

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

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

A THOUGHT FROM FR BENNETH FOR THIS WEEK

We now live in a world and culture that strives on competition and comparison.

The media and our television has made it a culture in our time. “Who will win the job as apprentice to the millionaire?” “Who will win as the top model?” “Who will get voted off the island?”

Competition can spur us on, but it also can tear us up inside. “Why can’t I look like her? Why can’t I score tries like him?” We know many young people that tear themselves down because they constantly focus on how they don’t measure up to others. We need to stop comparing ourselves with others and start loving ourselves for who we are – like God loves us.

In this week’s Gospel, Jesus’ disciples are competing to be the best. “Stop comparing yourself to others”, Jesus tells them. Look inside yourself, get to know your special talents and use them for the least in our society. Jesus brought a child aside as an example, because of children’s childlikeness, and also as according to some scripture scholars, children were the least valued in that society.

According to Jesus our value doesn’t come from appearance or popularity or how well we compete. It comes from God. And if we really want to feel great, we need to go out into the world and show the people who are not valued just how valuable they are. Is your talent making kids laugh? Develop it. Are you good at listening and offering comfort? Do that more often. Maybe you like building things. Give your time to help build something for someone who lives on the margins.

We have all got nothing to prove. Turn off the reality shows and turn on the Gospel. You’ll feel a lot prouder when you look in the mirror.

What talent or gift do I have or can I develop to help people who need me?

We would still welcome any donations for our Parish Christmas Raffle. Please let Fr. Benneth know if you can assist with prizes or vouchers.

From Caritas Australia to all Melbourne Parishes:

The Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,514,019 to the Project Compassion 2018 appeal. Across Australia the appeal raised \$10.8 million. Since the end of Project Compassion 2018 campaign Caritas Australia has continued, with your generous help, to provide assistance to those areas hit by disasters like the flooding in Kerala, India and Typhoon Manghikut in the Philippines, as well as ongoing development work. Again, thanks for your help in enabling Caritas Australia to be the Gospel in action.

**(Deacon) Jim Curtain,
Caritas Australia Diocesan Director**

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

REFLECTIONS—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Thanksgiving Income \$3,509.00 + Loose \$817.00 **Total = \$4,326.00**

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.



We would like to give thanks in a special way to the Filipino Community who have generously contributed towards Holy Family for the sacred vessels, vestments, candle stands, crucifix and other items for the altar.

We also want to thank Romeo from the Filipino Community for the coffee machine which is now in the foyer to enjoy a lovely hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate after Mass. Anyone who would like to look after our coffee machine please let Fr. Benneth know.

MONDAY EVENING BINGO—All proceeds go to the Parish

Come and join in the fun at Bingo every Monday evening at the Carrum Downs Bingo Centre, 554 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs. Thank you to our volunteers who give their time to make this happen each week. **Bingo starts at 7.00pm Rolling Jackpot is now \$12,000.**



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY MEETING

Join us for a nation-wide Rotary Chain

Saturday 13th October—3.00pm

Venue: Holy Family Car Park, 34 Moreton Street, Frankston North

MASS TIMES

Monday 24th—Sunday 30th September

Tuesday 6.00pm	Mass
Wednesday 9.30am	Mass at Holy Family
Thursday 9.00am	Memorial—St. Vincent De Paul
Thursday 6.00pm	Mass
Friday 9.15am	Mass with St. Anne's
Friday 10.00am	Expositions until Midday
Saturday 9.00am	Mass Feast Day—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
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:

*Filipino Choir —Saturday 6.00pm
Shireen Tabatabai & Family—Sunday 10.00am*

Please pray for our sick:

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



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

First reading:	Numbers 11: 25-29
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 18: 8,10,12-14
Second reading:	James 5: 1-6
Gospel:	Mark 9: 38-43. 45. 47

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

*If you wish to make a pre-order of the 2019 Break Open the Word, please collect a form from the piety stall, fill out your details and leave there or drop to the Parish Office. These will be ordered mid to late October for November delivery. **Cost is \$20 per copy.***

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 to assist with running a cake stall and a Parish Stall at La Festa Artistica on Friday October 26th at St. Joachim's School.

Please let Fr. Benneth know if you can help out either setting up our Parish Stall or manning it on this date or with 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.**



Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit.
Pope Francis

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Adult Sacramental Preparation Sessions

Parents along with their children are required to attend two sessions of the Adult Faith Education Course in preparation for their child's reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Dates: **Wednesday 10th October and 17th October** from 7.30pm – 8.30pm
or **Saturdays 13th October and Saturday 20th October** from 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Another key date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is the weekend **Sat/Sun 13th & 14th October**. Parents must bring their child/children along to any of the weekend Masses to make a commitment to the preparation of this Sacrament.

All candidates are required to attend a Confirmation Reflection Day at Don Bosco on **Tuesday 9th October** at Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield, and this will be hosted by Father Martin Tanti. The students will be leaving at 8.45am from St. Joachim's School and leaving 9.00am from St. Anne's School.

Bishop Elliott will be coming to meet with all the candidates on **Tuesday 23rd October 2018** to discuss the sacrament and the children's readiness. This will be held at St. Anne's Church from 11.45am until 1.30pm.

Order forms for stoles will be sent home for the students and need to be ordered as soon as possible directly from Anita at Holy Beginnings. Anita will be in attendance at the Saturday sessions for any questions and for you to make payments. Her email is ahughes1002001@yahoo.com or mobile 0450 782 558.

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Elliott on Sunday October 28th from 1.30pm.

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston—10th Anniversary Celebrations Bush Dance on Saturday 6th October from 5:30–11:00pm

Bush Dance with a live band & dance caller, raffles, activities, food, soft drinks, (BYO Alcohol) \$15 Adults, \$5 Kids, Under 5 free. Seaford Community Centre, 6 Broughton St, Seaford. For Tickets please call Liz 0430 533 377 or Sue 0408 547 791. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

We will begin a children's liturgy group during our Sunday 10.00am Mass, beginning on **Sunday 14th October**. This will be facilitated by Zeeta Andrew, Michelle Bathorlemew, Annabelle Brown, Marie De Netto and Rikki Winduss, all of who are long-time parishioners and/or school teachers at our Parish schools.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

A scriptural reflection group will begin to reflect simply on the scriptures. This will be done from the common man's point of view of the scripture. It is not for time for high theology or high exegesis. We gather to learn more about the scripture, to be a weekly gathering and will be run by some of our parishioners who have done this in the past. There will be flyers about this in the coming weeks to let you to confirm the dates for when we will begin.



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.
50th Commemorative Pavers are available to order. Flyers are in the foyer.