



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings

of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will



bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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.



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 12/07/2026 \$ 3169.50

“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 **Frank Price, Ilory Pool, Blanche Gay, Joseph Leo Samy** and for all those who have died recently deceased **John Duff.**

Rest in Peace. Amen.



Congratulations to Dennis and Geraldine Fernandez

*who are celebrating their
45th Wedding Anniversary
May the Lord bless you, on
your anniversary day,
may He always be your
companion, and guide you
on your way for many more
years to come.*



PARISH FEAST OF SAINTS ANNE AND JOACHIM

We warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate the Parish Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim on the weekend of **25th and 26th July** at all parish Masses.



The parish community will come together to honour our patron saints at our regular Masses. Let us come together in faith and joy to give thanks for the gift of our parish and our patrons, Saints Anne and Joachim. All are welcome. After each Mass there will be tea and coffee. Please bring a plate.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25TH & 26TH JULY

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Melanie. J / Annet. R
Eucharistic Minister: Jarvis / Kerry
Altar Servers: Luke / Rhys / Jeremy

8:30am Mass

Readers: Lily. D / Stephen. W
Eucharistic Minister: Antony / Ranjani
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Mechelle. C / Beena. G
Eucharistic Minister: Sam / Franklyn
Altar Servers: Grazinia / Shenoli / Mary

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 12: 13, 16 - 19
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving.
2nd Reading: Rom 8: 26 - 27
Gospel: Mt 13: 24 - 43

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 3: 5, 7 - 12
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.
2nd Reading: Rom 8: 28 - 30
Gospel: Mt 13: 44 - 52

SABBATICAL LEAVE (AUGUST - NOVEMBER)

Dear Parishioners,

As I prepare to begin my sabbatical (at the end of the month), I would like to thank you for your prayers and support. This period of leave will provide an opportunity for prayer, renewal, rest, and ongoing formation. I ask that you keep me in your prayers during this time, and I assure you of my prayers for our parish community.

During my absence, **Fr Peter Matheson** will celebrate all weekend Masses and preside at funerals. Tuesday (6pm) Wednesday (9:15 am) and First Fridays at (7 pm), Masses will be celebrated by neighbouring priests. On Thursdays (6pm) and Fridays (9:15 am), Communion Services will be held.

If you require the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in an emergency, please contact the parish office

during business hours. If you or a loved one is admitted to hospital, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic chaplain so that pastoral care and the sacraments can be arranged.

If you anticipate needing any parish certificates (such as baptismal or other sacramental certificates), please contact the parish office as soon as possible so that these can be prepared before my leave.

If there is any question with anything related to parish, contact the office or talk to deacon Leo.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. May God bless you all, and I look forward to returning refreshed and renewed to continue serving our parish community.

Please visit our website for more information
Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

EMMAUS FAITH: AN ADULT CATHOLIC THEOLOGY DISCUSSION AND FORMATION SERIES.

Emmaus FAITH: Formation in Adult Inquiry, Theology and Hope

Walking together in Scripture, Sacrament and Mission.

The Emmaus story (Luke 24) beautifully captures what our program aims for: adults gathering, discussing Scripture, encountering Christ, and being sent forth renewed. It connects our six topics, Scripture, Prayer, Sacraments, Church, Trinity, and Catholic Social Teaching in a journey of faith and understanding together. Topics to be explored:

Scripture

This topic provides a foundational understanding of Scripture, both Old and New Testaments. Participants will learn that the study of Scripture is not merely an academic exercise but the inspirational Holy Word of God which nurtures and is fundamental to Christian Liturgical, prayer and spiritual life.

Christian Prayer

This unit provides an understanding that prayer is a gift from God which invites a prayerful response, Catholics turn to God to encounter the divine mystery and deepen their relationship. Participants explore that the different ways of praying reflect the varied circumstance and dimensions of a relationship with God. They will be provided with information about prayer in the Catholic tradition and some examples of different ways of praying ranging from the public prayer of the Church, the Mass, through to art and private meditation, all of which provide moments of praise, thanksgiving, petition, sorrow, blessing, adoration, and intercession.

Sacraments

This topic provides an understanding of the relationship between Christ and the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. It explores Sacramentality and the Sacraments as effective signs of Christ's saving presence. Participants will develop their understanding of celebration of the Eucharist (the Mass) and enrich their understanding of related terminology.

Church

This topic provides a broad understanding of the nature of the Catholic Church and its history. It places emphasis on the relationship of the Church with the world and the mutual shaping of each across time. Participants will also understand more fully the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Triune God

This topic deepens understanding and appreciation of Triune God (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit), Images of God, Jesus Christ (human and divine) and Revelation and Tradition.

Catholic Social Teaching

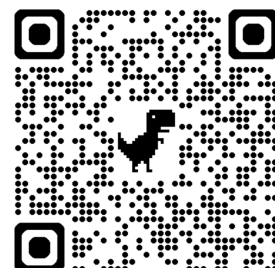
This unit deepens understanding and appreciation of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly its basic principles and the lived reality of this teaching both locally and globally.

When and Where

Emmaus Faith will meet in the Parish Centre every fortnight on a Thursday evening from 7.00pm until 8.30pm, beginning on 30th July 2026.

If you are interested in participating in this journey of faith please complete the attached Google Form via the QR Code Or Call the Parish Office.

Liam Doherty



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 5:00 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)

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.penc.org/wintershelter.
Winter Shelter Coordinator.



MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 6:00 - 8:00 pm Marian Cenacle Group
Thursday 1:00 - 2:00 pm Diocesan Meeting
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

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.

Congratulation to all the First Holy Communicant receiving their Sacrament of the First Eucharist this weekend.

Lilly Crump
Flynn Keen
Jordan Isaac
Weston Slater



We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at

St Anne's Parish this Weekend
19th July 2026

☆ Bodie Jaxon Bennett
☆ Maeve Martha Lacey
☆ Wyatt David Scott Nailon
☆ Miranda Evelyn Dubier
☆ William Nicholas Sullivan-Tailour
☆ Patrick Oliver Sullivan-Tailour



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

An Initiative of Catalyst for renewal
Today's Church - noun or verb? Reflection, questions and wonderings
Wednesday 22nd July
6:00 - 9:00pm
Venue: Hampton RSL
25 Holyrood Street,
Hampton
Guest Speaker
Joe McCarthy
Booking are essential,
For more information
please see the notice board.

CATHOLICS ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES IN THE CENSUS

Australia's national Census will take place on **11 August 2026**, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne is encouraging all Catholics to participate and identify their religious affiliation.

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has urged Catholics to **tick the "Catholic" box**, noting that Census data is essential for understanding the size and needs of the Catholic community. The information helps the Church plan pastoral ministry, schools, health care, welfare services, and other ministries, while also informing government decisions on funding and the allocation of resources.

Although the religion question is optional, it has traditionally received a high response rate. In the 2021 Census, more than **five million Australians (20% of the population)** identified as Catholic.

Members of **Eastern Rite Catholic Churches** (such as Syro-Malabar, Chaldean, Ukrainian, Melkite and Maronite Catholics) are encouraged to select **"Other"** and write the name of their specific Catholic tradition (e.g. *Ukrainian Catholic*) so their communities are counted accurately.

By completing the Census and identifying as Catholic, individuals help provide an accurate picture of the Catholic presence in Australia, enabling both the Church and government to better plan and respond to the needs of the community.