



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

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However,

earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations."

The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.



NATIONAL PARISH HEAD COUNT CONTIUNES

This year the National Head Count happens on the four weekends of May.

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.



BAPTISM

We Congratulate and welcome the following child who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday 17th May 2026

☆ Sebastian
Theodore
Bacuo Martin



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 10/05/2026 \$ 4262.75



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 **Marie Ange, Alilia Santos Navarro,** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Carmel McArthur, Darren Reeves, Thomas Bedier, Sydney Ellis, Wayne Collins. 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. Please contact the Parish Office before **15th June 2026**

THANK YOU FOR YOU CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

FINANCIAL YEARLY STATEMENT

Our Parish administration 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 23RD & 24TH MAY

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Alden. M / Melanie. J

Eucharistic Minister: Liam / Jarvis

Altar Servers: Alden / Jeremy / Issac

8:30am Mass

Readers: Lily. D / Stephen. W

Eucharistic Minister: Ranjani / Kim

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Jeo La / Grazinia. M

Eucharistic Minister: Grace / Joesharan

Altar Servers: Gabrina / Victoria / Eric

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Gen 11: 1 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 22 - 27

Gospel: Jn 7: 37 - 39

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.

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

Caritas– Project Compassion
Collection \$3099.40. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

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.

Synodality is a long journey

A Synod is not a one-time event. Synodality is a way of life that unfolds over time.

Synodality and renewal

Renewal does not come from programs alone but from transformed relationships. Synodality nurtures those relationships.

Synodality and mercy

Listening with compassion reflects the mercy of Christ, who always began with encounter.

Synodality invites responsibility

Being heard also means being responsible for the Church's mission.

Synodality and prayer

Without prayer, synodality loses its soul. Every step must be rooted in prayer.

Synodality helps the Church grow

Growth in faith often comes through dialogue and shared discernment.

Synodality is a gift

It is not an obligation imposed from above, but a gift for the Church's renewal.

Synodality and faithfulness

True synodality deepens fidelity to Christ and His Gospel.



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 am Mass
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
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

National Volunteer Week 18-24 May 2026



A Heartfelt Thank You from the Safeguarding Unit In the spirit of National Volunteer Week, we want to take a moment to recognise and celebrate the incredible work happening across every parish in the Archdiocese. The effort and dedication that goes into coordinating, supporting, and nurturing your volunteering communities is truly commendable. The environments you create allow people to give their time and talents freely, and in doing so, you help build stronger, more connected, and more compassionate communities for everyone. From the Safeguarding Unit, we are especially grateful for the care and diligence parishes demonstrate in ensuring that volunteering takes place in spaces that are safe, inclusive, and respectful for all – most importantly for those who are at risk. Your community in upholding these values reflects the very best of what our Archdiocese stands for. Thank you for everything you do. Your partnership with the Safeguarding Unit is deeply valued, and together we continue to build a Church community that is welcoming, safe, and full of purpose. **The Safeguarding Unit, Archdiocese of Melbourne.**

Piety Stall Notice

New supplies of Little Golden Books just received, also sundry medals with chains; rosary beads; St Christopher Visor clips; St Christopher & Virgin Mary Visor clips. Many other items in the Piety Stall suitable for First Communion and Confirmation gifts. Including various prayer books; Bibles and Missals.

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. **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 Reconciliation workbooks must be returned on or before Monday, 18 May, either through the school or at the church over the weekend.

Profile pages and Mass selection sheet for the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** were due two weekends ago. The Mass selection dates are published on our website.

Non Catholic children's rehearsal and reconciliation will be on 30th May at 5:15 in the church.

Confirmation enrolment Mass are this weekend and the next. 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 be two sessions for the children for the preparation of Holy Eucharist. Details to follow.