

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

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

A THOUGHT FROM FR BENNETH FOR THIS WEEK

“Let our eyes and ears be open.”

This past week has been an opportune time for me to get closer to some people and know them better. I joined our staff of St Anne's School for an overnight day of retreat away from the parish and school. It was lovely time to bond together, get to listen and know more good things about them. In two weeks I will be having the same experience with our staff from St Joachim's.

This week as well, I was among a small number of priests who had an overnight get together with our new Archbishop Peter Comensoli. I got to listen to him firsthand without the microphone, and got to know a lot more about him and his vision for our Archdiocese. I can say my eyes and ears were opened to seeing and hearing more good things about these people, and I also learnt a lot from them. This was possible, because I got closer to them, because I made time and listened to them.

We are so busy in life that we rarely have time to listen to sounds or to listen to things around us, even the birds singing.

Our minds are always staying pretty focused on the new task or appointment and we miss the different cries around us - the cries of people who need us.

“Be opened!” Jesus commands in this week's Gospel. He restores a man's hearing and gives him the power to speak. I wonder what that man heard after that. I bet he heard the sighs of lonely people who needed his time. I bet he stopped and sat with them. I bet he heard pleas of hunger from poor people. I bet he stopped and fed them. I bet he heard the cries of people who were rejected or suffering. I bet he stopped and embraced them.

Many people in our families, our schools, our jobs, and our world need our ears opened. Many don't want our advice. They just want us to listen without judgement while they talk about what hurts. Others need us to stand up with and for them at school or in our community. They need us to listen closely to understand their problems. Others, like parents and mentors, are crying to offer us advice for life. They need us to listen to their wisdom without getting defensive.

Do we hear the cries or advice as we go through life? Or do we rush so quickly that we miss them? This week, each day, ask Jesus to open your ears so you can listen closely. People will come across your path who need you to listen, or to whom you need to listen.

What can keep me from really listening to people who need my help or who are offering me advice?

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

REFLECTIONS—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK



Thanksgiving Income \$4,814.00 + Loose \$845.00 **Total = \$5,659.00**

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, August \$4,100.02

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.

Wednesday 12 September St Vinnie's Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

Thursday 13th September SHAC Meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI'

Saturday 15 September, 9am–1pm at the Catholic Parish of Greater Box Hill, St Francis Xavier Church, 1087 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. You are invited to join other parishes to address what steps parishes can take to respond to the Pope's letter and improve our care for our common home, the Earth, what resources are available, and how parishes can help each other in responding to the Pope's call. **Cost:** adults \$30, concessions available (includes book and light refreshments) **Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=396569&>
Details: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

MASS TIMES

Monday 10th—Sunday 16th September

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| Tuesday 6.00pm | Mass |
| Wednesday 9.30am | Mass at Holy Family |
| Thursday 9.00am | Mass at St. Joachim's School |
| Thursday 6.00pm | Mass |
| Friday 9.15am | Mass with St. Anne's The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass of the Feast, Gloria |
| Friday 10.00am | Expositions until Midday |
| Friday 7.00pm | Rosary and Novena Mass— Farewell to Our Lady |
| Saturday 9.00am | Mass Memorial—Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Saturday 5.00pm | Rosary Prayers |
| Saturday 6.00pm | Mass |
| Sunday 8.30am | Mass |
| Sunday 10.00am | Mass |

**Reconciliation—Saturdays at 9.30am
and other times by appointment**

This week's Choir:

Shireen Tabatabai & Family—Sat 6.00pm

Please pray for our sick:

Judy Bartosy, Alilia Navarro,
Francis Gallego, Destiny
Weir, Elaine Hoy, David
Myall, Rosemary Sleddon,
John Rowell, Nicholas X,
Elaine Fernando, Joan
Peterson, Will Howe.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

First reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 114: 1-6, 8-9
Second reading: James 2: 14-18
Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

SPECIAL COLLECTION

*The Father's Day Appeal for the Priests
Retirement Foundation raised \$685.35.*
Thanks to all for your generosity towards our
retired and infirm priests. Receipts for this
collection are issued and forwarded for any
donation over \$5 in **early July 2019.**

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. You need to book directly with the travel company— via Shereen on 9547 7598/0421 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 the future
- 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

Volunteers will be needed to help out for us to run stalls. The next school stall will be at La Festa Artistica in October (see below) 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.

La Festa Artistica is coming...Calling all market stalls!

Following St Joachim's highly successful **Festa Artistica** in 2015, we will be doing it again! It will take place on Friday, October 26th. During the day, students will be celebrate all things Italian and Arty with a Carnevale flavour. Families will then be invited to join in the fun during the evening. We are looking for people who would like to run a market stall on the night, eg cupcakes, Tupperware, clothing and accessories. **The cost will be \$30** for the space (size of a standard trestle table), plus a small donation towards our raffle. Money and raffle donation will be collected on the night. You must provide your own table. All profits on the night will be yours. If you are interested, please email Sue Larson by Monday, October 15th to slarson@sjcarrumdowns.catholic.edu.au and include the following details:

- ◆ Your name
- ◆ Your child's name and grade
- ◆ Phone number and email
- ◆ The product you will be selling or demonstrating
- ◆ Any special requirements you might have, eg access to power



If you have a friend who is interested in having a stall on the night, feel free to pass on this information. Also, we will only have **up to two stalls** selling the same kind of product, so first in, best dressed. **All enquiries please to Sue Larson or Helina Walker at St. Joachim's School.**

“We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.”

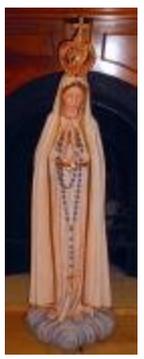
Pope Francis



All parishioners are welcome to join the staff and students for St. Anne's School's 50th Birthday Celebrations
Friday 19th October 2018

Activities from 5pm, Choir and formal reflections from 6-7pm, supper from 7-8pm.
 Please RSVP to Debbie on 9786 4736 or **dtrower@saseaford.catholic.edu.au** for catering purposes. Should you have any queries or wish to share memorabilia or photos, please contact Debbie via details above.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE'S VISIT



We are extra blessed to be able to have the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima again for this coming week.

Our Lady of Fátima, is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary based on the famed Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria, in Fátima, Portugal.



GOLD COIN COLLECTION

This collection was held over from last weekend due to the Priests Retirement Foundation collection.



LEGION OF MARY
NOTE: Change of meeting day

The Legion of Mary Ministry will now be meeting at 4.00pm on Fridays at the Parish Centre. All welcome.

menALIVE—RISE: A 30 Day Challenge starting 17th September

RISE: A 30-Day Challenge, by Chris Stefanick & Bill Donaghy. RISE will give you the tools you need to take your life and relationships to the next level. Journey with men all over the world as we RISE together to claim our true identity.

RISE is an investment toward building a better life for you and those you love. Imagine what it would do for our parish if hundreds of men step up and decide to take the challenge together!

<https://www.menriseup.org/p/australia> for more information. Cost is \$44.00 for online

St. Anne's Parish Children's Choir



There will be a rehearsal next Saturday at 4.30pm at the church before 6.00pm Mass.

We 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. **We do need your email address to be able to contact parents if there are any changes.**

Child's Name : _____ Parent's Name: _____

Phone No: _____ Email address: _____

I can assist with the choir Yes / No

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____