

Seaford Parish Bulletin

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

A THOUGHT FROM FR BENNETH FOR THIS WEEK

For five Sundays in a row, Christ has been presented to us as the bread of life that sustains us. He is a God who feeds us, provides our needs, and always with us in all circumstances of our lives. He is a God who wants to connect with us always. We are called once again to remember this as the responsorial psalm invites us to come and taste again his goodness. John wrote this week's Gospel to show early Christians the importance of the Eucharist. He wanted to show that God loves us so much, God wants to physically connect with us. By reflecting on the Gospel and sharing Christ's body and blood at Eucharist, we develop a real physical intimacy with God. When we partake of the Eucharist and receive Communion, He remains in us and we in Him. That's the gift.

Intimacy, real friendship, changes us. Intimate friends become part of us. We take on some of their interests. We hang out in some of their sports. We start to see the world through their eyes. Friendship also shows itself physically through handshakes, hugs. All this happens through Mass. The Gospels ask us to take on God's interests (forgiveness and peace) and to hang out where Jesus hung out (with the forgotten). We physically connect with the Lord in Communion, but also during the sign of peace and our greetings with parishioners, friends and neighbours. The more we go to Mass with open eyes and ears, the more our own eyes and ears will be changed the rest of the week. Our eyes will see the work God needs to be done, and our ears will hear the cries of others; those in all sorts of needs, which touches God's heart, and which He wants to be attended to.

Thanks to Marlene for lovely talk last Sunday at all masses. That talk was a reminder for us all regarding our Christian call to help the needy and forgotten of our community.

This weekend we welcome Deng Chour, St. Peter's College in Cranbourne, to speak to us about the perceived culture of the Sudanese community in our communities.

Thanks also to David Moloney for short article on this bulletin regarding social justice.

Many have suggested a name for our Parish magazine like "Holy Family Magazine" which incorporates the three branches of our Parish family. If you have a suggestion for a name for our magazine, please let Fr. Benneth know.

**** CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL ****

There will be a collection this weekend for Catholic Care. Catholic Care has been providing support to families facing times of conflict and struggle, and the vulnerable and marginalised in our communities for over 80 years. Also this year's appeal focuses on supporting the youth in our communities, and by doing so we strengthen the next generation.

Their website is www.ccam.org.au

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

REFLECTIONS—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise...” EPHESIANS 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Thanksgiving Income \$4,187.00 + Loose \$869.45 **Total = \$5,056.45**



Average Weekly Thanksgivings—February \$2,591.58, March \$2,871.82, April \$4,154.31, May \$4,818.12, June \$4,289.55, July \$4,378.20

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

UPCOMING DATES

PLW (Prayer and Life Workshops) — every Friday night at Holy Family from 7.00—9.00pm. Contact Fr. Asis 0404 261 228 or father.asis@yahoo.com.au. PLW is a service which helps participants to learn and deepen skills in the art of prayer.

The Legion of Mary have a statue that has been visiting Melbourne parishes. As we have a presence of Legion of Mary in our parish, the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit our parish from Friday 31st August to Friday 7th of September.

MIGRANT & REFUGEE WEEK – 20-26 August 2018

Catholic Social Services Victoria Parish Forum on Helping Our Refugee Families & Friends will be held on Saturday, 25 August, 9.30am-12.45pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. Cost: \$20 includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/WBHM> RSVP by 20/8/18.

Annual Mass of All Nations will be held on Sunday, 26 August. Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Main celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

MASS TIMES

Monday 20th—Sunday 26th August

Tuesday 6.00pm	Mass Memorial Mass—St. Pius X
Wednesday 6.00pm	Mass at Holy Family Memorial Mass—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary **NO MORNING MASS**
Thursday 9.00am	Mass at St. Joachim's School
Thursday 6.00pm	Mass
Friday 9.15am	Mass with St. Anne's School Feast Mass—St. Bartholomew
Friday 10.00am	Expositions until Midday
Saturday 9.00am	Mass
Saturday 5.00pm	Rosary Prayers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mass
Sunday 8.30am	Mass
Sunday 10.00am	Mass

Reconciliation—Saturdays at 9.30am

THIS WEEK'S CHOIRS:

Children's Choir from St. Agatha's along with our new Parish Children's Choir—Saturday 6.00pm Mass

Please pray for our sick:

Judy Bartosy, Alilia Navarro, Francis Gallego, Destiny Weir, Elaine Hoy, David Myall, Rosemary Sleddon, John Rowell, Willoughby Newport, Armando Macaraeg, and Nicholas X, Elaine Fernando, Joan Peterson.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B**

First reading:	Joshua 24: 1-2. 15-18
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 33: 2-3. 16-23
Second reading:	Ephesians 5: 21-32
Gospel:	John 6: 60-69

PLEASE NOTE:

A compulsory meeting of all Priests in the Archdiocese will be held on Wednesday 22nd August from 9.00am until 2.00pm.

Therefore there will be no 9.30am Mass at Holy Family. Mass will instead be celebrated at 6.00pm at Holy Family for The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

JOURNEY OF FAITH TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. BENNETH 20TH FEBRUARY—5TH MARCH 2019

Join me on a journey of faith to Jerusalem walking the same path Jesus did 2,000 years ago. Check the flyer for more information (copies are in the foyer). A deposit of \$500 is required and payments can be made on a monthly basis. Contact Shereen on 9547 7598 or 0421 114 724 or Allan 9792 4444. Fr. Benneth

Brief Itinerary:

Day 1—Wed 20/2—Meet at Melbourne International Airport
 Day 2—Thu 21/2—Arrive Amman
 Day 3—Fri 22/2—Visit Petra
 Day 4—Sat 23/2—Visit Jordan—Israel
 Day 5—Sun 24/2—Sea of Galilee
 Day 6—Mon 25/2—Galilee
 Day 7—Tue 26/2—Mt. Carmel / Coastal Plain / Bethlehem
 Day 8—Wed 27/2—Bethlehem
 Day 9—Thu 28/2—Bethlehem
 Day 10—Fri 1/3—Dead Sea
 Day 11—Sat 2/3—Jerusalem
 Day 12—Sun 3/3—Jerusalem
 Day 13—Mon 4/3—Jordan—Departure
 Day 14—Tues 5/3—Arrive Melbourne



PARISH EVENTS

We would like volunteers to help organise:

- A parish movie night in August
- Assist with raffles
- Lunches with the seniors at the local RSL
- Bus trips to places of interest
- BBQs & other social events

Even if you can assist by helping every second or third month this will still be a big help.

SCHOOL FETES

We wish to begin hosting parish stalls at the Fetes/Markets of both parish schools, along with ideas for stalls. Volunteers will be needed to help out for us to run stalls. The next school stall is in October at St. Joachim's School.

Please let Fr. Benneth know if you can help out either collecting items, hosting on the relevant days or baking food.

Social Justice in Seaford—by David Moloney

Some years ago a few parishioners were considering a local social problem, and heard the professionals to whom we optimistically delegate such problems – our police, welfare workers and teachers – saying they were overwhelmed, and pleading for a broader “community” response. At the same time studies of local neighbourhood interaction in Australian suburbs were revealing that, after only parents and teachers, “neighbours” – a functioning, interacting “community” – made the major difference in young peoples’ formation. And thus also in their later life outcomes, measured by health, education and computer literacy, employment, likelihood of successful marriage, and avoidance of crime. So statistics now confirm that the simple “neighbourliness” mandated by Christianity actually makes a real difference. Despite the National reductions in Sunday mass attendances, Catholic parishes probably still constitute the largest and most cohesive community organisation in Australia. In addition, we are required to address the question “And who is my neighbour?”

So many social problems are appearing or flourishing of late, such as gambling, substance abuse, mental health issues, isolated elderly, single parenting difficulties, unemployment, domestic violence, local environmental and climate problems and opportunities, homelessness, migrant integration, refugees and asylum seekers. Who knows how many small but concrete contributions to at least some of these issues might be provided in the neighbourhood? As Pope Francis keeps reminding us, our concern for justice must primarily be about real people.

What a difference it would make if more parishioners joined our homelessness work, or brought new ideas and hands to the parish social justice group, or joined the wonderful St Vincent de Paul Society or other pastoral services, or encouraged our schools to consider parenting and relationship courses rather than just counsellors to pick up the pieces of whatever happened the night before. If our eucharistic community took a systematic look at local and broader needs, and possible responses to some of them? What an example we might provide to our children and youth. How long can we listen to the Sunday gospel, and overlook what we might organise to do together as a Christian community?

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

The CDF was founded by Fr James Wall in 1956 originally to raise capital to build schools during the post war times, now loans money to a wide range of Catholic organisations. The CDF Community Fund provides a prudent alternative to support projects, at the same time earning an attractive rate of interest for investors. Visit: www.cdfcommunityfund.org.au or call 1800 134 135 or email enquiries@cdfcf.org.au for more information. Flyers are in the foyer to take home.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2018-19

Entitled "A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land" will be available during September. More info: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or 02) 8306 3499.

PRINCIPAL'S VISIT TO ROME—ROD SHAW

I would like to express my gratitude to Fr Benneth for supporting my application to attend my recent study program 'Heads, Hearts and Hands' in Rome, Italy. I was thrilled to have been selected to attend the program as I had heard very positive comments regarding it from a couple of past participants.

The opportunity to hear about the Catholic vision for the future, education included, in such a location was inspiring. I can really see how well our guiding educational document 'Horizons of Hope' has been fashioned to reflect the current view of our Church. I feel like I am better equipped to support the vision of the church, link it to our secular world of today and lead our school community more clearly. As far as content, being in Rome made all the difference. Lectures at ACU Rome were followed up with practical excursions to important places of religious significance. We were able to forge links through visiting churches, Vatican dicasteries and places of church leadership. This provided repeated opportunities to connect what we were learning with what we are doing, and possibly could do, for our own schools back home. ACU Rome was a brilliant venue and the course very well designed, though very full on with some very long days. Our leaders, lecturers and speakers were engaging and provided many opportunities for discussion, reflection and discernment.

Opportunities for networking with school leaders and colleagues from interstate was a real unexpected benefit as we shared our thoughts on what we were learning, our personal work and occasionally life itself!

Some highlights were • Mass with Pope Francis • Mass each day with Fr Anthony Casamento in so many places including under St Peter's near his tomb • Visiting Vatican dicasteries and listening and speaking with Bishops and Cardinals. • Visiting major church sites including the Vatican and the four major basilicas • Visiting Assisi and Subiaco whilst further exploring the associated charisms. • Being in Rome and exploring the birth and development of the church • Just talk, talk, talk about our faith and Catholic education!!!!

menALIVE—The Catholic Man Breakfast Series

The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. The next *Archbishops Catholic Man Breakfast Series* will be held on Thursday 13th September 2018. Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and continues to host these events. The venue remains the CQ Club, 113 – 123 Queen St, Melbourne, the cost is \$45. Time is 7.00– 9.00pm sharp. **Enquiries to Michael Bohan 0439 172 465.**

St. Anne's Parish Children's Choir

We are still hoping to have more school aged children join our Children's Choir to sing once a month at a weekend Mass. We will have the assistance of the Cranbourne Children's Choir and are looking at children who are school aged to participate. Parents who would like to assist us who have a current WWCC are most welcome. Please fill in the form below and return to the Parish Office. We will then contact you with further information.



Child's Name : _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone No: _____

Email address: _____

I can assist with the choir Yes / No

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____