



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

**Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford**



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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel.

Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.



### A Child's Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God, please bless my grandparents.  
Thank you for the life they gave my parents  
and for the life, they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me  
strong, I give thanks.  
For the ways, they love me no matter what, I  
rejoice.

For the ways, they have paved the road  
that leads me here, I am grateful.  
Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.  
Let them find peace and rest from their work.  
Let them be healed of every sickness and  
pain.  
And let them see with their own eyes your  
glory  
and the love of their children and  
grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in  
you.

**Amen.**



***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 19/07/2026 \$ 4168.25**

### **“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, 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.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Bartholomeusz, Patricio Ollada, Paul Fernandes, Barry O’Toole, Giovanna Quadara** and for all those who have died recently deceased **John Duff, Sweet Marcia Reyes.** **Rest in Peace. Amen.**



#### **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.

#### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND** **1ST & 2ND AUGUST**

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

Readers: Jarvis. J / Deborah. C  
Eucharistic Minister: Kerry / Ashley  
Altar Servers: Luke / Rhys / Jeremy

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

Readers: Kathleen. C / Marita. W  
Eucharistic Minister: Jeff / Christina  
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

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

Readers: Grazinia. M / Eric. A  
Eucharistic Minister: Amelia / Jerome  
Altar Servers: Grazinia / Shenoli /Mary

#### **PARISHIONER’S INITIATIVE**

**M&J PARTY DECOR**  
TABLE COVERS • CHAIR COVERS  
• SASHES • RUNNERS  
• BACKDROPS

**MARTIN** - 0404922028  
**JARVIS** - 0435523459

#### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A** **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 3: 5, 7 - 12

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 28 - 30

Gospel: Mt 13: 44 - 52

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A** **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 55: 1 - 3

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 35, 37 - 39

Gospel: Mt 14: 13 - 21

## **SABBATICAL LEAVE (AUGUST - NOVEMBER)**

Dear Parishioners,

As I prepare to begin my sabbatical (at the end of the month), I would like to thank you for your prayers and support. This period of leave will provide an opportunity for prayer, renewal, rest, and ongoing formation. I ask that you keep me in your prayers during this time, and I assure you of my prayers for our parish community.

During my absence, **Fr Peter Matheson** will celebrate all weekend Masses and preside at funerals. Tuesday (6pm) Wednesday (9:15 am) and First Fridays at (7 pm), Masses will be celebrated by neighbouring priests. On Thursdays (6pm) and Fridays (9:15 am), Communion Services will be held.

If you require the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in an emergency, please contact the parish office

during business hours. If you or a loved one is admitted to hospital, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic chaplain so that pastoral care and the sacraments can be arranged.

If you anticipate needing any parish certificates (such as baptismal or other sacramental certificates), please contact the parish office as soon as possible so that these can be prepared before my leave.

If there is any question with anything related to parish, contact the office or talk to deacon Leo.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. May God bless you all, and I look forward to returning refreshed and renewed to continue serving our parish community.

**Please visit our website for more information**  
**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**

## **EMMAUS FAITH: AN ADULT CATHOLIC THEOLOGY DISCUSSION AND FORMATION SERIES.**

### **Emmaus FAITH: Formation in Adult Inquiry, Theology and Hope**

*Walking together in Scripture, Sacrament and Mission.*

The Emmaus story (Luke 24) beautifully captures what our program aims for: adults gathering, discussing Scripture, encountering Christ, and being sent forth renewed. It connects our six topics, Scripture, Prayer, Sacraments, Church, Trinity, and Catholic Social Teaching in a journey of faith and understanding together. Topics to be explored:

#### **Scripture**

This topic provides a foundational understanding of Scripture, both Old and New Testaments. Participants will learn that the study of Scripture is not merely an academic exercise but the inspirational Holy Word of God which nurtures and is fundamental to Christian Liturgical, prayer and spiritual life.

#### **Christian Prayer**

This unit provides an understanding that prayer is a gift from God which invites a prayerful response, Catholics turn to God to encounter the divine mystery and deepen their relationship. Participants explore that the different ways of praying reflect the varied circumstance and dimensions of a relationship with God. They will be provided with information about prayer in the Catholic tradition and some examples of different ways of praying ranging from the public prayer of the Church, the Mass, through to art and private meditation, all of which provide moments of praise, thanksgiving, petition, sorrow, blessing, adoration, and intercession.

#### **Sacraments**

This topic provides an understanding of the relationship between Christ and the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. It explores Sacramentality and the Sacraments as effective signs of Christ's saving presence. Participants will develop their understanding of celebration of the Eucharist (the Mass) and enrich their understanding of related terminology.

#### **Church**

This topic provides a broad understanding of the nature of the Catholic Church and its history. It places emphasis on the relationship of the Church with the world and the mutual shaping of each across time. Participants will also understand more fully the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.

#### **Triune God**

This topic deepens understanding and appreciation of Triune God (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit), Images of God, Jesus Christ (human and divine) and Revelation and Tradition.

#### **Catholic Social Teaching**

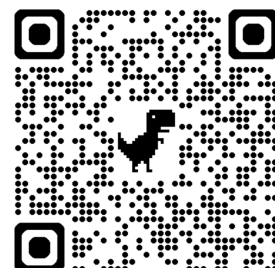
This unit deepens understanding and appreciation of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly its basic principles and the lived reality of this teaching both locally and globally.

#### **When and Where**

Emmaus Faith will meet in the Parish Centre every fortnight on a Thursday evening from 7.00pm until 8.30pm, beginning on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

If you are interested in participating in this journey of faith please complete the attached Google Form via the QR Code Or Call the Parish Office.

**Liam Doherty**



## 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 Communion Service</b>                                                                            |
| <b>Rosary</b>           | <b>5:00 pm</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Saturday</b>         | <b>5:00 pm Rosary followed<br/>by Divine Mercy Chaplet<br/>5:30 pm Reconciliation<br/>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>                                                      |

## FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

We have just passed the halfway mark for winter, and what a cold and wet one it has been thus far. We are still averaging 10 guests per night, mostly the same people attending every night with a few new faces popping in and out too.

You have all been amazing and pivotal in helping us to provide a safe and warm haven for our local rough sleepers but we still need your continued support. We are currently needing Up & Go drinks, primas and socks. It is also not too late to volunteer. If you can help cover only one shift, it all helps and is greatly needed, especially as winter takes hold and the volunteers start to succumb to colds & flu. All the information can be found at [www.pencc.org/wintershelter](http://www.pencc.org/wintershelter).



*Winter Shelter Coordinator.*

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>6:00 - 8:00 pm Marian Cenacle Group</b>                                           |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>7:00 - 8:00 pm Adult Theology</b>                                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>5:30 - 6:30 pm Youth Meeting<br/>6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive</b>                      |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>10:00 - 11:00 am Baptism Preparation<br/>3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary</b> |



**Catholic Theological College will open its doors to the public  
as part of the  
2026 Open House Melbourne Weekend**

**Date:** Saturday, 25 July 2026

**Location:** Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

## JENNY'S KITCHEN

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

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 directly or drop off your donations at your convenience. We appreciate your kindness.



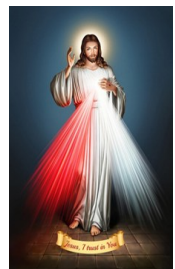
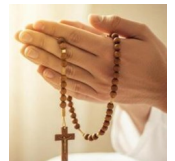
## Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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.



## CATHOLIC MISSION SINCERELY THANKS THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST ANNE'S FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL.

As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than **160 countries** and over **1,100 dioceses**. Your contribution of **\$95.00** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in **Kampira, Malawi**, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church. Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, "**One in Christ, United in Mission**," reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten.

**Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.**



*Reach out. Give life.*