

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

During the coming weeks of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate what he means by the kingdom of heaven. This week's Gospel begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, or are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit. Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples by explaining that the different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the personality with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of Heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of Heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the Word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

This Sunday (12 July) is recognised as **Sea Sunday**, an opportunity to recognise the important work being done by seafarers across the world. The theme for this year is "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11: 28)

PARISH UPDATE:

All Masses are cancelled for the next six weeks due to the Stage 3 lockdowns in metropolitan Melbourne. We will not be recording or uploading weekly Masses during this time.

The Parish office will remain closed over the coming weeks as Annette will continue to work from home but will be open each Saturday from 10.00am until 12.00pm. **Please leave a message on 9401 6398 and your call will be returned as soon as possible.** Lenten donations may be left or thanksgiving envelopes can be collected/dropped off on Saturday mornings from the office.

We would like to thank Allan Sleddon and his gardening team who recently tidied up our lawns and garden beds. We are always grateful for your efforts in keeping our grounds maintained.

Fr. Andrew Jekot continues to act as the Administrator to our parish in Fr. Benneth's absence. If there are any further changes to government restrictions, updates will be on our website: www.stannes.com.au

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." (2 Corinthians 4:8)

Our parish respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong people, who are the custodians of the Boon Wurrung land on which we worship. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Elders; past, present and future.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

*If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to: St. Anne's Church
National Australia Bank/CDF Account, **BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.***
Please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and your full name in your banking
reference marked as "Col1" (Collection 1) for the parish expenses and "Col2" (Collection 2) for
our parish priest/and retired priests in the Archdiocese.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through CDFPay:
secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635856

MASS/ONLINE COLLECTIONS:

**Thanksgiving \$684.89 + Loose \$254.00
+ C/C \$3,136.90 = \$4,075.79**

LENTEN DONATION TOTALS:

Parishioners Crisis Fund \$250.00
Supporting Families Project \$212.75
Project Compassion \$353.60

Lenten donations may now be dropped off at the office
during office hours on Saturday mornings.

With sincere thanks from a grateful parish.

Please pray for those who are sick:

Judy Bartosy, Andrew Crowley, Francis Gallego,
Norma Hepworth, Elaine Hoy, Amelia Huerta,
Warren Mills, Michelle Monger, Brigid Murphy,
Warren Neil, Andrew Peake, Rosika Roma,
Graham Ambrose, Rosemary Sleddon, Jack
Storer, Valerie, Destiny Weir, Rikki Winduss, Irene
Woodman, Elaine Fernando.

We also pray for all those recently
departed souls.

Rest In Peace.

Watch Mass at Home

We will not be recording Masses this week. Our
previous Masses are available on [YouTube](#)
under **St Anne's Seaford Parish**.

Fr. Andrew will also continue to have this
Sunday's Mass available on his parish website.

<http://pol.org.au/mordialloc/Home.aspx>

St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass 11.00am Sunday

Webpage: <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Channel 10: Mass For You at Home at 6.00am.

Parish Magazine

This is just a reminder that we are confident
that our magazine will still be published later
this year and your articles are welcomed. If
you are interested in writing a piece, we
suggest that you make some notes when your
idea is fresh, which can then be developed
into articles when you have time to do so. We
will also accept good quality digital photos.
Email Frank fbartosy@gmail.com if you have
any ideas or you have written any articles that
you would like to have included.

Sunday's Readings at Home

This link contains the Sunday readings with
associated commentaries and prayers. Families
may like to gather to read the Scriptures aloud
together.

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html>

The following link is for families with young
children with some reflection questions, family
activities and a worksheet for children.

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/family-prayer-week-by-week.html>

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10–11
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:1–23

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 64:10–14
Second Reading: Romans 8:18–23
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43