

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd August 2026



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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of

Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do. The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN CALLS FAITHFUL TO BE STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Dear Friends, Thank you for your commitment to the Archbishop's Campaign and for the important role you play in supporting the mission of the Church throughout our Archdiocese.

Through your dedication and service, the campaign continues to provide the resources that enable the Church's mission to flourish. It helps form future priests, supports retired and sick clergy, strengthens parish communities, and sustains ministries that bring the love of Christ to those in need. These works are only possible through the generosity, partnership, and efforts of many faithful people working together for the good of the Church. This year's theme, '**Courage!... Do not be afraid**', is drawn from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. In every age, Christ calls His disciples to place their trust in Him and to move forward with confidence, even amid uncertainty and challenge. As you support the campaign in your parish and community, I encourage you to be guided by these words. The Lord is always with us, strengthening us for mission, and calling us to be witnesses of faith, hope and charity.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit. Please know of my gratitude and prayers for you and your loved ones. May God bless you abundantly. **Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**

PLEASE BRING BACK THE ENVELOPES BY 30TH AUGUST 2026

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 16/08/2026 \$ 3103.75

“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, Aida Mortimer, Shirley Hajak, Amber Elka Faska, Robin D’Cruz, Margot O’Neil.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time **Pansy Bartholomeusz, Audrey D’ Cruz, Barbara Fernandez, Gregoria Pilapil, Lorenzo Paylado** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Carrie Wyles, Kevin Keppel, Alfred Benjamin Roberts.** Rest in Peace. Amen.



*You are Peter
and on this rock
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.*

- Jesus, Matthew 16:18



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29TH & 30TH AUGUST

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Rosario / Jarvis. J
Eucharistic Minister: Liam / Kerry
Altar Servers: Bertin / Johan

8:30am Mass

Readers: Christina. O / Jeanne. A
Eucharistic Minister: Timothy / Kim
Altar Servers: Volunteer

10:00am Mass

Readers: Willow. H / Gabrina. M
Eucharistic Minister: Jerome / Antia
Altar Servers: Shenoli / Eric

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 22: 19 - 23
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of
your hands.
2nd Reading: Rom 11: 33 - 36
Gospel: Mt 16: 13 - 20

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 20: 7 - 9
Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for
you, O Lord my God .
2nd Reading: Rom 12: 1 - 2
Gospel: Mt 16: 21 - 27

Dear Parishioner,

14th August, 2026

On behalf of St Anne's Parish, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for your ongoing financial support over the past financial year. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and continues to be a vital part of sustaining the life and mission of our parish.

Your contributions help us meet many essential costs — from building and property maintenance, wages, and insurance, stationery supplies, sacramental hosts and wine, religious programs, candles, church decorations, and even unexpected emergencies. Every dollar you give makes a difference in the day-to-day running of our parish family.

The official receipt for your 2025–2026 Thanksgiving contributions, generated through our Parish Administration Software are sent by email last week.

Last financial year, the insurance for our church assets alone amounted to \$15,058.32 which was decreased by 25%, and our quota contribution to the Archdiocese was \$24,698.00 which was increased by 20%, and the priest house roof renovation was \$30000.00. We continue to think seriously about the redevelopment of our Church building.

We want to assure you if your circumstances have changed and you need to review your contributions, please feel free to reach out. Equally, if you are in a position to increase your support, your parish family would be most grateful.

Once again, thank you for your generous giving, your active involvement, and your faith in the mission of St Anne's Parish. Together, we continue to grow as a vibrant, welcoming, and faith-filled community.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with health, peace, and joy.

Yours sincerely,

**On behalf of the Finance committee,
Sumitha Moses
Parish Secretary**

**Fr Martin Jeramias
Parish Priest**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL THANKSGIVING STATEMENT 2025-2026



The Annual Financial Thanksgiving Statement for 2025-2026 has been sent by email and mail last week. Parishioners who have not received the thanksgiving statement, please check your junk or spam. If you still not received, contact the parish office. We thank you for your continuous love, support and generosity.

MELBOURNE SYNOD

On the morning of Saturday 8th August two parish representatives attended the 'southern region' meeting of the Melbourne Synod 2026.

Prior to attending, representatives chose which of the three designated synodality themes ('Formation and Participation', 'Young Discipleship' and 'Missionary Leadership') interested them most. Some 8-10 people from different parishes on each of nine round tables were then asked to conduct what is called 'conversations in the spirit'. Each person was allocated two minutes to respond to a chosen theme. We were then asked to share anything that had struck us in what had been said by others. Finally there was a general discussion about what it might all mean. Each table then gave a short verbal summary of the discussion to the whole meeting. The gathering was asked to nominate 15 members to a next-level meeting in the city.

Key ideas that were raised on our table included the very positive experiences of praying with others at Mass, the desire for 'the human' in Sunday eucharists and parish life, the desirability of developing stronger relations between parishes and schools, and the need for parish 'action', be it social, services etc. Enthusiasm was stirred, with some keen for ongoing discussion regarding the latter idea. The themes of parish-school relations, and 'faith in everyday life and action' (I thought) also came through strongly in reports from other tables.

I think everyone found it a very good way of connecting, and drawing out key issues in a constructive manner. It will be interesting to see what will come of it at the archdiocesan level. It was recommended that such 'conversations' be held in each parish; Deacon Leo and I discussed whether it might be a good way to connect people, and to identify and advance issues in our parish.

David Moloney



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
	6:30 pm Novena
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
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm Adult Theology Discussion
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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

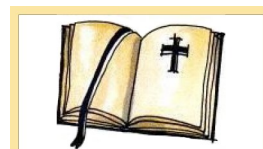
The parish RCIA begin this coming Wednesday 7 O'clock at the church.

This is the final call for anybody interested to become Catholic to join the course. If you know anybody please extend the invite. Parishioners are also welcome to attend.



TRAINING FOR READER

There will be training for the new and existing reader on Sunday 30th August 2026 after the 10am Mass. It is important to participant in the training session.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

1	Thursday, 27 August	6.30 pm
2	Friday, 28 August	6.30 pm
3	Saturday, 29 August	11.00 am
4	Sunday, 30 August	11.00 am
5	Monday, 31 August	6.30 pm
6	Tuesday, 1 September	6.30 pm
7	Wednesday, 2 September	6.30 pm
8	Thursday, 3 September	6.30 pm
9	Friday, 4 September	6.30 pm followed by Feast Mass at 7.00 pm



Please bring a plate to share after the feast day Mass

CARRUM GARDENS

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upto

\$2000

DAY SESSIONS

Doors open two hours prior to Eyes down.

Wed-Fri: 11am

Sat: 12pm

Sun: 1pm

EVENING SESSIONS

Doors open 5pm

Tue - Sat

Eyes down: 7pm