

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 18th October 2026



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the

hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.



Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

Sunday Connection Loyola Press.

MASS OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

As we are a few weeks away for the month of November, we encourage all parishioners who would like to offer Mass for their loved ones' to send us an email with all the names of the deceased. This sheet will be printed and placed on the altar to be prayed at all Masses during the month of November. The Remembrance Folder is kept in the foyer of the Church, names could be registered in the sheets as well. The names of the funerals held in our Church has already been registered in the folder. If you have entered the names last year the Mass will be offered this year as well.

Names must be submitted no later than Sunday, 27th October 2026.

Monday 2nd November All Souls Day Mass at 7:00pm



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 11/10/2026 \$ 2756.00

"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, Eliza Wilmot, Yeng Omo, Patricia Upton, Alex, Jay Sulton, Frances Kinna, Philomina, George Paul, Tracy Dalmau, Susie, Aida Mortimer, Shirley Hajak, Amber Elka Faska, Robin D'Cruz, Margot O'Neil, Christopher Lim, Rolly Domantay, Winney Payet.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Grace Bartholomeusz, Hilda Rebello,** and for all those who have died recently deceased **James Hennessy, Vivienne Madeira, Sr Marie Rose Wilson, Myra Buyco.**
Rest in Peace. Amen.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **24TH & 25TH OCTOBER**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

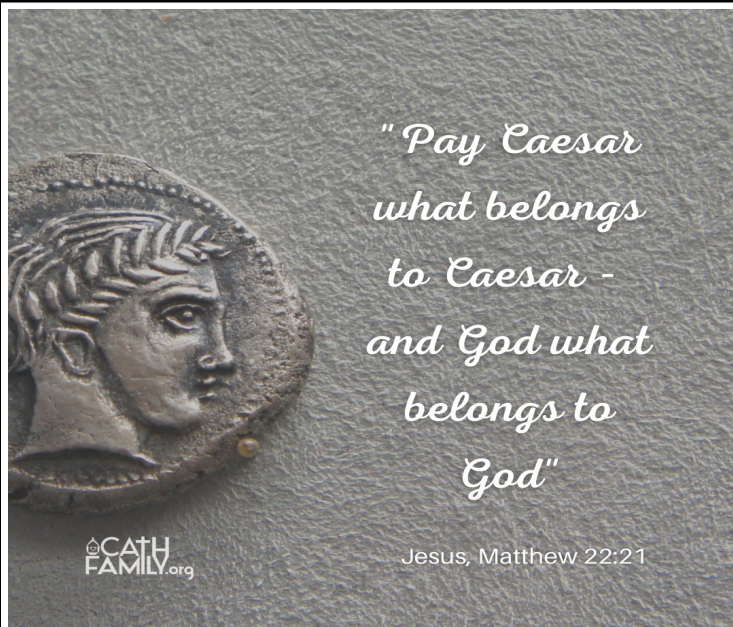
Readers: Deborah. C / Josephine
Eucharistic Minister: Liam / Ashley
Altar Servers: Johan / Jeremy

8:30am Mass

Readers: Christina. O / Jeanne. A
Eucharistic Minister: Kim / Angela
Altar Servers: Volunteer

10:00am Mass

Readers: Gabrina. M / Janice. F
Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn / Amelia
Altar Servers: Mary / Eric



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 45:1, 4 - 6
Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.
2nd Reading: 1 Thess 1: 1 - 5
Gospel: Mt 22: 15 - 21

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ex 22: 20 - 26
Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.
2nd Reading: 1 Thess 1: 5 - 10
Gospel: Mt 22: 34 - 40

POPE LEO XIV

I am sure we have all had the Holy Father in our prayers this week as he underwent thoracic surgery as scheduled. The Vatican Press Office revealed that cancer was detected and a radical procedure removed the lower lobe of the right lung using a video-assisted technique. Following the operation, the Pope woke up normally and soon returned to his room on the tenth floor of Rome's Gemelli Hospital.

This Sunday, 18 October, is the 100th World Mission Day first established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. Sometime before entering hospital Pope Leo XIV issued a video message for World Mission Day 2026. In part the message was:

"In this centenary year, the present theme, 'One in Christ, United in Mission,' invites us to reflect on the fundamental task of nurturing the Church's unity in following Christ, particularly in our commitment and responsibility to spread the Gospel message of salvation to all people.

Indeed, through Baptism, each one of us becomes a member of the Body of Christ and has a unique role in contributing to Jesus' saving work. Our Lord calls us to cooperate as one family, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to bring everyone everywhere into a communion of faith in Christ.

I reiterate, therefore, the special appeal I made in the Message for World Mission Sunday: 'Let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love — according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support... will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need.' (*Message for the 100th World Mission Day, 25 January 2026*)."



You are Invited to *The Bethany Way* - Introductory Retreat

There is always something to do, someone to care for, somewhere to be. Our lives are full of good things: family, work, parish, serving others. Yet, do we spend time for our own formation in faith?

This year's 'Bethany Wayfarers' have approached the end of their 20-week formation journey. Now, you are invited to consider joining our 2027 intake of *The Bethany Way*.

Whether you are a leader, parent or just someone who wants to see where God is calling them, come and experience a 'taster' of *The Bethany Way* at our Introductory Retreat on Saturday 31 October. In the footsteps of Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany, discover a deeper way of being formed at the feet of Christ the Teacher. Will you let Christ form you in 2027?

The Bethany Way Introductory Retreat

At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Saturday 31 October 2026, 12pm-4pm (optional Mass at 11.30am), Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne



URGENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Vincent De Paul are urgently in need of Volunteers to assist with them.

If you are willing to help and want to serve those in need in our community.

Please come forward. Your time and kindness can make a real difference in someone's life.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.



CARRUM GARDENS BINGO CENTRE Come and enjoy the fun!

BINGO GAMES
RAFFLES
Great Prizes each Session
CASH PRIZES
(Excluding Prizes over \$500 Cheque Paid)
BINGO ACCESSORIES
VOUCHERS AVAILABLE
BREAKOPENS
Win up to \$1,000
DAILY JACKPOTS
CASH

WIN! upto \$2000

DAY SESSIONS
Doors open two hours prior to Eyes down.
Wed-Fri: 11am
Sat: 12pm
Sun: 1pm

EVENING SESSIONS
Doors open 5pm
Tue - Sat
Eyes down: 7pm

Roast Dinner served from Saturday 5.30pm

PET Machines

ATM facilities available

554-556 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs. Phone: 9775 0065. www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au

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MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am Mass
Silent adoration	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Thursday	6:00 pm Communion Service
Friday	9:15 am No Mass
	5:00 pm Rosary
Saturday	5:00 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	6:00 - 7:00 Synod Meeting
	7:00 - 8:00 pm RCIA
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm Adult Theology
Friday	6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

PIETY STALL

2 books – Friendly Guide to Prayer and Friendly Guide to the Psalms at \$29.95 each at the Piety Stall. Also we have Christmas Table Runners; and Christmas theme gift bags. Christmas diamond painting kits. Call at the Piety Stall to see what is available.

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday

- ☆ Samuel Benjamin Henderson
- ☆ Isabel Julie Henderson
- ☆ Lacy Lee Martin
- ☆ Jed Jack Martin
- ☆ Ry Roman Martin



ST ANNE'S LEGION OF MARY PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Saturday October 24th at 3:30pm-5:30pm at Broughton Reserve Station Street, Seaford.



All are welcome.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Tilma replica visiting St. Thomas More Catholic Parish. **When:** Sunday 25th October 2026 **Where:** St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza. Mass will be held at 10am (with Adoration from 9-10am beforehand) with the tilma available for those needing healing to wear at the conclusion of Mass. This is a special privilege for the parish, as this tilma replica is one of only a handful in the world that have been laid on the original tilma given to St. Juan Diego by Our Lady.

St. Anne's Vinnies Christmas Hamper Sausage Sizzle

Can you help for an hour?

At Bunnings Carrum Downs
Saturday 14th November 2026
from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to help raise money for our Christmas Hampers

By cooking, serving, cashier, tin shaking, promoting

Just one hour to enjoy the company of other helpers.

Donations of bread, sausages, onions greatly appreciated.

Please text your available time to Peter V on 0432 120 704 Or Email: pgvyverberg@gmail.com



BREAK OPEN OF THE WORD 2027

It is the time of the year to order the book. Readers who would like to have

Break open of the Word, please call or email your request to the Parish Office by 23rd October 2026.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 OUR PARISH JOURNEY.

In December 4th - 6th 2026, Archbishop Peter Comensoli convoked a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be held.

Our parish will hold its parish assembly in reference to the Synod 2026 as a part of the listening phase. This is our chance to pray, listen and discuss together how we can be more faithful missionary disciple.

Three themes:

- ☆ Young Discipleship
- ☆ Missionary Leadership
- ☆ **Formation and Participation**

Every voice matters-Young and old new and long-time Parishioners.

Please leave **31st October 2026 at 9:30am** free for this special event for our Parish. Contact the parish office for more information.

A sign-up sheet is placed in the foyer of the church for your registration.

