



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

**Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford**



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples)

should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.



*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 19/04/2026 \$ 4878.15**

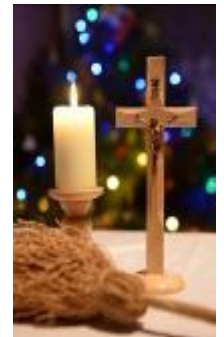


Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

### **“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.

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 Macleod .** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Pope Francis, Esperanza Laranjo, Margaret Grant, Paul Fernandes, Antonio Avila** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Troy Christopher Murrel, Fr Grant O’Neill, Barbara Watson, Trevor Pereira, Therese Ranasinghe.** Rest in Peace. Amen.



### **FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER**



The Frankston Winter Shelter still needs volunteers to be able to open this winter, especially for over night shifts 10pm - 2am and 2am - 6am across most nights. We also need volunteers for morning shifts 6am-8am Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. If you can help once a fortnight, once a month or just once, please register your availability through the QR code on the poster on the notice board, or email [frankstonws@gmail.com](mailto:frankstonws@gmail.com).

alternatively come and talk to Jamie & Leanne after Sunday 10am Mass.

### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND** **2ND & 3RD MAY**

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

Readers: Melanie. J / Deborah. C

Eucharistic Minister: Rosario / Ashley

Altar Servers: Luke / Rhys / Jeremy

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

Readers: Fina. A / Jeanne. A

Eucharistic Minister: Christina / Rita

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

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

Readers: Emily. F / Shyla. M

Eucharistic Minister: Amelia / Martin

Altar Servers: Victoria / Gabrina / Emily

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36 - 41

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1 Pet 2: 20 - 25

Gospel: Lk 10: 1 - 10

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 6: 1 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading: 1 Pet 2: 4 - 9

Gospel: Jn 14: 1 - 12

## Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us:

*Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

### JENNY'S KITCHEN

Jenny's kitchen continues to be a place of warmth, welcome, and nourishment for all parishioners. To keep this beautiful ministry going, we are reaching out for your support. Secret ingredient is 'LOVE'.

We ask for your donations—whether it be non-perishable food items, fresh ingredients, or financial contributions. Every small act of generosity helps us serve the parishioners.

If you are able to contribute, please reach out to Jenny or drop off your donations at your convenience. We appreciate your kindness.

### EASTER CANDLE DONATION

The collection for gold coin donation for the Easter candles amounted to 248.80. Thank you to Nirmala Alphonse for making the candles.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**



### **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal**

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering children and young people, strengthening families and individuals, providing safe housing and homelessness assistance, and supporting refugees and asylum seekers.

Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au), call (03) 9967 2515 or scan the QR Code above.



All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

*"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)*

## **MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)



### **PROJECT COMPASSION CARITAS BOXES AND ENVELOPES**

Please bring back the Project Compassion boxes/ Envelopes by the end of April.

Please seal the openings if possible.

Thank you.

### **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 and the margins**

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

#### **Synodality requires humility**

Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility—from leaders and from communities—so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.

#### **Is synodality slow?**

Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.

#### **Synodality and joy**

When people are invited to participate meaningfully, joy increases. A synodal Church is not weighed down by bureaucracy but energised by shared mission.

#### **Synodality and the Eucharist**

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.





## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday & Thursday** 6:00 pm Mass  
**Wednesday** 9:15 am Mass  
**Silent adoration** 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
**Friday Rosary** 6:30 pm  
**First Friday** 7:00 pm Mass  
**Saturday** 5:20 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  
**Friday** 6:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Group  
6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive  
**Saturday** 3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

## DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

**Sunday** - Vocations from our own Parish.  
**Monday** - For men preparing for ordination to the priesthood.  
**Tuesday** - For seminarians to grow in self-awareness as they continue to discern Jesus Christ's call.  
**Wednesday** - For seminarians to model the life and virtues of St Joseph.  
**Thursday** - For the Eucharist to be the 'source and summit' for seminarians.  
**Friday** - For applicants for the seminary and prospective seminarians.  
**Saturday** - For Mary, Mother of Priests, to guide and protect our seminarians.

## Schedule for the Sacraments 2026

Dear Parishioners, 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.

**Profile pages and Mass selection sheet for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion were due last weekend. The first set of mass selection dates are published on our website.**

**Confirmation enrolment Mass are on May 16/17 & 23/24. Preparation evening, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church.**

All non Catholic school children will need to do special Religious education program apart from the sacramental program of the parish. There will 2 session for the children for the preparation of Reconciliation. Details for other Sacraments will be updated soon.

## Piety Stall Notice

Book for toddlers on the Saints and Prayers to the Saints for pre school children. Columban Calendars have been restocked, these have space for daily memos and give the name of the saint for the day as well as beautiful paintings for each month.

We have some new Little Golden Books – please call at the Piety Stall to peruse. Also a couple of copies of “Catholic Prayers for All Occasions

**Anzac Day** is one of our most significant national commemorations. Observed on April 25 each year it marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by the Australian and New Zealand Army during World War I at Gallipoli in 1915.

However, its importance goes far beyond a single battle. Anzac Day is a time to remember, reflect, and honour all those who have served and sacrificed their lives in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.



## A PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Jesus,

We thank you for the great gift of your priesthood in the Church.

We pray for all priests and those in formation for the priesthood.

Make their lives alive with your Spirit, and fruitful in love and service

Shape their hearts to be more like your own-the Heart of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

Draw them close to you, and bless them with courage and zeal as they serve your people.

Give them joy as they proclaim the hope of your resurrection. and wisdom and trust as they follow your call.

We ask this with great confidence in you.

**Amen.**

**St John Vianney - Patron of priests**

**Pray for us.**