

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24th May 2026



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK



The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon

the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world. We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also

included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief. In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

NATIONAL PARISH HEAD COUNT CONTIUNES

The yearly National Head Count for May ends this weekend.

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 child who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday 24th May 2026

☆ Maxwell
Roger
Micozzi



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>

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 17/05/2026 \$ 2944.25



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, John Duff.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Allan Bartholomeusz, Dorothy Gonsalvez, Marie Fernandez** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Sydney Ellis, David Myall.** **Rest in Peace. Amen.**



BEYOND THE VOWS

A one day Catholic marriage retreat designed to help couples navigate life and draw closer together. For more info & to register, scan the QR code

\$80 per couple

Saturday 30th May

9:45am to 5pm

St Catherine of Siena Parish,
Caroline Springs



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23RD & 24TH MAY

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Bezlin. M / Jarvis. J

Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius / Kerry

Altar Servers: Issac / Luke / Alden

8:30am Mass

Readers: Kathleen. C / Marita. W

Eucharistic Minister: Brian / Jeff

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Eric. A / Anthony. W

Eucharistic Minister: Jerome / Anita

Altar Servers: Grazinia / Shenoli / Mary

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Act 2: 1 - 11

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

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12: 3 - 7, 12 - 13

Gospel: Jn 20: 19 - 23

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A The Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Ex 34: 4 - 6, 8 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise forever.

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 13: 11 - 13

Gospel: Jn 3: 16 - 18

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Everyone is warmly invited to join us every Saturday at 5:15 PM before the Vigil Mass for:

- The Holy Rosary
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Even if you have never joined before, simply come as you are. Many have found peace, comfort, strength, hope, guidance, mercy, spiritual renewal, and a deeper relationship with God and Our Blessed Mother Mary through these beautiful prayers.

A plenary indulgence is also granted to those who spend at least 30 minutes before the Blessed Sacrament. If a plenary indulgence is offered for a deceased soul, that soul goes to Heaven that very day. If it is offered for oneself, all temporal punishment due to sin up to that day is fully remitted. If that person were to die, he or she would go straight to Heaven. Details about the plenary indulgence are available upon request.

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 your 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.

COLLECTIONS

Caritas– Project Compassion

Collection \$3099.40.

Good Friday Appeal Collection \$1658.15

Donated to Redkite \$830 &

Holy Land Commissariat \$828.15

Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

FIRST EUCHARIST CATECHISM SESSIONS FOR NON CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

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 First Eucharist.

☆ Monday 1st June 2026 at 6 -7 pm

☆ Monday 8th June 2026 at 6 -7 pm

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias



**Save for a
greater reward**



**5.35 %
p.a.**

**12-month Term Investment
with CDF Community Fund**

catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer

*Rate subject to change. Interest paid at maturity.
Visit our website to open an account and view
the disclosure statement.



CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Will be visiting our the Parish for the promotional interest rates are **5.35% p.a. for 12-month Term Investments** on Sunday 31st May 2026 at the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses. Rates are subject to change.

If you would like more detailed information visit the CDF website at www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au.

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 about relationship

At its heart, synodality is relational-walking with God and with one another.

Synodality and witness

A Church that walks together gives a powerful witness to the world.

Synodality and patience

God's timing is often slower than ours, but always wiser.

Synodality calls us forward

We are invited not to cling to the past, but to move forward in faith.

Synodality strengthens communion

Communion grows when voices are respected and discernment is shared.

Synodality and trust in God

Ultimately, synodality is an act of trust that God is still guiding His Church.

50. Walking together with Christ

We walk together because Christ walks with us. That is the deepest meaning of synodality.



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	5:15 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	3:00 - 4:00 pm Building Committee
	7:15 - 8:15 pm Winter shelter Training at Holy Family Hall
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
	7:15 - 8:15 pm Winter shelter Training at Holy Family Hall
	6:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Group
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary



Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession 2026

Jesus himself came near and was walking with them.
LUKE 24:15

SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 2PM
STARTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
CONCLUDES AT FED SQUARE

Together with Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, let us bring Christ in the Eucharist—our light—into the heart of the city of Melbourne.
Communities are invited to bring their banners!

Stay updated:
melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi
procession@cam.org.au / 9026 5761

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 last enrolment Mass is this weekend. Preparation evening, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church.

