

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 27th December 2020

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## The Holy Family—Year B

### REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, Nunc Dimitis, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

### **PARISH UPDATE:**

All Mass bookings from now until and including January 1, 2021 for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are available. **Updated Mass times for January onwards are on the back page of this newsletter.**

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.

The office will be open this coming week until Thursday 31st December and then closed until the 8th January). The office will then only be open on Tuesdays for assistance.

*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 \$1,306.00 + Loose \$56.90  
+ CC \$1,758.00 = \$3,120.90**

*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

## **CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE: WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)**

All adult volunteers who will be assisting at future Masses must have a WWCC and sign a [Code of Conduct Declaration](#). If you have not yet provided these to the parish, please do so ASAP. If you need to apply for a WWCC, go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

## **READINGS FOR THIS 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

## **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Epiphany of the Lord**

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

## 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

If you would like to assist our Vinnies Seaford Conference over the next few weeks the bank account details are:

BSB: 063-000

Acc no: 1031-7778

Account name: St Anne's Seaford 304

*All donations will be used towards local families in need.*



## MESSAGE FROM JIM COOPER

*Thanks very much for your prayers and messages. I am in rehab, recovering from a stroke. I'm behaving myself and feeling a bit better each day. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon. God bless, Jim Cooper'*

**We all miss you Jim and pray for you to improve soon.**

## 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.*

## 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!



# PARISH UPDATES & MASS TIMES 2021

From Saturday 2nd January 2021, our Mass times at St. Anne's Church will be celebrated by Rev Francis Tri CSsR and will be :

Tuesday 6.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am

**Bookings will continue to be online until the 1st January. After this time, we will require you to physically sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive.**

- 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 Parish Prayer

*We, the people of Seaford Parish  
strive to be followers of Jesus  
by being a welcoming and  
supportive community  
in which the talents  
of all can grow  
and in which we live out  
our faith through word,  
sacrament and action.*

*May the Holy Family  
St Anne and St Joachim  
inspire and intercede for us  
that we may be followers of Jesus.  
Amen.*

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**Family Prayer**

God made us a family  
We need one another  
We love one another  
We forgive one another  
We work together  
We play together  
We worship together  
Together we use God's word  
Together we grow in Christ  
Together we love all men  
Together we serve our God  
Together we hope for Heaven  
These are our hopes and ideals  
Help us to attain them,  
O God, Through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Feast day: Sunday after Christmas

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**Wishing you a very  
happy, safe, healthy and  
COVID-free 2021.**

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