

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12th April 2026



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

**Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford**



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian

experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.



PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION

The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate.**

Saturday 2 May 2025, 10.00am–11.30am

Venue Catholic Theological College
278 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne

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>

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 5/04/2026 \$ 5736.50



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, 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, Tracy Dalmau, Susie.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Marie Swanson, Filomena Manleri, Donald Curran, Antonio Dela Torre, Francisu T, Sidora Berdin, Eduardo Paylado, Prescila Feil** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Falienne Morel .**



Rest in Peace. Amen.

Frankston Winter Shelter



The Frankston Winter Shelter still needs volunteers to be able to open this winter. We need volunteers for the morning shifts, 6:00am – 8:30am across all mornings, and overnight shifts 2am – 6am across all nights. If you can help once a fortnight, once a month or just once, please register your availability through the QR code on the pamphlet in the foyer and pinned on the noticeboard, or Email frankstonws@gmail.com or

alternatively come and talk to Jamie & Leanne after Sunday 10am Mass.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **18TH & 19TH APRIL**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Annet. R / Rosario
 Eucharistic Minister: Jarvis / Linda
 Altar Servers: Issac / Luke / Alden

8:30am Mass

Readers: Sofia. A / Fina. A
 Eucharistic Minister: Christina / Brian
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Jamie. F / Varuna. A
 Eucharistic Minister: Benson / Jerome
 Altar Servers: Mary / Grazinia / Victoria

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday**

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42 - 47
 Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord
 for he is good, his love is
 everlasting.
 2nd Reading: 1Pet 1: 3 - 9
 Gospel: Jn 20: 19 - 31

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **Third Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22 - 33
 Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You will show us the
 path of life.
 2nd Reading: 1 Pet 1: 17 - 21
 Gospel: Lk 24: 13 - 35

Dear Parishioners,

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter in the Catholic Church. It's significant because it celebrates the message of mercy that Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska, emphasizing the infinite mercy of God and the opportunity for repentance and forgiveness. It's a time for Christians to reflect on God's mercy, seek forgiveness for sins, and extend mercy to others. The feast highlights the central theme of mercy in Christian faith and offers hope and renewal to believers.

A NOTE OF THANKS

What a great way to celebrate Easter. We thank God for allowing us to celebrate this year.

We are blessed to have a great bunch of volunteers in our community. We do take this opportunity to thank all. We thank the sacristans who made sure things for liturgies are in place for the whole week, decoration team who were at church very early every day during the Holy Week, church looks very beautiful. Choir leader and singers made a difference in the liturgies. Our readers and special ministers were very excellent in their roles. Altar servers blend in with the celebrations. Those operated microphone system kept everything really well. PowerPoint slides operators during the Holy Week did a good job. We thank many people helped to prepare the Station of the Cross at the school ground. Thank you to all who set up fire for Easter Vigil, those who sponsored Easter eggs, who sponsored flowers for Easter decoration. We thank parish secretary who followed up with volunteers and made sure everyone are on the same page. We also thank Parish leadership team, and all those who helped us in any way during the Holy week ceremonies.

May the Risen Christ continue to bless you abundantly.

HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The collection for Holy Thursday amounted to **\$369.40** and Good Friday amounted to **\$1658.15**. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW PLAN FOR MEMORIAL WALL

After the latest theft, we are able to share an update regarding our parish memorial wall. After careful consideration, we are preparing to proceed with the order and installation using a new, more cost-effective material, while still ensuring a dignified and lasting tribute to our loved ones.

At this stage, we kindly ask any families who have already ordered a plaque to please confirm their details with the parish office. Or if you know any family who has a plaque placed, please ask them to contact us. This will help us ensure accuracy before the final order is placed. If you have already done that's fine. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

BAPTISM

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday
12th April 2026

- ☆ Nirvana Rose De Sensi
- ☆ Gianna Marie De Sensi
- ☆ Aree Jai Horler
- ☆ Hunter Levi Clarebrough
- ☆ Cleo Brooklyn Clarebrough
- ☆ Scarlett Grace Bramley
- ☆ Beau Hudson Bramley
- ☆ Leo Joshua Basham
- ☆ Jordan Craig Basham



Melbourne Synod 2026

The Archbishop formally signed the Decree of Convocation of the Melbourne Synod. These frequently asked questions can help gradually build awareness about the Synod and what it means for the life and mission of our local Church.

Building the Synodal Way Together

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The *Synodal Way* calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- **Listening with an open heart** to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
 - **Engaging in meaningful conversation**, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
 - **Strengthening our sense of communion**, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.
- Discerning pathways forward**, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: [**Synod2026@cam.org.au**](mailto:Synod2026@cam.org.au)



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am Mass
Silent adoration	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday	9:15 am Mass
Rosary	6:30 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	6:00 - 8:00 pm SHAC meeting
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm Choir Leaders 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

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. **Our next weekend is just a few weeks away. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: April 24 - 26th St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.**

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.

Profile pages and sorry card for the sacrament of Reconciliation are already due this weekend. Confirmation Enrolment form goes out on 31st March (available on our website). Enrolment Mass 1 & 2 May 16/17 & 23/24. Preparation evening, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church. All non Catholic school children will need to do special Religious education program apart from the sacramental program of the parish. There will 2 session for the children for the preparation of Reconciliation.

- ☆ Wednesday, 6 May 2026 @ 6 -7 pm
- ☆ Wednesday, 13 May 2026 @ 6 -7 pm

Piety Stall Notice

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.

We have some new Little Golden Books – please call at the Piety Stall to peruse. Also a couple of copies of “Catholic Prayers for All Occasions



**Blessed
are those
who
have not
seen and
yet
believe**

Jesus, John 20:29

PROJECT COMPASSION CARITAS BOXES AND ENVELOPES

Could you please bring back the Project Compassion boxes/ Envelopes.



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THANK YOU

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



Please donate today.

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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.*