Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 14th February 2021

Holy Family Frankston North St. Joachim's Carrum Downs St. Anne's Seaford



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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

PARISH UPDATE:

17th February 2021 ASH WEDNESDAY Mass Timing (Fasting and Abstinence)

Wednesday 9:30am at Holy Family Hall

Wednesday 7:00pm at St Anne's Catholic Church (we can accommodate a maximum of 200 people for the mass in the Church).

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm during Lent Starting from 19th February 2021.

Please sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive. As of Thursday, 4th February, Mask is Mandatory in public indoor settings, and therefore mandatory in church during Mass

Please return the blessed Palm of the previous year and leave them in the basket in the foyer of the church

Thank you note for Annette White

This week I received a collection from you all as a farewell gift and was very surprised and humbled by such generosity. I have been privileged to serve our parish community over the last few years and it has been a difficult decision to make, but now have to assist with spending more time caring for my aunt after her heart surgery. I especially thank those of you who ask after her health and tell me that you keep us and her in your prayers too. I am grateful for the support that you have all given and I am sad to leave. I hope to purchase something personal with your collection as a permanent reminder of your generosity. Maybe a outdoor banana lounge for snoozing in with my doggies!!! May the Lord keep you all safe during 2021 and we all look forward to seeing you soon.





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

We are very grateful to all the Parishioners for their continued support and Thanksgiving donations.



Fr Sam is happy to offer

Mass Intentions during all Masses

Please fill in your Mass offering envelope which is kept in the foyer of the Church and give it directly to Fr Sam Or drop in during office hours for Mass 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 NEXT SUNDAY—Year B The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46 1st Reading:

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to You. Lord. in time of

trouble, and You fill me with the

iov of salvation

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, O Lord are love and

truth to those who keep your

covenant

1 Pet 3 18-22 2nd Reading: Mark 1: 12-15 Gospel:

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 for pray the anniversaries of our loved ones & all recently departed souls. specially Socorro Manaoq 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

Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday

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Eden Sage Prosser Riley McKenzie Quay.

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 or on **0490 358 121** if you need any help with downloading it.

VINNIES DONATIONS

If you would like to assist our Vinnies Seaford Conference with Your donations Please use the below bank account details.

BSB: 063-000 Acc no: 1031-7778 Account name: St Anne's Seaford 304

All donations will be used towards local families in need.



.The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call

is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now.

Find out more: Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room

247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am

palms.org.au

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.

Copy of the Lenten Regulation 2021 is available in the Church foyer.

Thank you note for John Mathews and his late wife Sue

We thank John Mathews and Sue, and are grateful to them for their services here at St Anne's Parish, they have been a vital member of the Parish for 41yrs serving different ministries.

John is moving from Victoria to settle down in Queens land We wish John good health and happiness for the future.



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

Please Check Current Government Guidelines in case lockdown is announced. In this case all masses will be cancelled.

From Saturday 1st February 2021, our Mass times at St. Anne's Church will be celebrated by Rev Fr Sam Kono CSsR and will be :

Tuesday 6.00pm

Ash Wednesday 9.30am at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North & 7pm St Anne's Catholic Church. (Fasting and Abstinence)

Thursday 6.00pm

Friday 9.15am & Station of the cross at 7pm

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Plus Reconciliation 5pm /Rosary at 5:30pm / Divine Mercy 7.00pm Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am Mass intention for Socorro Manaog recently deceased.

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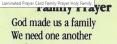
- At present the 2sqm restrictions will now 200 people indoors plus a priest and our volunteers.
- Bookings for will be available on <u>Eventbrite</u> from 9.00am each Tuesday morning and are not released earlier. The <u>two square metre rule</u> applies only if electronic record keeping is used so you 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.



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.



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



All current restrictions within the government COVID Safe Plan apply

when attending Mass. From 11:59pm on 3 February 2021,

masks are mandatory in church.

- 1. You must always carry a face mask with you when you leave home
- unless you have a lawful reason not to.
- 2. It is strongly recommended you wear one whenever you cannot keep
- 1.5 metres distance from others.
- 3. You are required to sanitise your hands upon entering and before

receiving Holy Communion.

- 4.If you are unwell, please do not visit our Church.
- 5. If you test positive to COVID-19, you need to notify the supply priest or the office asap.