

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason,

including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

#### Can you help for an hour?

**St. Anne's Vinnies Christmas Hamper Sausage Sizzle**

**At Bunnings Carrum Downs**

**Saturday November 9 from 8am – 5 pm**

Everyone is invited to help raise money for our Christmas Hampers

By cooking, serving, cashier, tin shaking, promoting  
Just one hour to enjoy the company of other helpers  
Donations of bread, sausages, onions greatly appreciated.

Please text your available time to Peter V on  
0432 120 704 Or Email: [pgvyverberg@gmail.com](mailto:pgvyverberg@gmail.com)



**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. Anne's Church**

**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 29/9/2024 \$3009.50**



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 **Bernadette O’Shea, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Catherine Britt, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Stanley Fernandez, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Kate Knox, Sylvia Arendze, Jacqueline Ware, Alfred & Maryann Zammit.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Terrence Vanderlaan, Eardley Gay** and for all those who have died recently **Judy Bartosy, Margaret McCartney, Michael D’Souza, Christine Mercer, Gina Pecciaro.**  
**Rest in Peace. Amen.**



**BREAK OPEN OF THE WORD**

It is the time of the year to order the book. Readers who would like to have Break open of the Word, please call or email your request to the Parish Office by 12th October 2024.

	<p><b>Catholic Theological College</b>  <i>Sign up for one or more online presentations.</i>  <b>Engaging Your Faith</b>  <b>October 2024</b>  <i>Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science &amp; Faith.</i>                  From \$25 per session.                  For more information and to register:  <a href="http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/">ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/</a></p>
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**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
**12th & 13th October**

**6:00pm Vigil Mass**  
 Readers: Confirmation Students  
 Eucharistic Minister: Ashley & Liam  
 Altar Servers: Luke/ Isaac/ Eric  
**8:30am Mass**  
 Readers: Fina. A / Sofia. A  
 Eucharistic Minister: Christina O’Toole  
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne  
**10:00am Mass**  
 Readers: Jamie .F / Shyla. M  
 Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta Andrew  
 Altar Servers: Grazinia / Gabrina

**PIETY STALL**

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, Stickers, Chains, Locketts, Prayer and Confirmation cards and more gift items. If you need anything that the piety stall does not have, please place any order and we will try to get it for you.

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Gen 2: 18 - 24  
 Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all days of our lives.  
 2nd Reading: Heb 2: 9 - 11  
 Gospel: Mk 10: 2 - 16

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 7: 7 - 11  
 Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy.  
 2nd Reading: Heb 4: 12 - 13  
 Gospel: Mk 10: 17 - 27

## Dear Parishioners,

"After a refreshing holiday, travel and presence of family and friends, I'm back and ready to dive into work! The break was refreshing, and I feel energized to take on new challenges. The first thing coming up is Bishop Tony's visit and confirmation celebrations. Looking forward to catching up and getting back into the flow."

### PASTORAL VISITATION

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Tony Ireland will be conducting a pastoral visitation to our parish on Thursday 10th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th of October. This important visit is a time for our community to come together in faith as the Bishop leads us in the celebration of Mass and shares his pastoral guidance. The visitation will also include opportunities for the Bishop to meet with parishioners, staff, schools and listen to their experiences, and offer his guidance and blessings. We invite all members of our parish to join us for this special occasion as we welcome Bishop Tony Ireland and strengthen our bonds of faith and community.

Bishop will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates at weekend.

### **PARISH FORUM**

You are warmly invited to a special parish forum where we will have the honour of welcoming our bishop for an open discussion. This is a unique opportunity to share your thoughts, ask questions, and engage in meaningful dialogue with our spiritual leader.

Please mark in your calendar Saturday 12/10/2024 at 11:00-12:30 followed by lunch at the parish office.

Please sign up with your dietary requirement at the foyer of the parish.

We encourage everyone to attend, as your participation is vital in shaping the future of our parish. Let us come together as a community to reflect, listen, and grow in faith.

**For more information please visit our website.  
Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**

### THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza invites you to join them in a day of prayer and supplication, to pray for peace in the world and in our hearts.

On Monday the 7th October 2024 from 9:00am-4:00pm there will be prayer, recollection, meditation and fellowship. Opportunity for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, the Rosary, Divine Mercy as well as time for reflection and fellowship.

**All are welcome.**

### MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

will be holding their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12th October from 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the Benedictine brothers in Daresalaam, Tanzania to assist them in their work among the poor' Enquiries Phone: 98173715.



Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm



**Healing Mass will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month @ 7pm.**

*'Heal me, LORD, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise.' Jeremiah 17:14*

**COME AND JOIN US**  
at St Francis Xavier Parish,  
60 Davey St, Frankston Vic.

*'Healing Mass' on Friday,  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7pm.*

**Includes:**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration/Benediction, Washing of Hands, Lighting of Candles, Anointing with Holy Oil, Prayers of Healing of the Sick, Family Tree, Intergenerational and Spiritual Warfare.





## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:15am Mass</b>
<b>Silent Adoration</b>	<b>5:30pm - 6:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:15am Mass</b>
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30am &amp; 10:00am Mass</b>

## MARCH FOR BABIES 2024, 12TH OCTOBER AT 1:00 PM

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life! Meeting at 12:30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Corner Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink. Catch the train to parliament station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens.



## Belonging in Our Sexuality Saturday, 12 October 2024, 10 am – 3.30pm (in person)

Sexuality is one of the most sensitive and challenging issues and aspects of human life to talk about, let alone pray about. This reflection day will be a reminder, if not a journey of discovering, that sexuality is spirituality, and as Ronald Rolheiser omi describes, spirituality is the way that we channel our sexual energy in everyday life encounters and experience. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Register and pay at <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/belonging-in-our-sexuality-reflection-day/>



## A Letter from Archbishop Rev Peter A Comensoli

4 October 2024

To Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

My dear friends,

Greetings to you, in Christ Jesus, Prince of Peace.

As we approach the first anniversary of the 7 October terrorising and evil attack by Hamas on Israel, we have seen from a distance the frightening and destructive consequences that have unfolded, involving many countries and more importantly, many peoples - families, the elderly, the young, the displaced.

The lands of Israel, Lebanon, and the Palestinian territories are our Holy Lands, and it is heartbreaking to see where Jesus walked, talked, died and rose, once again on the precipice of an abyss.

Recently, I met with Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. His wise words remain with me: a "solution to conflict does not equate with peace". Rather, peace comes through the speaking of truth and the fostering of trust.

Similar thoughts were expressed in this year's Social Justice Statement, of the Australian Bishops:

*All of this points to a crisis of truth which creates in turn the crisis of trust lying at the heart of the world's current convulsions; because without trust there can be no peace.. We say: speak truth to build trust and build trust to make peace.*

In the conflict zones hatred is obscuring truth and hindering peace. This is something we can never give oxygen to in our own country. No to war, and no to the hatred of peoples. Whilst we might feel helpless at what is unfolding overseas, we can ensure that we live truthfully, and work for dialogue and reconciliation at home. As Christians, peace among people, and respect of peoples, must be our choice.

I join with Pope Francis and my brother Bishops in calling for a day of prayer, fasting and reconciliation for Peace this coming Monday, 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. I encourage you to take up this call in your family and localities. I also ask that our faith communities give expression in prayer to this call during our worship this Sunday, rather than protest in anger.

May our prayers be offered in earnest to Blessed Mary, Mother of Hope and true Lady of Israel, of Palestine and of Lebanon, so that through her intercession the God of all mercy and consolation will bring about a reconciled world.

## A Prayer for Peace

Lord our God, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and Father of all peoples,  
Who in the cross of Your Son  
and through the gift of His own life,  
at great cost You wished to destroy  
the wall of enmity and hostility  
that separates peoples and makes us  
enemies:

Send into our hearts the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
that He may purify us from every feeling  
of violence, hatred and revenge,  
enlighten us to understand the  
irrepressible dignity of every human  
person, and inflame us to the point of  
consumption for a peaceful and  
reconciled world in truth and justice, in  
love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,  
in Your hands are the hopes of men and  
women and the rights of every people:  
Assist with Your wisdom those who  
govern us, so that, with Your help,  
they will become sensitive to the  
sufferings of the poor and of those who  
suffer the consequences of violence and  
war; may they promote the common  
good and lasting peace in our region and  
throughout the earth.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,  
obtain the gift of peace for the Holy  
Land that gave birth to you and for the  
whole world. Amen.

**Cardinal Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch  
of Jerusalem**