

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 31st May 2026



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life. After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words.

This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it. The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.



PARISH HEAD COUNT RESULTS : AVERAGE FOR THE PAST YEARS.

2023	2024	2025	2026
432	473	488	520

Mass Time	2 nd / 3 rd	9 th / 10 th	16 th / 17 th	23 rd / 24 th					
				Total (0-17)	(18-29)	(30-49)	(50-69)	(70 +)	
6:00 pm	206	149	189 - M -113 F - 76	202	53	19	43	45	42
8:00 am	129	95	110 - M -58 F - 52	103	2	5	21	35	35
10:00 am	188	228	173 M - 100 F - 73	211	41	10	45	70	45
Holy Family			100 M - 33 F - 67						

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 24/05/2026 \$ 3984.40

“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 McCreedy, Yeng Omo, Myra Buyco, Patricia Upton, Alex, Jay Sulton, Kerry Marshall, Frances Kinna, Philomina, George Paul, Tracy Dalmau, Susie, John Duff, Rita Brown.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Eleuteria, Nicolas Tobes, Peter Dickinson, Lynette Fernando, Clarice Perera, Bernadette O’Shea, Mateo Gallego, Brian Dunsford, Marjorie and Jim Wyles** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Jean Grier, David Myall, Alain Villemin.** Rest in Peace. Amen.



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5.35 % p.a.

12-month Term Investment with CDF Community Fund

catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer

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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **6TH & 7TH JUNE**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Dean. A / Josephine. R
Eucharistic Minister: Allan / Rosario
Altar Servers: Bertin / Alden / Rhys

8:30am Mass

Readers: Stephen. W / Sofia. A
Eucharistic Minister: Antony / Rita
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Beena. G / Sandra. P
Eucharistic Minister: Franklyn / Benson
Altar Servers: Mary / Grazinia / Victoria

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

1st Reading: Deut 8: 2 - 3, 14 - 16
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10: 16 - 17
Gospel: Jn 6: 51 - 58

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Leo XIV has released the first papal encyclical on artificial intelligence.

Following in the footsteps of Leo XIII, who responded to the Industrial Revolution, Pope Leo XIV presents AI as a defining transformation of our time—one that will influence how people work, think, relate, create, learn, and understand human identity itself.

The encyclical does not fully endorse nor completely reject AI. Instead, it acknowledges its genuine advantages while also warning about its serious ethical and social risks.

At the heart of the reflection is a deeper question: what understanding of the human person is embedded within this technology?

To guide this reflection, Pope Leo XIV uses two biblical images—The Tower of Babel and the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

Babel symbolizes humanity striving to build without God: a society shaped by pride, self-reliance, uniformity, and the pursuit of power separated from truth.

Jerusalem, on the other hand, represents restoration rooted in humility, shared responsibility, diversity of voices, and God at the center.

This, he suggests, is the real decision facing humanity—not simply how advanced AI becomes, but whether humanity itself becomes more faithful, more wise, and more truly human through its development.

The encyclical also challenges the idea that AI is neutral. Every technological system reflects certain values and priorities, meaning ethics must be considered not only in how AI is used, but in how it is designed from the very beginning.

Pope Leo is also clear about the limits of machines. AI may simulate intelligence, but it cannot love, sacrifice, show compassion, or carry moral responsibility.

In an age increasingly dominated by screens and artificial interactions, he warns of a subtle danger: the weakening of genuine human presence and real relationships.

Christianity, however, points in a different direction. The fullness of life is not found in technological elevation, but in grace.

Technology can assist humanity, but it cannot save it. No machine can fulfill the deepest desires of the human heart—only Jesus Christ can.

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

Good Friday Appeal Collection \$1658.15

Donated to Redkite \$830 &

Holy Land Commissariat \$828.15

Catholic Care \$72

Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

Caritas Receipt are ready for collection in the sacristy.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this Saturday 30th May 2026. Thank you to all Teachers and Volunteers.



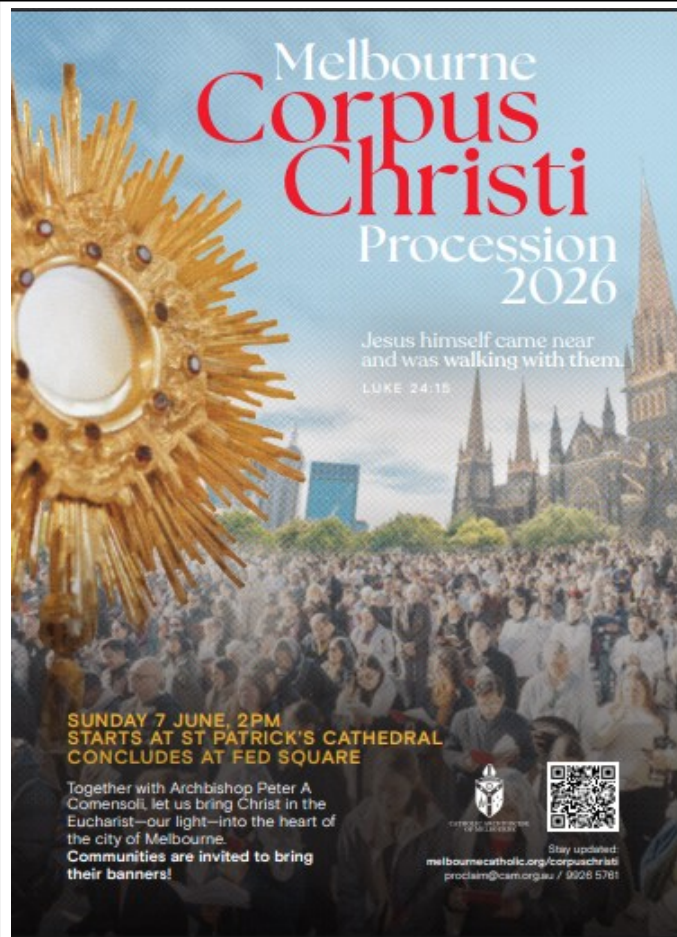
MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am Mass
Silent adoration	5:30 - 6:30 pm
First Friday	7:00 pm 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
Wednesday	6:30 - 8:00pm Confirmation Preparation evening.
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00pm VIBE
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
	6:00 - 6:50 pm Youth Group
Saturday	10:00 - 11:00 am Baptism Preparation
	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

There will be a **Special Collection** next weekend June 6th and 7th June for Catholic Mission Propagation of the Faith.



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.

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.

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.

Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 6 -7 pm
Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 6 -7 pm
Confirmation last enrolment Mass is this weekend. Preparation evening, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church.

