



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have travelled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple

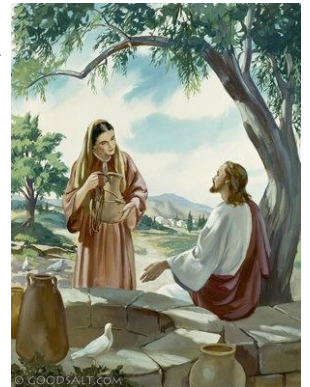
for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.



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>

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 01/03/2026 \$ 3577.75



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.

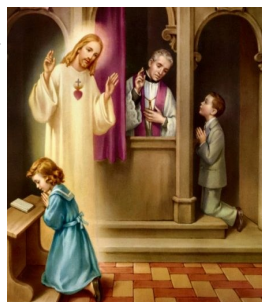
Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Jacqueline Ware, Allyson Joel, Frank Bartosy, Siyumi, Eliza Wilmot, John McCready, Yeng Omo, Myra Buyco, Patricia Upton, Alex, Jay Sulton, Kerry Marshall, Frances Kinna, Philomina, George Paul.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Marie Swanson, Gregorio and Rolando Dela Cerna** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Liam Madden, Chris Anthony.** **Rest in Peace. Amen.**



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As you may be aware of the Reconciliation or Confession times at our church every weekend is on Saturday before Mass. We encourage you to take advantage of this time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It’s a wonderful opportunity to seek God’s forgiveness, reflect, and renew your spiritual journey.

However, we understand that there may be instances when this time is not convenient. In such case, please know that you can always make an appointment for Confession with our priest. Your spiritual well-being is of the utmost importance, and we are here to accommodate your needs. To schedule a Confession appointment, simply contact the parish office.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **14TH MARCH & 15TH MARCH**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Dean. A / Josephine. R

Eucharistic Minister: Linda / Ignatius

Altar Servers: Luke, Rhys, Jeremy

8:30am Mass

Readers: Lily. D / Stephen. W

Eucharistic Minister: Brian / Angela

Altar Servers: Fina, Jeanne, Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Mechelle. C / Eric. A

Eucharistic Minister: Lloyd / Jerome

Altar Servers: Eric, Emily, Shenoli

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A **Third Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ex 17 : 3 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: Rom 5: 1 - 2, 5 - 8

Gospel: Jn 4: 5 - 42

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: 1 Sam 16 :1, 6 - 7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: Eph 5: 8 - 14

Gospel: Jn 9: 1 - 41

Dear Parishioners,

You are warmly invited to join us for the celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation, information below in the flyer

This beautiful feast commemorates the moment when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of our Lord. Mary's generous "Yes" changed the course of history and remains a powerful example of faith, humility, and trust in God.

This feast also holds special significance for the me and my friends, as it is the Patronal Feast of the Voluntas Dei Congregation (IVDei). On this day, we give thanks for the mission and spirituality of the Congregation — to seek and live the Will of God in all things — inspired by Mary's faithful response: "Let it be done to me according to your word."

After the Holy Mass, we will gather for a parish barbecue and fellowship. We expect around 100–120 people, and we would greatly appreciate your support to make this a joyful and welcoming celebration for all.

We are seeking help with:

- Barbecue preparation and cooking
- Things needed for barbecue meal (sausage, bread and etc)
- Salads and savoury dishes
- Desserts and sweets
- Setup and cleanup

Soft drinks

If you are able to contribute food or assist on the day, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or contact the parish office.

Let us come together in prayer and fellowship as one parish family, celebrating Mary's "Yes" and our shared call to do the Will of God.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Blessings, **Rev Fr. Martin Jeramais**

Melbourne Synod 2026

On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (*Lumen Gentium*, §4).

There are three themes about which the church of Melbourne is being invited to discern:

- young discipleship
- missionary leadership
- formation and participation.

The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6

December 2026. Over these next

months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne

Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Speaker : Patricia Long

Wednesday March 25th, 2026 @ 12:30pm

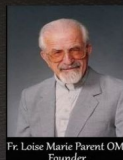
Venue: Hampton RSL, 25 Holyrood Street, Hampton
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – BY FRIDAY 20th
March SHARING THE MEAL IS AN IMPORTANT
PART OF THE TIME TOGETHER Meals from

12.30pm. The presentation & conversation will follow;
Event will conclude about 3.00pm For Bookings and/or
further details contact: MICHELE:

michelekennan@presvic.org.au OR 0415 956 107(mob)

CATRIONA: catriona3171@gmail.com OR 0419 109
830 (mob) More information on the Notice Board

Welcome to the FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION



9TH MARCH, 11 AM

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH
84 AUSTIN ROAD, SEAFORD, 3198

HOLY EUCHARIST PRESIDED BY
VERY REV TONY KERIN JCL
(VICAR GENERAL)



Third Sunday of Lent
7–8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Monday	11:00 am Mass <i>The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am Mass
Silent adoration	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday Rosary	6:30 pm
Station of the Cross	7:00 pm
Saturday	5:20 pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30 pm Reconciliation (Other times by appointment only) 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
Tuesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm SHAC Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm H.Eucharist Preparation 7:00 - 8:00 pm RCIA Session 7:00 - 8:00 pm Lenten Reflection 7:00 - 8:00 pm Vinnies Meeting
Friday	5:30 - 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive
Saturday	3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary

Piety Stall Notice

We have miniature Stations of the Cross available at the Piety Stall to help this Lenten season. Book for toddlers on the Saints and Prayers to the Saints for pre school children.

Columban Calendars have been restocked, these have space for daily memos and give the name of the saint for the day as well as beautiful paintings for each month.

Mary Magdalene – The Musical

An uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. Presented by **COG Theatre Group** and directed by **Beth Mondragon Williams**, this moving work reflects on redemption, grace, and hope.

□ **When:**

Fri & Sat 13–14 March, 7:00 pm
Sat & Sun 14–15 March, 1:00 pm

□ **Where:** Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew

□ **Tickets:** trybooking.com/DHZPD

LENTEN RETREAT - A 2-DAY RETREAT FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS (AGES 5 - 15)

Date and Time:

March 14 and 15, 2026

Saturday and Sunday

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Venue: St Agatha's Church,
Cranbourne VIC

For parents who wish to enrol
their children to the retreat can visit our
website: www.divinekids.com.au



Baptism

We Congratulate and welcome the following
children who will be baptised at
St Anne's Parish this Weekend
7th & 8th March 2026

- ☆ Aivarr Leor Adrine
- ☆ Maya Therese Mathewson
- ☆ Leo Lemalu
- ☆ Christina Naomi Sharp
- ☆ Naomi Lea Anne Sharp
- ☆ Amelia Rose Porter
- ☆ Arlo Robbi Buchanan
- ☆ Tex George Buchanan
- ☆ Jaxon Alan Hughes
- ☆ Mason Timothy Hughes



Schedule for the Sacraments 2026

Dear Parishioners, 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. All non Catholic school children will need to do special Religious education program apart from the sacramental program of the parish. This is the last weekend for Holy Eucharist Enrolments.

There are 56 students
preparing for the
Sacrament of
Reconciliation this year
2026

Program	First Eucharist	Confirmation
Enrolment form go out	Feb 3	March 31
Enrolment Mass 1	Feb 21/22	May 16/17
Enrolment Mass 2	Feb 28/Mar 1	May 23/24
Preparation Evening	March 11	June 3 rd