

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 20th December 2020

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## 4th Sunday of Advent—Year B

### REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

### PARISH UPDATE:

All Mass bookings from now until and including January 1, 2021 for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are available. **Please check the website for any further Mass times after this date.**

As we move forward into the final days before Christmas, please consider signing up to assist with 2021 Ministries to **start from the weekend of 2nd & 3rd January** as our Masses cannot run without people assisting.

Fr. Kevin will celebrate our Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, however this will be his last weekend at St. Anne's. Thank you Fr. Kevin for providing us with some stability over the last few weeks and much reading material for us to contemplate! We are very grateful for your pastoral care.



*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/or your name, also your banking reference marked as "Col1" (Collection 1) for 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 (**NEW LINK**): <https://bit.ly/CDFpaySeaford>

## MASS/ONLINE COLLECTIONS:

**Thanksgiving \$710.00 + Loose \$227.35  
= \$937.35**

*With sincere thanks from a grateful parish.*

## Watch Mass at Home

Weekend Mass by Fr. Andrew, and also an

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCblcO7ZsfLYaed14YrMcXNw>

St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass—11.00am Sunday

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

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

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

Please pray for all those friends and family who are are unwell including Trish Falk, Jennie Beechey-Garden and Jim Cooper. We pray for those who are sick and in our aged care facilities and nursing homes, and those suffering from the COVID-19 virus.

We pray for the anniversaries of our loved ones & all recently departed souls. We pray for all who have died recently. *Rest in peace.*



## MINISTRY ROSTERS

***We need your help urgently!!!*** Our regular rosters will commence from the start of January so please sign up ASAP—these are in the foyer. Volunteers needed are:

- ☆ 1 or 2 readers
- ☆ Eucharistic Ministers
- ☆ IT/Music assistant
- ☆ Powerpoint creation
- ☆ 2 greeters
- ☆ Piety Stall
- ☆ Collectors at the end of Mass
- ☆ Counters (after Sunday's Mass)
- ☆ Altar Linen
- ☆ Altar Server/s
- ☆ Sacristan
- ☆ Cleaning team of at 3-4 people

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:2-5,27,29  
2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1st Reading: Genesis 15:106, 21:1-3  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1-6, 8-9  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

## ROSARY GROUP

**5.30pm each Saturday before 6.00pm Mass.**

**DIVINE MERCY GROUP**  
**Saturdays after 6.00pm Mass.**

# The Holy Family 2020 Magazine



The editorial team is very pleased to announce that our parish magazine for 2020 is completed and available on our website. As we have been dealing with COVID restrictions, we made a decision to publish only an online version which is contactless and safest for all.

**Find—2020 The Holy Family Issue 3 here at:**  
<https://stannes.com.au/newsletters/>

Please contact Frank at [fbartosy@gmail.com](mailto:fbartosy@gmail.com) or on **0490 358 121** if you need any help with downloading it.

## VINNIES CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

In lieu of toy donations for our local families this year, if you would like to assist our Vinnies Seaford Conference by making a donation, the Christmas Hamper account details are:  
**BSB: 063-118      Acc no: 10587729      Account name: SEAFORD CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

***All donations will be used to purchase gift vouchers for local families in need this year.***

## RICHARD ROHR BOOKS

Fr Kevin has copies of two top quality books for sale at 20% discount; both by brilliant writer, US Franciscan priest Richard Rohr. **Cash or cheque payment is preferred to Fr. Kevin.**

- *Things hidden; scripture as spirituality* - "Best Book I've ever read, it knocked me out." **\$35.00**
- *Wondrous Encounters, Scripture for Lent*—"Profound & insightful." **\$25.00**



## TAP AND GO

The Tap and Go machine has been reactivated in the parish for cashless COVID-safe donations in place of loose donations. This assists the parish by increasing our security for money being handled by our collectors each week as well as speeding up the banking process for our counters.

Have you changed your address, email or phone number recently?

Please email the office so that we can update our database records!

  
**Dawn Mass**  
(Simbang Gabi)  
**5.00 - 6.00am**

St. Anne's Church, 84 Austin Road, Seaford  
from 16th - 24th December.





# PARISH UPDATES

**Next week's Masses: 6.00pm Saturday 26th & 10.00am Sunday 27th December**

**Bookings are only done online.**

- At present the 2sqm restrictions will now 200 people indoors plus a priest and our volunteers.
- Bookings for will be available on [Eventbrite](#) from **9.00am each Tuesday morning and are not released earlier**. The [two square metre rule](#) applies only if electronic record keeping is used so you must continue to book online (preferred) or use the QR code when you arrive (our helpers will assist if you don't have a QR reader).
- **Please book with each family member's name along with a contact number.**
- The link to book is: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230>

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

These are available to be collected from the foyer. Please advise if no longer needed so that we can update our database system.

## Christmas Masses to be televised on C31

We are pleased to share that this year's Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and streamed live on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/archmelb)).



## THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to all the children & parents who participated and helped to organise the Children's Christmas Carols to entertain our parishioners. Thank you for providing some festive cheer after a very long and difficult year for so many.

*Another big thank you to Fr. Andrew, Jo Reymers, Liam Stuart-Doherty, Fina Antony & Ayesha Kerry who gave up their time last Saturday morning to record our Christmas Mass, and especially Joe Fernandez ([www.toffy.com.au](http://www.toffy.com.au)) & Andrew Woff assisting with filming. We had some special friends joining us too and we are grateful to them for being our "audience". Our Christmas Mass will be online soon to watch on YouTube.*

## CHRISTMAS MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 19th December

**Dawn Mass (Liturgy Service) 5.00am**

Wed 16th to Sat 19th December: Liturgy of the Word with communion.

**Children's Concert 4.00pm**

**Christmas Parish Picnic at 5.00pm** preceding 6.00pm Mass  
BYO Picnic, chairs, rugs and food to share with your family

**Sunday 20th  
to Thursday 24th**

**Dawn Mass 5.00am**

Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jude Ezeme at 5.00am.

Thursday 24th December

**Christmas Eve: Mass** at 6.00pm & 8.00pm

Friday 25th December

**Christmas Day: Mass** at 10.00am

Saturday 26th December

Mass at 6.00pm—celebrated by Fr. Thang Vu

Sunday 27th December

Mass at 10.00am—celebrated by Fr. Thang Vu

Friday 1st January

Mass at 9.00am—Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God celebrated by Fr. Laurie Pearson



**CONCERT: JESUS IS CHRISTMAS—Christmas Carols Family Special**

Sunday 20th December, 7pm to 8pm on Channel 31 (Ch44 on digital TV) / <http://YouTube.com/Archmelb>  
Presented by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, featuring Sylvie Palladino, Gary Pinto and more!