

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 30th August 2026



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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

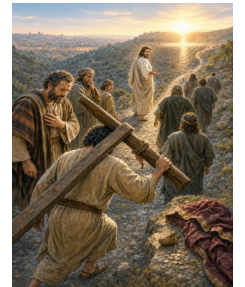
### REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel

hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.



### ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN CALLS FAITHFUL TO BE STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH'S MISSION

#### **PLEASE BRING BACK THE ENVELOPES BY 30TH AUGUST 2026**

Dear Friends, Thank you for your commitment to the Archbishop's Campaign and for the important role you play in supporting the mission of the Church throughout our Archdiocese.

Through your dedication and service, the campaign continues to provide the resources that enable the Church's mission to flourish. It helps form future priests, supports retired and sick clergy, strengthens parish communities, and sustains ministries that bring the love of Christ to those in need. These works are only possible through the generosity, partnership, and efforts of many faithful people working together for the good of the Church. This year's theme, '**Courage!... Do not be afraid**', is drawn from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. In every age, Christ calls His disciples to place their trust in Him and to move forward with confidence, even amid uncertainty and challenge. As you support the campaign in your parish and community, I encourage you to be guided by these words. The Lord is always with us, strengthening us for mission, and calling us to be witnesses of faith, hope and charity.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit. Please know of my gratitude and prayers for you and your loved ones. May God bless you abundantly. **Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**

*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 23/08/2026 \$ 3917.00**

### **“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](mailto: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, Siyumi, Eliza Wilmot, Yeng Omo, Myra Buyco, 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.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time **Joan William** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Kevin Keppel, Alfred Roberts, Yohanes Edi Gunawan.** Rest in Peace. Amen.



### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND** **5TH & 6TH SEPTEMBER**

#### **6:00pm Vigil Mass**

Readers: Deborah. C / Josephine. R  
 Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius / Rosario  
 Altar Servers: Jeremy / Bertin

#### **8:30am Mass**

Readers: Fina. A / Lily. D  
 Eucharistic Minister: Rita / Angela  
 Altar Servers: Volunteer

#### **10:00am Mass**

Readers: Emily. F / Gabrielle. H  
 Eucharistic Minister: Franklyn / Joesharan  
 Altar Servers: Victoria / Jovan



### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A** **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 20: 7 - 9  
 Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God .  
 2nd Reading: Rom 12: 1 - 2  
 Gospel: Mt 16: 21 - 27

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A** **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 33: 7 - 9  
 Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.  
 2nd Reading: Rom 13: 8 - 10  
 Gospel: Mt 18: 15 - 20

## **MELBOURNE SYNOD**

On the morning of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August two parish representatives attended the 'southern region' meeting of the Melbourne Synod 2026.

Prior to attending, representatives chose which of the three designated synodality themes ('Formation and Participation', 'Young Discipleship' and 'Missionary Leadership') interested them most. Some 8-10 people from different parishes on each of nine round tables were then asked to conduct what is called 'conversations in the spirit'. Each person was allocated two minutes to respond to a chosen theme. We were then asked to share anything that had struck us in what had been said by others. Finally there was a general discussion about what it might all mean. Each table then gave a short verbal summary of the discussion to the whole meeting. The gathering was asked to nominate 15 members to a next-level meeting in the city.

Key ideas that were raised on our table included the very positive experiences of praying with others at Mass, the desire for 'the human' in Sunday eucharists and parish life, the desirability of developing stronger relations between parishes and schools, and the need for parish 'action', be it social, services etc. Enthusiasm was stirred, with some keen for ongoing discussion regarding the latter idea. The themes of parish-school relations, and 'faith in everyday life and action' (I thought) also came through strongly in reports from other tables.

I think everyone found it a very good way of connecting, and drawing out key issues in a constructive manner. It will be interesting to see what will come of it at the archdiocesan level. It was recommended that such 'conversations' be held in each parish; Deacon Leo and I discussed whether it might be a good way to connect people, and to identify and advance issues in our parish.

**David Moloney**



### **Dear Parishioners,**

Just a humble reminder to please maintain silence and reverence in the church after Holy Mass. Some parishioners may wish to remain behind for personal prayer and thanksgiving.

We Kindly ask everyone to keep conversations outside the church and help maintain a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. God bless you all.

## **ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au)

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.



## **PRAYER SERVICE OF LAMENT**

The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows invites us to stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross.

There we see a mother who remains close to her Son in His suffering, steadfast in faith and open to the hope that God alone can bring. In Mary, the Church learns not to turn away from suffering, but to remain present with compassion, humility and prayer.

In 2026, on this memorial we will gather as the Church in Melbourne for our annual Service of Lament for survivors of abuse.

Parish leaders, and representatives of the parish community are invited to join Archbishop Peter Comensoli on **Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 4.00pm** in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral as we come before the Lord in prayer and lament.

## **Schedule for the Sacraments 2026**

We encourage you to keep attending Mass even after completing the three required Masses. Every Mass you attend helps you grow closer to Jesus and strengthens your faith. Please bring this page with you to each Mass and show this side to the priest. After each Mass, fill in the following details in the order:

Date- Name of the parish- and priest will sign it. Every Mass you attend will be recorded and counted. Special gifts and recognition will be awarded to the children who attend the most Masses during the program.



## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

|                         |                                                            |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>6:00 pm Mass</b>                                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>9:15 am Mass</b>                                        |
| <b>Silent adoration</b> | <b>5:30 - 6:30 pm</b>                                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>         | <b>6:00 pm Communion Service</b>                           |
|                         | <b>6:30 pm Novena</b>                                      |
| <b>Friday</b>           | <b>9:15 am No Mass</b>                                     |
| <b>Rosary</b>           | <b>5:00 pm</b>                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>         | <b>5:00 pm Rosary followed<br/>by Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> |
|                         | <b>5:30 pm Reconciliation</b>                              |
|                         | <b>6:00pm Vigil Mass</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>           | <b>8:30am &amp; 10:00am Mass</b>                           |
| <b>3rd Sunday</b>       | <b>10:30am Filipino Mass<br/>(at Holy Family Hall)</b>     |

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

|          |                                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday   | 6:00 - 8:00 pm Marian Cenacle Group  |
| Thursday | 7:00 - 8:00 pm VIBE                  |
| Friday   | 6:30 - 7:30 pm MenAlive              |
| Saturday | 10:00 - 11:00 am Baptism Preparation |
|          | 3:45 - 5:00 pm Senior Legion of Mary |

## Piety Stall

New stock available at the Piety Stall, including small statues; cross and chain; pictures of Divine Mercy; Tote bags with picture of Virgin Mary. Call in after Mass and have a look.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The parish RCIA sessions are already started every Wednesday at 7 O'clock at the church.

This is the final call for anybody interested to become Catholic to join the course. If you know anybody please extend the invite. Parishioners are also welcome to attend.



## 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**

## NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

|   |                        |                                              |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Thursday, 27 August    | 6.30 pm                                      |
| 2 | Friday, 28 August      | 6.30 pm                                      |
| 3 | Saturday, 29 August    | 11.00 am                                     |
| 4 | Sunday, 30 August      | 11.00 am                                     |
| 5 | Monday, 31 August      | 6.30 pm                                      |
| 6 | Tuesday, 1 September   | 6.30 pm                                      |
| 7 | Wednesday, 2 September | 6.30 pm                                      |
| 8 | Thursday, 3 September  | 6.30 pm                                      |
| 9 | Friday, 4 September    | 6.30 pm followed by<br>Feast Mass at 7.00 pm |



Please bring a plate to share after the feast day Mass

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prior to Eyes down.

Wed-Fri: 11am

Sat: 12pm

Sun: 1pm

**EVENING SESSIONS**

Doors open 5pm

Tue - Sat

Eyes down: 7pm

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