Seaford Parish Newsletter

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Seaford

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

UPDATED MASS TIMES FROM THIS WEEKEND

Rev Fr Francis Tri continues to celebrate our Masses during January. Mass times will be:

Tuesday 6.00pm Australia Day Wednesday 9.30am at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North Thursday 6.00pm Friday 9.00am Saturday 6.00pm plus Reconciliation 5.00pm / Rosary at 5.30pm / Divine Mercy 7.00pm Sunday 8.30am Sunday 10.00am

Please sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive. Masks must be worn.

We would like to invite volunteers for different Ministries to sign up the sheet that is place in the foyer of the church. We Appreciate and thank all the volunteers for their continued support in our Parish. Masses cannot run without people assisting. Each week we also need people to clean after all 3 Masses in line with COVID health requirements.

The Holy Family 2020 Magazine

Find—2020 The Holy Family Issue 3 here online at:

https://stannes.com.au/newsletters/

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

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.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support and Thanksgiving donations.



Fr. Francis is happy to offer Mass Intentions during all Masses

Please fill in your Mass offering envelope and give directly to Fr. Francis Or please drop in during office hours for the bookings
We encourage Parishioners to offer Mass as Thanksgiving or for Anniversary of their loved ones.

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 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10,1

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31 Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deut 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice,

harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35 Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28 Please pray for all those friends and family who 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.



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 both our security and COVID-safe compliance 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!

ROSARY GROUP

5.30pm each Saturday before 6.00pm Mass.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Saturdays after 6.00pm Mass.