



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today. In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus

are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented.

But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children. We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.



ST STEPHEN'S GUILD

Congratulations to **Johan Xavier Fernando** who was welcomed to the St Stephen Guild on Friday the 12th June 2026 in St Patrick's Cathedral.

We thank Shane & John for their ongoing support and training the altar servers. We look forward to many new recruits and Guild members in the future.



Schedule for the Sacraments 2026

Confirmation : We have 42 candidate enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

As part of the confirmation program, we expect every child to attend at least 3 weekend (not weekdays) Masses throughout the program. You can go to any Catholic church around the area.

After the Mass, please see the priest and show the form we have given. He will sign it.

Continue Attending Mass

We encourage you to keep attending Mass even after completing the three required Masses. Every Mass you attend helps you grow closer to Jesus and strengthens your faith. Please bring this page with you to each Mass and show this side to the priest.

After each Mass, fill in the following details in the order: Date- Name of the parish- and priest will sign it. Every Mass you attend will be recorded and counted. Special gifts and recognition will be awarded to the children who attend the most Masses during the program.

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 14/06/2026 \$ 3471.75

“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).

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, John Duff, Aida Mortimer.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **George Firth, Dennis Patrick O’Brien, Lazar Simon** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Rita Brown. Rest in Peace. Amen.**



So do not be afraid of them.
Everything now covered up

will be uncovered, and
everything now hidden will be
made clear.

JESUS, MATTHEW 10:26

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **27TH & 28TH JUNE**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Deborah. C / Dean. A
Eucharistic Minister: Linda / Liam
Altar Servers: Rhys / Issac / Bertin

8:30am Mass

Readers: Christina. O / Brett. H
Eucharistic Minister: Kim / Angela
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Varuna. A / Amelia.H
Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta / Marilyn
Altar Servers: Victoria / Gabrina / Emily

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 20 : 10 - 13
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love,
answer me.
2nd Reading: Rom 5: 12 - 15
Gospel: Mt 10: 26 - 33

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 2 kgs 4 : 8 - 11, 14 - 16
Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord.
2nd Reading: Rom 6: 3 - 4, 8 - 11
Gospel: Mt 10: 37 - 42

Dear Parishioners,

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES READY FOR COLLECTION

As we have come close to the end of the Financial year, the thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection in the foyer of the church, they have been sorted according to your last name. Please note that few of the parishioners envelope numbers have been reorganised.



If you are unable to find your envelope please contact the Parish office.

Let us know if you would like to move to electronic way of donation in the future (via Credit or debit card or bank transfer).

New givers are welcome.

NEW ROSTER FOR COMMUNION AND EUCHARIST MINISTERS

On behalf of our parish team, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your faithful service in the Communion and Eucharist ministries. Your presence and dedication play a vital role in our liturgical celebrations, and we are truly grateful for your generosity of time and spirit.

As we begin preparing the next ministry roster, we kindly ask that you confirm your intention to continue serving in these ministries. This will help us plan

effectively and ensure that all Masses are supported with the reverence and care they deserve.

Please respond by 13th July to let us know: (either by email or call the parish office)

- If you would like to remain on the roster,
- If your availability has changed,
- Or if you are needing a break at this time. (Remember to come back)
- If we don't hear from you by 13th July we assume you are available for ministry.

We also need new members to join.

Important Reminder – Safeguarding Compliance:

Please note that in line with diocesan child safety policy and our recent parish audit, only those who have completed both of the following will be included in the roster:

- Hold a *current Working with Children Check* (WWCC) and has listed St Anne's as volunteering place,
- Completed the *Diocesan Online Safeguarding Module*, (the link for the training module has been sent to you in the emails).

If you have not yet met these conditions, we will not be able to include you in the next roster.

Thank you once again for your generous service and commitment to the life of our parish. May the Lord continue to bless you in your Ministry.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Did You Know? One in Seven Christians Worldwide Experiences Persecution

An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences persecution or discrimination because of their faith.

In countries including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Pakistan and China, Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ.

Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable courage - even when doing so may place their freedom or lives at risk.

These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in prayer and solidarity.

Through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), discover their stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who were kidnapped for their faith.

Read their remarkable story by scanning the QR code, or visit aidtochurch.org/bulletin



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

Alexander Coyle

Thomas Haywood

Milla Meehan

Olivia Christopulos

Ari James Berryman

Mya Pereira

Olivia Perera

Adison Solomon

Lenny Waldron

Olivia Santospirito

Cooper Williams

Eliana Mangano



GOLF CLUBS AND BAG

A set of right hand Golf clubs and bag is available
Ideal for beginners .

Please contact Jeff: 0412 550 740

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 pm 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)

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday	6:00 - 8:00 pm Marian Cenacle Group
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm VIBE
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER



Thank you to everyone who has made a financial & goods donation to the shelter already, it is all very much welcomed & appreciated. Also, thank

you to everyone who has already registered to volunteer. We have had an increase in volunteers from St Annes this year from previous years, which is really great and encouraging to see.

We are still needing the following gaps filled:
Overnights: Tuesday - fortnightly 2am - 6am, Thursday fortnightly 2am - 6am. You can also register as an emergency for one off shifts 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.

Thank you and God bless.

Winter Shelter Coordinator.

REFLECTION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

It's First Communion season in our church, we will gather with joyful hearts as our young parishioners receive their First Holy Communion, a truly significant and sacred event in their spiritual journey. It is a day of celebration, reflection, and profound connection with our Lord.

In John's gospel 14:23-29, we hear Jesus speak words of comfort and promise to His disciples. He tells them: *"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."* These words are filled with the promise of divine intimacy, a relationship that transcends all understanding.

The Gift of Divine Presence

In this passage, we see the beautiful promise of Jesus making His home within us. This promise is not just for the disciples of old, but for each of us here today, especially for our young communicants. When Jesus speaks of making His home with those who love Him, He speaks of an intimate, personal relationship—a bond that grows stronger through love and obedience.

Celebration of First Holy Communion is an embodiment of that promise. As our children receive the Eucharist for the first time, Jesus enters their hearts in a unique and profound way. It is not just a ritual or tradition; it is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to dwell within us, to be our constant companion and guide.

A Peace Beyond Understanding

Jesus also speaks of peace in the Gospel: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you." This peace is not just the absence of conflict or distress but a deep, abiding tranquillity that only comes from knowing we are loved and cherished by God.

For our young communicants, as they receive the Body of Christ, they are invited into this peace. In a world that often seems chaotic and uncertain, the peace of Christ offers a steady anchor, a reminder that they are never alone. This peace is a gift they will carry with them throughout their lives, a source of strength and comfort in times of joy and trial.

A Message for Our Communicants

To our dear children receiving your First Holy Communion today, remember that you are receiving not just bread, but the very presence of Jesus Christ. As you take this step in your faith journey, know that Jesus is with you, making His home in your heart. He offers you His love, His peace, and His guidance.

Cherish this moment and let it be a reminder that you are deeply loved by God. Carry this love and peace with you, and let it shine through your words and actions. As you grow in faith, may you always remember the promise of Jesus to be with you, to guide you, and to fill you with His everlasting peace.

A Call to Prayer

Let us, as a congregation, join together in prayer for our young communicants. Let us pray that they grow in a love for Christ, and develop a real understanding of whom they will receive today and always in the Eucharist. May their hearts be open to His presence and their lives be a reflection of His love.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the blessing of the Eucharist. We pray for these children as they receive their First Holy Communion. May they always cherish this sacred gift and grow in their love and understanding of Jesus. Fill them with Your peace and guide them in their journey of faith. Amen.