



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.



There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

Sunday Connection Loyola Press.

Dear Parishioners,

Just a humble reminder to please maintain silence and reverence inside the church, while people are praying. Some parishioners may wish to stay back for personal prayer and thanksgiving. We kindly ask everyone to keep conversations in the foyer of the church and help maintain a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. God bless you all.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.

Amen

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 06/09/2026 \$ 3692.50

“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, Margot O’Neil, Christopher Lim.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Modesta Landrito, Eduardo Landrito, Clifford Landrito, Policronio, Victoria, Silvina, Camilo, Necefaora, Felipe Sr, Joel, Antonina, Pedro, Leslie, Dominico, Vicente, Feleciana** and for all those who have died recently deceased. **Rest in Peace. Amen.**



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50’s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Liam. D / Dean. A

Eucharistic Minister: Kerry / Ashley

Altar Servers: Bertin / Johan

8:30am Mass

Readers: Lily. D / Stephen. W

Eucharistic Minister: Brian / Christina

Altar Servers: Volunteer

10:00am Mass

Readers: Joe La / Robert. H

Eucharistic Minister: Joesharan / Martin

Altar Servers: Johnnie / Eric

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.

2nd Reading: Rom 14: 7 - 9

Gospel: Mt 18: 21 - 35

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 55: 6 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

2nd Reading: Phil 1: 20 - 24, 27

Gospel: Mt 20: 1 - 16



Bringing new life: Institute Voluntas Dei clergy in the Archdiocese

A growing number of Australian parishes have welcomed priests from Institute Voluntas Dei in recent years, including several in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. For this group, their vocation and their commitment to finding God in everyday life has led them from the other side of the world to serve local communities. Voluntas Dei priests are a 21st-century answer to a pressing need, modern missionaries invited by local bishops to serve in Australia and fill essential roles in parishes and dioceses. But they do not merely plug gaps; they are bringing a specific, joyful way of being among the faithful.

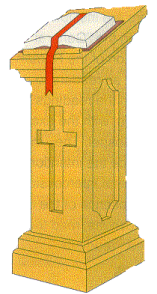
Institute Voluntas Dei is a secular institute, founded 'for all the baptised' in 1958 by Fr Louis-Marie Parent OMI in Quebec. It began in the Canadian province with 10 men and quickly spread to Laos, Sri Lanka and India, as well as throughout North and South America.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II officially recognised it as a Secular Institute of Pontifical Right. The following year, the institute began to include married couples as associate members, acknowledging that the call to follow God's will belongs to everyone.

Melbourne Catholic recently met with a group of Voluntas Dei priests who serve in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale. They were gathered for one of their regular team meetings, a key part of their shared life. ***We are bound together in a team life.*** More information on Melbourne Catholic Website.

NOTE TO LECTORS

"The Word of the Lord." Some confusion lingers about the concluding words for the scriptural readings during Mass. The official church documents, such as the Roman Missal, and the readings of the Lectionary, are in Latin. The translations of these documents into the various languages of earth are to conform to the Latin original. The International Commission for English in the Liturgy (ICEL) oversees these translations in relation to English. In the rush to get new lectionaries printed after the liturgical renewal of Vatican II the concluding phrase in English became "This is the Word of the Lord." But the official Latin conclusion to the first and second readings in the lectionary is simply "Verbum Domini," *"The Word of the Lord."* The English phrase "This is the Word of the Lord" suggests that the few verses we have just read is the entire mystery of the Word of God. The Word of God is much bigger, grander, and creative than the few verses we have just read. It would have been better to say "This is part of the Word of God." The normative Latin text just says, "Verbum Domini." Hence, some years ago the Vatican (via ICEL) directed us to change the conclusion we read in the older printed Lectionaries from "This is the Word of the Lord" to **"The Word of the Lord."** In the same way priests and deacons now say "The Gospel of the Lord" at the end of each gospel reading instead of the former "This is the Gospel of the Lord."



Fr Peter Matheson

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest

Every married couple and priest deserves to experience this very special weekend.

Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships.

You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive.

No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

November 6-8th, 2026, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



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
Rosary	5:00 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
Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm RCIA
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm VIBE
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

Safeguarding Sunday 13th September, 2026

*Every conversation matters,
Shifting Conversation to Action*

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September each year – at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.



On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities.

We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

This year the theme is **Love Protects** and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.

Australian Catholic Safeguarding unit.

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

As we welcome the arrival of Spring, we say a heartfelt farewell to our fifth year of the Frankston Winter Shelter. The winter of 2026 brought the harsh reality of homelessness in Frankston close to home. While this



crisis is not always visible on our streets, the numbers show a significant and humbling increase. This year, we experienced our highest demand yet: 73 people were referred to the Shelter, with 65 guests attending over the three months. This is double the number of guests we served in 2025.

Faced with this growing need, our broader community responded with extraordinary generosity. Local businesses, schools, community groups, and individuals stepped forward to live out the Gospel, providing vital funds, time, and resources. For this, we are profoundly grateful.

A very big and sincere thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated time, food, money, and goods. We could not have provided this sanctuary of warmth and dignity without your open hearts and hands.

As we move into the warmer months, we ask for your continued prayers. Please pray for the safety and wellbeing of the 65 guests who stayed with us, and for all people experiencing homelessness in our broader community. Pray that they find comfort, safety, and a permanent place to call home.

As we close this chapter, we encourage all of our wonderful volunteers to take this time over the warmer months to rest, recharge, and renew your spirits. Rest well, and we look forward to coming together again, refreshed and ready, for next year's winter shelter.

Winter Shelter Coordinator

BAPTISM

We congratulate and welcome the children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday 13th September 2026

- ☆ Nora Joan Reymers
- ☆ Remi Michael Rattigan
- ☆ Regina Bridget Gough
- ☆ Oliver Leonard Powell
- ☆ Poppy Rae Powell
- ☆ Harley Winsome Williams



GIFT EDITION BIBLE

A special Gift Edition Bible is now available for purchase on request. This beautifully presented Bible features a leather cover and comes in a variety of colours (Black, Brown, White and Teal) which costs \$60.00. It makes a meaningful personal keepsake or a thoughtful gift for family and friends. If you would like to order a copy, please see display in piety store.