

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 20th September 2026



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

**Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford**



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## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also

given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is

merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

***Sunday Connection Loyola Press.***



### BAPTISM

We congratulate and welcome the children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday 20th September 2026

- ☆ Archie Bob Daniel Daley
- ☆ Lucy Maral Daley
- ☆ Evie Joan Daley



### 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**

*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 13/09/2026 \$ 2609.75**

### **"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](mailto: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.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Therese Ranasinghe, Margaret Ranasinghe, Joseph and Madeline Fernando, Bridget and Francis Silva, Ismael-Socorro, Teofista, Leovigillo, Salome, Richito, Larry, Lebbeus, Harald, Masoud, Jared, Charles, Li, Ingrid, Wang, Anna, Daisy Hart** and for all those who have died recently deceased. **Rest in Peace. Amen.**



### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND** **26TH & 27TH SEPTEMBER**

#### **6:00pm Vigil Mass**

Readers: Josephine. R / Rosario  
Eucharistic Minister: Linda / Liam  
Altar Servers: Jeremy / Bertin

#### **8:30am Mass**

Readers: Kathleen. C / Marita. W  
Eucharistic Minister: Antony / Ranjani  
Altar Servers: Volunteer

#### **10:00am Mass**

Readers: Eric. A / Marylin. V  
Eucharistic Minister: Antia / Jerome  
Altar Servers: Jovan / Victoria

### **READINGS FOR THIS 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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A** **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 18: 25 - 28  
Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.  
2nd Reading: Phil 2: 1 - 11  
Gospel: Mt 21: 28 - 32





## 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.

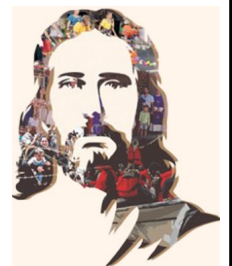
## THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This "Day" is now kept around the world on the last Sunday of September which will be next Sunday, September 27. This annual Catholic observance was established in 1914 by Pope Benedict XV just before World War I. The theme for 2026 is **"Even just one of these children,"** focusing on the protection and dignity of migrant minors.

Since 2004, the observance has included refugees, becoming the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis changed the Day from January to the last Sunday of September.

The theme this year was chosen by Pope Leo XIV and highlights the Church's concern for minors directly affected by migration, emphasizing their vulnerability and the Christian duty to welcome and protect them. The theme references Matthew 18:10 and Mark 9:37, underscoring the Gospel call to receive and care for children.

Some might have seen "the National Forum" on ABC TV last Monday where the theme was Australia's migration policy. All the protagonists advocating different policies were on view. Australia is a land of migrants. More than 50% of Australia's population were either born overseas or had at least one parent born overseas. All political parties are now discussing reduction of migrant intake. The challenge of the gospel versus political expediency is on!



**God created us in HIS image. In the image of HIS own Triune being, A Communion in Diversity.**

## 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](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au)

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



## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>6:00 pm Mass</b>                                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>9:15 am Mass</b>                                        |
| <b>Silent adoration</b> | <b>5:30 - 6:30 pm</b>                                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>         | <b>6:00 pm Communion Service</b>                           |
| <b>Friday</b>           | <b>9:15 am No Mass</b>                                     |
| <b>Rosary</b>           | <b>5:00 pm</b>                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>         | <b>5:00 pm Rosary followed<br/>by Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> |
|                         | <b>5:30 pm Reconciliation</b>                              |
|                         | <b>6:00pm Vigil Mass</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>           | <b>8:30am &amp; 10:00am Mass</b>                           |
| <b>3rd Sunday</b>       | <b>10:30am Filipino Mass<br/>(at Holy Family Hall)</b>     |

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>6:00 - 8:00 pm Marian Cenacle Group</b>                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7:00 - 8:00 pm RCIA</b>                                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7:00 - 8:00 pm Adult Theology<br/>Discussion Group</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive</b>                            |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary</b>               |

## **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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



## 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***

## **COFFEE MACHINE – DONATIONS OF INGREDIENTS**

The parish coffee machine is regularly used and appreciated by our community. To ensure it remains available, we are seeking donations of ingredients such as coffee beans, long-life milk, chocolate powder, and similar items.

Donations may be left at the church foyer when you come for Mass.

We are grateful for your generosity and continued support.

## **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.