, born in 1892, became a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat. He was the first priest I ever knew. He was the very kind pastoral parish priest of St Arnaud when I was a very young boy at Coonooer Bridge, 20 kms from St Arnaud, where dad was the sole schoolteacher. Fr Eddie, or Dean Glowrey, as he was known, died in 1950 at the age of only 58, a few years before his saintly older sister. (*Fr Peter Matheson*)



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.



2026 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 22 October at 7:00 pm

"Synodality: Global and Local"

Presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD
Archbishop of Adelaide



More Information on the Poster in the foyer of the Church



Link: Scan the QR code or go to 2026 Knox Lecture

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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.



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.



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
Tuesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm SHAC Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 - 7:00 Synod Meeting
	7:00 - 8:00 pm RCIA
	7:00 - 8:00 pm Vinnies Meeting
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm VIBE
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

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.

MASS OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

As we are a few weeks away for the month of November, we encourage all parishioners who would like to offer Mass for their loved ones' to send us an email with all the names of the deceased. This sheet will be printed and placed on the altar to be prayed at all Masses during the month of November. The Remembrance Folder is kept in the foyer of the Church, names could be registered in the sheets as well. The names of the funerals held in our Church has already been registered in the folder. If you have entered the names last year the Mass will be offered this year as well. Names must be submitted no later than Sunday, 27th October 2026.



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.

BREAK OPEN OF THE WORD 2027

It is the time of the year to order the book. Readers who would like to have Break open of the Word, please call or email your request to the Parish Office by 23rd October 2026.

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday

- ☆ Zachary Rafael Alejandro Vega
- ☆ Macy Duke
- ☆ Gracie May Bussau

