

SUNDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Parish of The Holy Spirit and St. Francis

St Mary's

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sacred Heart

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this bulletin finds you all well and enjoying the sunny days. Last Friday I had the privilege of attending the Archbishop's Dinner held in Altona which is part of the longstanding annual gathering hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria, an event now in its 26th year. The dinner brings together clergy, seminarians, parishioners, and supporters from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne for an evening of fellowship, reflection, and fundraising. Held at Grand Star Receptions and Convention Centre in Altona North, it typically features a keynote speaker, formal meal, and opportunities for conversation and community building. The evening has a silent auction, an open auction and a raffle. This fund assists with the formation and education of seminarians at Corpus Christi College and supports the ongoing post ordination education of diocesan clergy. Over the years, the dinner has raised more than \$1.7 million for these purposes, making it one of the Archdiocese's most significant annual fundraising events. Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli regularly affirms the dinner as a "vital expression of our shared commitment to the future of the Church," by brother clergy and lay-people, highlighting how the community's generosity strengthens the formation of future priests and supports those already serving.

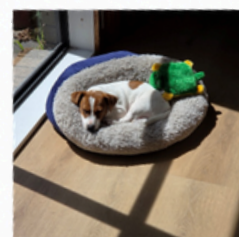
This year's guest speaker was Peta Credlin AO, an Australian political commentator, former senior political adviser and lawyer, widely recognised for her influential role in both politics and the media. Yet on this occasion, Peta did not speak as a political figure alone, but as a woman of faith – a Catholic who carries her identity with sincerity and pride. Growing up in the Mallee in a devoted Catholic family, she reflected on how her upbringing, religious education and early experiences of parish life have shaped her values and continue to guide her today. She spoke with clarity, conviction and courage, offering a thoughtful and heartfelt witness to the place of faith in public life and the enduring strength she draws from her Catholic heritage. Her grandfather was a Knight of the Southern Cross, who was a faithful member of the church and devoted to his faith.



Peta shared these reflections because she sees clearly the challenges facing our world, and even more so the pressures placed on our Church and the values we hold as Catholics. She emphasised that defending and living our faith is not the task of clergy alone – it belongs to all Christians, all Catholics, each of us called to be proud of our faith even when the Church itself is imperfect. Peta encouraged us to be confident witnesses, to preserve our Catholic identity in society, and not to shy away from the difficult issues of our time. She spoke with humility and honesty, reminding us that while this moment in history may feel heavy, it is precisely adversity that builds resilience, strengthens conviction, and helps us move forward with hope and with God at the center of our lives.



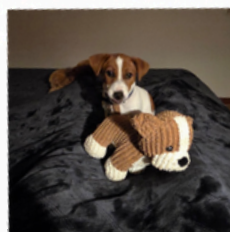
So, as the participants gather that night in unity and faith, Peta offered signs of hope. For example: over 8 hundred thousand people gathered with Pope Leo in France and celebrated Eucharist with him. The increase in Western countries of people returning to the faith, or being welcomed into the fold. As the pendulum has swung so far, the other way, there is a real sense that young people are still searching what the world does not offer them. May they and we as a united church come home to God and Christ – who is our beginning and our end. Finally, in the words of the song by Marty Haugen "...who will speak of we don't. I personally found Peta Credlin to have spoken from her heart, the ideals she holds true and a passion to spread the message of Christ. I hope and pray this reflection of this gifted and faith filled woman will inspire us all.



Have a great week.

Fr Martin and Sir Richard.

Who really enjoys his toys and the sunshine.



WE PRAY FOR...

ILLNESS:

Rosa Nistico, Elizabeth Kiernikowski, Maria Reilly, Nancy Camera, Lucy Finnegan, Ebony McDonald, Teresa Stynes, Oliver & James Mendis, Mary Ryan, Sunny & Hunter Drew, Joseph Galekovic, Clive O'Connor, Rita Spinella, Kerstin Thomas, Marie Northey, Shane Cowie, Anna Slawek, Melita Lambiris, Malcom Keys, Carmel Finley, M.S., Barry Martin, Vera Molloy, Claire Lawrence, Tom Fischer, Joan Tranter, Stella Noal, Peter Teasdale, Paul Kennedy, Vlad, Antonio Salas, Prue Turner, Anna, Colin Lewin, Peter Robertson, Vlad, Charles, Anna, & Slawek

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Casson
Margaret Murphy, John Vautin
Christine Wright
Ian Macdonald,
Florence Grigsby
Charlie Cripps
Katherine Stokes

ABAPTISM:

Luca & Asha Spinley
Charlotte Hagget
Evie Rose Waid
Aurora Aneni Ncube

SACRAMENTS 2026



FIRST RECONCILIATION

TERM 4

Tues 10, 17 & 24 Nov 5:30 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Semester 1: 2027

CONFIRMATION

Thu 3 Sept to 19 Nov 5 pm

Information & bookings at
sandringham@cam.org.au

ALL SOULS' DAY – MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Masses will be celebrated at:

9:15 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hampton East

07:00 pm at Sacred Heart Sandringham .

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass for the Holy Souls offering envelopes are now available at the back of the churches for those wishing to offer Masses for their deceased loved ones.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

‘Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

Matthew 22:21



Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Philipians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

PLEASE TAKE
ME HOME
FOR FURTHER
REFLECTION.

**POPE’S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:
FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



**WEEKEND MASS
TIMES**

Saturday Vigil

6 pm St Mary’s
59 Holyrood St, Hampton

Sunday Morning

9 am Sunday - Sacred Heart
13 Fernhill Rd, Sandringham
10:30 am Immaculate Heart
441 Bluff Rd, Hampton East

**WEEKDAY MASS
TIMES**

Mon 9:15 am Immaculate Heart
Tue 9:15am Sacred Heart
Wed 9:15am Sacred Heart
Thur 9:15am St Mary’s

**CONFESSION
TIMES**

Sat. 5:45 pm St Mary’s
Sun. 8:45 am Sacred Heart

**PRAYER
&
ADORATION**

All are welcome!

Rosary & Prayers

Sun, 10 am Immaculate Heart
Mon, 8:50 & 9:50 am Immaculate
Heart

Tue, 8:45 am Sacred Heart *New Time!!*

Wed, 8:20 am Sacred Heart

Thu, 8:45 am St Mary’s *New Time!!*

Adoration

Wed, 8:45-9:10am Sacred Heart

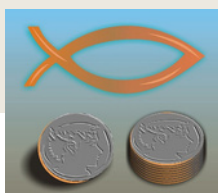
EMERGENCIES

For anointing of the sick please
call 7036 9381 and dial 3

BITE SIZE THOUGHTS BY GREG SUNTER

Historical Context – What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.



PARISH MINISTRY TRAINING

Fr Martin Tanti will lead training sessions at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 7.00 pm** for the following ministries:

- **Parish Readers: Wednesday 28 October**
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Wed 4 November**

Forms are available at the back of the church for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please complete the relevant form to let us know whether or not you will be attending. All parishioners involved in these ministries are encouraged to attend.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New weekly Thanksgiving Envelopes have been printed and will be available for collection at the back of the church.

The new year will commence from 1 November 2026.

Please note that they are in alphabetical order. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at sandringham@cam.org.au

Thank you again for your continued generosity and support of the Parish of the Holy Spirit & St Francis.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

COLLECTIONS

Please note that at our Masses there are two collections:

- The First collection is for priest and retired priests
- The Second collection helps support the day-to-day expenses of the parish.

If you would prefer to give by card, tap machines are available in the foyers of the churches.

DIRECT DEBIT

Parish of The Holy Spirit & St Francis

BSB: 083 347

Acc. Num: 646745079

Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347

Acc. Num: 646741705

ON LINE DONATIONS

at our [website](https://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/holyspiritstfrancis) or using your phone to read our QR code



Thank you for your generosity to help us continue our ministry.

Donations to Social Justice Group

Sacred Heart Parish SJG East
Timor Project

BSB: 083347

Acc: 250540755

Return-It Vic!

Return your bottles & cans to donate the refund to our Parish Social Justice Group! Use the CDS Vic East refund points and enter our Parish Partner ID: C2000075764.

Unwanted Foreign Currency

Collection boxes will be in each church foyer and will be collected weekly

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

THURSDAY 12 NOV
7.30am – 8.45am

Join us for a special conversation
as Fr Nathan Rawlins interviews
ANNIE CARRETT

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF VICTORIA INC.



Coffee & Croissants
with
Annie



Bookings essential: trybooking.com/DPTZE or info@cwlicvww.org.au
\$45 (\$35 members, \$30 students). Continental Breakfast included.

SYNODALITY AND HOPE

A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism—it is trust in God's faithfulness.



Community
Cuppa

Sundays After 9:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart.
Sundays After 10:30 am Mass, Immaculate Heart.
Wednesdays After 9:15 am Mass, Sacred Heart.

Monthly Dinner

1st Saturday of the month after 6 pm Mass.
Contact Michele: 0427 508 003.

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