



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

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Seaford**



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God. In the next part of the story, we find a model for our

Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

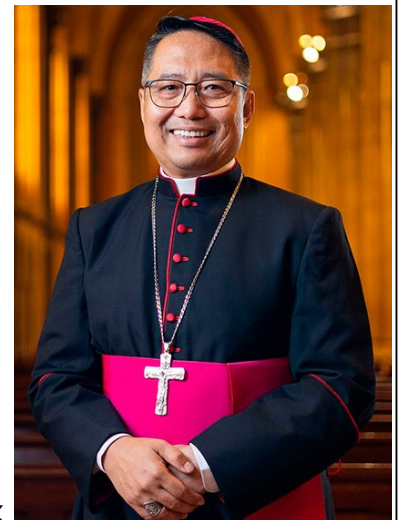


POPE NAMES NEXT BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ to be the Ninth Bishop of Sandhurst. Bishop Ramirez will succeed Shane Mackinlay, who was made Archbishop of Brisbane in September 2025.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB welcomed the appointment.

***Prayerful Wishes
Bishop Rene Ramirez***



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 12/04/2026 \$ 3824.75



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, Tracy Dalmau, Susie, John Macleod**. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Filomena Manleri, Cam Ingram, Evelyn Fernandes, Nell Fitzgerald, Jan, Miecia, Zygyuch, Teresita Arines, Anthony and Marianna Mirabito, Nunziata Fonti** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Falienne Morel, Troy Christopher Murrel, Fr Grant O’Neill, Barbara Watson, Glenys Long**. **Rest in Peace. Amen.**



FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER



The Frankston Winter Shelter still needs volunteers to be able to open this winter, especially for over night shifts 10pm - 2am and 2am - 6am across most nights. We also need volunteers for morning shifts 6am-8am Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. If you can help once a fortnight, once a month or just once, please register your availability through the QR code on the poster on the notice board, or email frankstonws@gmail.com.

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **25TH & 26TH APRIL**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Liam. D / Nikita. F
 Eucharistic Minister: Kerry / Rosario
 Altar Servers: Bertin / Alden / Rhys

8:30am Mass

Readers: Christina. O / Brett. H
 Eucharistic Minister: Antony / Ranjani
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne/ Johan

10:00am Mass

Readers: Willow. H / Wendy. Z
 Eucharistic Minister: Salvatore / Franklyn
 Altar Servers: Shenoli / Mary / Gabrina

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

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

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36 - 41
 Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
 2nd Reading: 1 Pet 2: 20 - 25
 Gospel: Lk 10: 1 - 10

Dear Parishioners, **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. For the first time we had different choirs all throughout the Holy Week celebrations. All of them contributed well to the prayerfulness. 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

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

MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID **TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



Children's Liturgy Resumes

Next Weekend

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.

What synodality is NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.



Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

A listening Church is a credible Church

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 pm Mass
Tuesday Funeral	11:00 am 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
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm VIBE
Friday	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 Mass selection sheet for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are due this weekend.

Confirmation enrolment Mass are on 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. Details for other Sacraments will be updated soon.

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

Congratulations to

Beena and George Mecherypidi on their
30th Wedding Anniversary
&

Alphonse and Nirmala Angelmark on their
40th Wedding Anniversary

*May the Lord bless you, on your anniversary day,
may He always be your companion, and guide you on
your way for many more years to come.*



PROJECT COMPASSION

CARITAS BOXES AND ENVELOPES

Please bring back the Project Compassion boxes/
Envelopes. Please seal the openings if possible.
Thank you.



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.



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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.*