

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped ([chapter 11](#) and part of [chapter 12](#)), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.



**FREE ENTRY**

**ST. ANNE'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Market**

**SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

**9AM TO 2PM**

*Fun for the whole family!*

\* HOVERCRAFT \*

PETTING ZOO \* BBQ \* BALLOON ANIMALS  
CRAFT MARKET \* GAMES  
FACE PAINTING \* FOOD STALLS  
INFLATABLES \* PLANTS

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**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 27/10/2024 \$ 2634.00**



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, Jacqueline Ware, Alfred & Maryann Zammit, Allyson Joel.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Alberto Navarro, Eduardo Paylado (Sr)** and for all those who have died recently **Sylvia Arendze, Ashwin Esa, Gladwin Kingsley, Rosita Lirazan, Barry Hill, Earl Wayne Peck, Noel Rodriguez, Etta Tuplano, Sharon Mary Puryer, Juan Besas Jr.** Rest in Peace. Amen.



**MASS OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

The Remembrance Folder is kept in the foyer of the Church, names could be registered in the sheets as well. The names of the funerals held in our Church has already been registered in the folder. If you have entered the names last year the Mass will be offered this year as well.



***St. Anne’s Vinnies Christmas Hamper Sausage Sizzle***  
**Can you help for an hour?**

**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)



**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
**9th & 10th November**

**6:00pm Vigil Mass**

Readers: Bezin. M / Annabelle. B  
 Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Middleton  
 Altar Servers: Bertin / Issac

**8:30am Mass**

Readers: Peter. V / Dana. M  
 Eucharistic Minister: Anthony Simon  
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

**10:00am Mass**

Readers: Wendy. Z / Marylin . V  
 Eucharistic Minister: Llyod Hazelman  
 Altar Servers: Emily / Mary

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Deut 6: 2 - 6  
 Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.  
 2nd Reading: Heb 7: 23 - 28  
 Gospel: Mk 12: 28 - 34

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1 Kg 17: 10 - 16  
 Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul.  
 2nd Reading: Heb 9: 24 - 28  
 Gospel: Mk 12: 38 - 44

**Dear Parishioners,**

**MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE –  
NOVEMBER**

November, the Month of Remembrance, is a time to Honour and remember those who have gone before us, particularly the souls of the faithful departed. This time invites us to reflect on the gift of life, the mystery of death, and the hope of eternal life. We remember that, in Christ, death is not the end but a passage to new life.

During this month, we are encouraged to pray for the souls of our loved ones and all those who have no one to pray for them. It's also a time to reflect on our own lives and deepen our trust in God's promise of resurrection. Our prayers, acts of kindness, and sacrifices offered for those who have passed remind us of our connection with the Communion of Saints—a spiritual bond that unites us all, living and deceased, in Christ's love.

May this month of remembrance fill us with gratitude for those who have shaped our lives and with hope in the mercy of God who calls us all to eternal life.

**INVITATION TO LEAD RCIA SESSIONS**

We are reaching out to invite you to play a meaningful role in our parish by leading a session for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. As someone who exemplifies our faith in both words and actions, your insights and experiences would be a

tremendous gift to those exploring Catholicism and deepening their spiritual journey.

Our RCIA sessions cover foundational aspects of the Catholic faith, and we hope to provide a welcoming, engaging, and spiritually enriching experience for everyone involved. Each session is an opportunity to guide others, share knowledge, and create lasting connections within our parish community.

We will be starting these sessions soon for those seeking explore catholic faith.

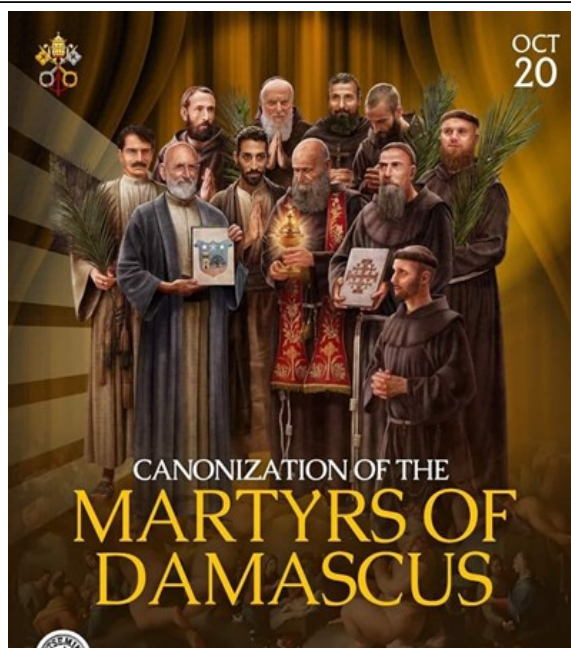
**PIETY STALL**

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, Stickers, Chains, Locketts, Prayer cards and more gift items for the Sacraments, Bible Diary, Candle stand, Sprinkler, Key chains, Pyx, Wrist bands.

**We need your help to buy and sponsor the church the following items from the piety stall - Stoles, Vestments, Veil, Corporal, finger towels, purificator etc. which will be available from next weekend.**

If you need anything that the piety stall does not have, please place any order and we will try to get it for you. **Stop by after Mass and have a look at the display of the items.**

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



The Damascus Martyrs, were canonized last Sunday at the Vatican, are depicted in an official portrait that honours both the eight Franciscan martyrs of the Custody of the Holy Land and three Maronite lay brothers. This work was created by Andrea Pucci.

The Blessed Massabki brothers had a close relationship with the religious community. Francisco served as the convent's procurator, Mooti was an educator at the boys' school, and Rafael was always available to help with any needs.

Blessed Manuel Ruiz, the superior of the convent, is portrayed wearing a red stole and holding a pyx containing Holy Communion, which is the focal point of the composition. According to accounts of their martyrdom, the group gathered in the church on the night of July 9, 1860, to pray, confess, and receive communion, drawing strength from the Eucharist. When their assassins broke into the convent, Father Manuel Ruiz rushed to the Tabernacle to consume the remaining Eucharistic hosts. He was martyred for his faith at the foot of the altar.

Blessed Carmelo Bolta, the community's vicar, stands to the right of Blessed Manuel Ruiz, displaying the Jerusalem cross, a symbol of the Custody of the Holy Land. Blessed Pedro Soler, one of the youngest brothers of the community, is shown kneeling.

On the left side of the composition are the three holy Massabki brothers. Francisco holds the shield of the Maronite Catholic Patriarchate, Blessed Mooti holds a palm, symbolizing martyrdom, and Blessed Rafael, the youngest, is depicted with his hands crossed, symbolizing his love for prayer.

Surrounding the main figures are the other Franciscan martyrs. Each has been depicted with a close resemblance to their actual features or to images of them created after their beatification in 1926. Their names are written in Latin, corresponding to each figure, adding both decoration and a liturgical feel, almost like a litany.

The background of the composition is sky-coloured, while the lower part, based on 19th-century photographs, shows Damascus, the city of their martyrdom, which the holy martyrs now protect.

## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

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



Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. **Please give generously.** You can donate using the envelopes available or Online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515

## FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER 2024 REPORT SUMMARY

This past winter, the parishioners of St Anne's have contributed to and supported the Frankston Winter Shelter in providing time, food and shelter to those sleeping rough in the Frankston area. This important service to a much-needed part of the community provided the "guests" comfort and warmth amid the cold 7.1°C average overnight minimum. The program ran for a total of 65 nights, 26 of which were hosted by this parish at the Holy Family Hall. In total over 2600 meals were provided across both venues, including feeding some volunteers. Hosting an average of 8 guests per night, up to 10 volunteers are required for each evening shift alone. All up there were over 160 volunteers from multiple churches and this year was the first to have occupational therapy students from Monash whose volunteered time contributed to their placement hours. Whilst over the season there were only 30 individual guests, beds had to be made and unmade approximately 200 times and washed every week.



There were of course many groups and individual contributors to help support the FWS, many of whom were anonymous. To each and every one of you, we thank you. The food, the many goods, the generous cash donations, and your innumerable prayers have gone a long way in supporting the Shelter. A very special thank you for those who donated their valuable time to volunteer and to be an integral part of the program; we honestly could not have done it without you. It has truly been a whole parish contribution. Thank you.

The guests we have met this year are wonderful people. They are intelligent people with dreams, hopes and a deep desire to connect and to belong; who showed care and compassion towards the volunteers and each other. They expressed gratitude and a desire to give back. People sleeping rough are valuable and worthy of our focus. The wider community needs to do better in caring for our vulnerable as a whole: we thank you for your contribution to support these worthy people when many do not give them a second thought. We will be asking for the members of the parish to dig deep again next year as the need shows no sign of abating any time soon. (For the full report see the Parish Website)



**"Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" Matt 25:40**



**2024 Knox Public Lecture**  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm

**"Connecting with Hope, Reconnecting with the Christian Vision of the Person"**

Presented by Rev. Assoc. Prof. Jamie Calder SJ MAPS



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