

Seaford Parish Bulletin

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

A THOUGHT FROM FR BENNETH FOR THIS WEEK

Like the apostles in today's Gospel, we can ask ourselves what kind of authority and power does the Lord want us to exercise on his behalf? Jesus gave his apostles both the power and the authority to speak and to act in his name. He commanded them to do the works which he did - to heal the sick, to cast out evil spirits, and to proclaim the word of God - the good news of the gospel which they received from Jesus. Like the apostles he wants us to do same.... to heal the sicknesses and cast out the demons of our time; which can be poverty, prejudice, loneliness and violence.

When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of, He wedded power and authority with self-sacrificing love and humility. The "world" and the "flesh" seek power for selfish gain. But Christ teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbour.

Why does Jesus tell the apostles to "travel light" with little or no provision? "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with our possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work in and through each one of us for his glory. When we look now at our culture, commercials preach that life is meaningless without the newest "stuff". Oftentimes friendships, family, and service suffer because of stuff, or working long hours to afford stuff, becomes more important.

Are we ready to use the spiritual authority and power which God wishes us to exercise on his behalf? The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and talents. Are we eager to place ourselves at His service, to do whatever he bids us, and to witness his truth and saving power to whomever he sends us?

"Lord Jesus, make us a channel of your healing power and merciful love that others may find abundant life and freedom in you. Free us from all other attachments that we may joyfully pursue the treasure of your heavenly kingdom. May we witness the joy of the Gospel both in word and deed."

Our parish recognises the Bunurong people, who are the custodians of the Boon Wurrung land on which we worship.

REFLECTIONS—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts." MARK 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Thanksgiving Income \$1,109.00 + Loose \$910.00 **Total = \$2,019.00**

Average Weekly Thanksgivings—February \$2,591.58, March \$2,871.82,

April \$4,154.31, May \$4,818.12, June \$4,289.55

Thank you to all parishioners who help to support our parish each week.



NEW PARISH ROSTERS

LECTORS (READERS) - please collect an updated roster as names have been added.

If any new readers would like a copy of Break Open The Word, these are \$20 each. Please let us know ASAP so we can order in the next fortnight.

Fundraising Campaign

We have raised **\$8,782.00** to date which will go towards our air-conditioning and our new organ.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY RAFFLE

St. Vinnies Christmas Hamper Committee will sell tickets for their raffle at all Masses this weekend to provide hampers to local families at Christmas.

Ticket prices are \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. All the fantastic prizes are on display in the foyer.



UPCOMING DATES

Thurs 26th July—St. Anne's & St. Joachim's Feast Day Whole School Mass at 10.00am.

Sat 28th July—Combined Session for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors (Readers) at 5.00pm before Mass. This meeting is for those who were not able to attend the last session and is compulsory.

Sat 28th & Sun 29th July—we will celebrate St. Anne's Feast Day with our Commissioning at all weekend Masses for those who have taken on a Ministry on the new Parish Rosters.

Sat 4th & Sun 5th August—All couples who wish to receive a blessing for their wedding anniversaries during the weekend Masses. If you have a special anniversary please let us know.

MASS TIMES

Monday 16th—Sunday 22nd July

Tuesday 6.00pm	Mass
Wednesday 9.30am	Mass at Holy Family Hall
Thursday 9.00am	Mass at St. Joachim's School
Thursday 6.00pm	Mass
Friday 9.15am	Mass
Friday 10.00am	Expositions until Midday
Saturday 5.00pm	Rosary Prayers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mass
Sunday 8.30am	Mass
Sunday 10.00am	Mass

*There will be no 9.00am Mass on Saturday due to Archbishop's Hart's Mass of Thanksgiving.

THIS WEEK'S CHOIR:

We warmly welcome the Children's Choir

Please pray for our sick:

Sr. Eileen Sheehy, Brendan Canavan, Judy Bartosy, Alilia Navarro, Francis Gallego, Destiny Weir, Elaine Hoy, David Myall, Rosemary Sleddon, John Rowell, Willoughby Newport, Armando Macaraeg, Judy Wardale and Nicholas X.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B**

First reading:	Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 22
Second reading:	Ephesians 2: 13-18
Gospel:	Mark 6: 30-34

ROD SHAW'S STUDY TOUR OF ROME

I am currently on a study tour of Rome exploring our Christian heritage and looking at Catholic Education and our faith with a view to the future. This study tour was fully sponsored through the Catholic Education Office of Melbourne and is hosted by the Australian Catholic University.

During our time in Rome we have had the opportunity to attend a Papal Mass at St Peters which was a once in a lifetime experience. We have been travelling with two priests, so have been in the fortunate position of being able to have our own group Masses in the beautiful side chapels of the major Basilicas scattered throughout Rome as well as many other beautiful places.

We have visited Subiaco and furthered explored Benedictine spirituality and Assisi where we looked at the life of St Francis and examined Franciscan spirituality. Both of these towns were in areas of outstanding natural beauty. Though one could imagine that in their day both were very isolated places.

We have met with an Archbishop, a Cardinal and a variety of other usually religious speakers to discuss current issues in the church and for our schools. Pope Francis has enhanced or established a variety of dicasteries which are the church's departments for development in areas. This has been a very interesting experience.

Travelling with a group of principals and Masters students, all of whom are already in education leadership, has provided great opportunities for more relaxed discussions around education and faith throughout Australia with participants including one from Rockhampton and another from Cairns. A wonderful experience and I am very thankful for Fr Benneth's support with my attendance with this study tour.

Kind regards, Rod



ARCHDIOCESE DATES

Saturday 21st July—Archbishop's Hart's Mass of Thanksgiving.

Wednesday 1st August —Installation Mass of the new Archbishop Peter Comensoli



Alice Feeney thanks everyone for your prayers.

She is well now but cannot come to Mass because of the cold weather.

She is looking forward to celebrating her 99th Birthday with us!



MARY FAY'S TRAVELS TO IRELAND AND THE UK

I have just returned from a fantastic trip to Ireland and the UK, visiting friends and family. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to Honiton in England, where my husband's uncle, Father Patrick O'Hahgan, a 90 year old retired priest lives at St Rita's Retreat and Conference Centre. It was such a beautiful old style house surrounded by magnificent gardens. We had a great time finding out about the history of the local area and the naming of the Conference Centre. The story of St. Rita is in itself amazing.

ST RITA: At the age of thirty-six Rita, was born in the year 1381 in the village of Roccaporena, near Cascia, Italy, pledged to follow the ancient Rule of Saint Augustine. For the next forty years she gave herself wholeheartedly to prayer and works of charity, striving especially to preserve peace and harmony among the citizens of Cascia. With a pure love she wanted more and more to be intimately joined to the redemptive suffering of Jesus, and this desire of hers was satisfied in an extraordinary way.

One day when she was about sixty years of age, she was meditating before an image of Christ crucified, as she was long accustomed to doing. Suddenly a small wound appeared on her forehead, as though a thorn from the crown that encircled Christ's head had loosed itself and penetrated her own flesh. For the next fifteen years she bore this external sign of stigmatization and union with the Lord. In spite of the pain she constantly experienced, she offered herself courageously for the physical and spiritual well being of others. During the last four years of her life Rita was confined to bed and was able to eat so little that she was practically sustained on the Eucharist alone. She was, nevertheless, an inspiration to her sisters in religion and to all who came to visit her, by her patience and joyful disposition despite her great suffering. If you ever get a chance to visit Honiton, go and take a look at the Conference Centre and the Church, you won't be disappointed.