



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been

given to everyone.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

In 2024, the Archdiocesan Development Office introduced a streamlined approach to fundraising. This approach, called the Archbishop's



Campaign, is a single annual campaign and reduces the number of separate special Sunday plate collections in parishes each year.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund and other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and service organisations.

Non-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports seminarian formation and evangelisation initiatives such as the Australian Catholic Youth Festival and World Youth Day. Any unallocated and loose collections will go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund.

The collections will commence on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of August.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

More information will follow.

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. Anne's Church

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 27/7/2025 \$ 2597.50



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, Stanley Fernandez, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Jacqueline Ware, Alfred & Maryann Zammit, Allyson Joel, Roman Rzepka, Teresa Gorska, Frank Bartosy, Siyumi, Conrad Bouchereau, Eliza Wilmot, John McCready, Yeng Omo, Anthony Evans, Ranga Peiris.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Alphonse Padua, Evelyn Fernandes,** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Frank Price, Wilhelmina Liefing, Joseph Leo Samy.**

Rest in Peace. Amen.



SAINT MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY **8TH AUGUST 2025**



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **9th & 10th August**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Beena. G / Rosario

Eucharistic Minister: Josephine / Jarvis

Altar Servers: Annet, Luke, Eric

8:30am Mass

Readers: Brett. H / Fina. A

Eucharistic Minister: Timothy/ Christina

Altar Servers: Fina, Jeanne, Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Anthony. W / Wendy. Z

Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta / Grace

Altar Servers: Gabrina, Shenoli, Mary

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year C **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Eccl 1: 2, 2: 21 - 23

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

2nd Reading: Col 3: 1 - 5, 9 - 11

Gospel: Lk 12: 13 - 21

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year C **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 18: 6 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

2nd Reading: Heb 11: 1 - 2, 8 - 19

Gospel: Lk 12: 32 - 48

Dear Parishioners,

PARISH FEAST OF SAINTS ANNE AND JOACHIM

Thank you to all parishioners, visitors and friends who joined us for the celebration of Sts Anne and Joachim Feast and Grandparents



Day over the weekend.

We are especially grateful to everyone who brought a plate to share — your generosity and community spirit made the gathering after Mass a joyful and welcoming occasion for all.

It was truly a blessing to come together in faith, honour our grandparents, and celebrate the life of our patron saints, Sts Anne and Joachim. May their intercession continue to guide and strengthen our parish family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Thinking About Becoming Catholic? Join the RCIA Journey

Are you—or someone you know—interested in becoming Catholic, or simply want to explore the Catholic faith more deeply?

Our parish will soon begin the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**, a journey of faith and discovery designed for:

- Adults who have never been baptised
- Christians from other denominations seeking full communion with the Catholic Church
- Baptised Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

RCIA is a welcoming, supportive process that allows individuals to ask questions, share experiences, and grow in faith as they discern God's call.

Sessions will begin Soon.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, we warmly invite you to contact the parish office. Come and see where God might be calling you!

**For more information please visit our new website.
Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.

Amen

FULL DAY WOMEN'S RETREAT

You are warmly invited to our full-day Women's retreat: Pilgrims of Hope: A Journey with the Lord *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."* Romans 12:12. In this Jubilee Year 2025, you are invited to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a day of rest, reflection, and renewal.

Join other women of faith for a retreat that draws us into the heart of what it means to be pilgrims of hope—walking together through life's joys and trials with our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, the source of our hope.

The retreat will be led by Fr Nicholas Pearce. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. The day includes Adoration, Confession, music by Alyssa Agius, and time for rest and renewal with other women of faith. The talks, morning tea and lunch will take place at the Park Hyatt. Please join us!

DATE: Saturday 6 September 2025 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1407033>

VIBE: A Space for Exploring Faith and Asking Questions

Are you a young adult navigating university, work, or life after school—and finding it hard to stay connected to your Catholic faith? Maybe other faith-based groups haven't felt right, and you're looking for something grounded, thoughtful, and real.

VIBE is a new young adult Catholic group at St Anne's Parish designed for people like you. It's a space to explore your faith with honesty, depth, and community. We're not about hype or hard lines—we're about **dialogue, formation, and belonging**. Here, you'll find:

- **Inclusive and welcoming gatherings** that respect your journey and questions.
- **Opportunities for spiritual formation** through Scripture, Church teaching, and reflection.
- **Open discussions** about what it means to be Catholic in a secular world.

Supportive community where you can share your experiences and perspectives, listen to others, and grow together.

Whether you're seeking clarity, challenge, or simply a place to be yourself in faith, **VIBE** invites you to discover, grow, and serve—together.

Launching Thursday, 14th August at St Anne's Parish. Come as you are. Let's journey together.



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 pm Mass

Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am Mass

Silent Adoration 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Friday 6:30 pm Rosary

**Saturday 5:20 pm Rosary followed
by Divine Mercy
Chaplet**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am Mass

**3rd Sunday 10:30am Filipino Mass
(at Holy Family Hall)**

**Assumption Feast Vigil Mass 6:30pm
Day Mass 9:15am**

Piety Stall

We have received new items of St Benedict crosses; keychains; necklaces; large medallion and various medals of Our Lady and various saints.

Christmas is not far away and we will soon be thinking of Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars. If you require large numbers of Religious cards perhaps we can order quantities in for you? Call at the Piety Stall to order.



MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 6:00 - 8:00 pm Marian Cenacle Group

Friday 7:00 - 8:00 pm MenAlive Group

Saturday 3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

On behalf of the team from the Frankston Winter Shelter a very big thank you to all the parishioners of St. Annes. The response to the callout of goods has been phenomenal. **We no longer need stock.** We do however still need volunteers; if you're eager to support those in need with your time please register to volunteer. Thank you once again.



A COMMUNITY FOR DIVORCED CATHOLIC MEN

Restored is a community of catholic men who've walked through separation and divorce and found healing in faith, brotherhood, and honest conversation.

In Association with



Run by laymen who have been separated and / or divorced RESTORED is a community of Catholic men who following the dissolution of a marriage seek to remain faithful to God. Some have attained annulments, some have re-partnered. Each of us has walked the vulnerable valley of isolation and disconnect while carrying the guilt and shame of a marriage breakdown.

Under the patronage of King David of Israel, his example is used as a model for others to follow. He was a sinner, a murderer, an adulterer, and yet was "a man after God's own heart". Despite his failings he, and his kingdom, were restored. Restoration is possible for all of us.

Men often feel isolated at the best of times; challenging times like this accentuates the sense of isolation and loneliness. Add to this the response from "church" has been left wanting again and again. It is unsure how best to respond. However, we recognise that laity are also church and we too have been called to cast our nets wide.

Our Model

Accompaniment – a personal yet communal source of encounter and sharing experiences via a web-based meeting platform.

Acceptance – every one has a different story. The struggles are real and to own them and name them is the start of change.

Relationship with Christ – praying together, soaking in scripture, and still being active in the local church are fundamental.

Resources – while we have gone through a marriage breakdown, we are not counsellors or psychologists. We are a toolbox of resources to draw upon as needed.

Join us for our weekly online meetings where men pray together, share testimonies, and find support in catholic fellowship. Visit <https://www.restoredcatholic.life/>

Co-operators and supporters are welcomed.