

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 30th May

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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The Most Holy Trinity —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

Parish Update

Please sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive. **Mask must be worn at all times.**

Piety Stall Reopens

We have reorganised the stock in the piety stall, and have received new items with a number of pictures, small statues, plaques, crosses, rosaries & also memorabilia for Baptism; First Communion and Confirmation. Stop by after Mass and have a look at the display of items.

The piety stall will be open after 6pm mass on Saturdays and 8:30am Mass on Sundays. If there is any item you are looking for that is not available, Please let the person on duty know and we will see if we can get it for you.

Anyone willing to staff the stall after a Mass on a roster basis please contact the office and leave your name and phone number.

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.

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.

Please pray for all those friends and family who are unwell including **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister & Diane Clark Mathew McCue, Roland Phillips**. 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 especially **Derek Paul Randall & all recently departed souls especially Roy Alderson, Yvonne Barbara Pereira**. We pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.



A prayer request for Vocations

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Congratulation to the students of St Joachim's for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Aid to the Church in Need

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B The Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40
Responsorial Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own
2nd Reading: Rom 8: 14-17
Gospel: Mt 28: 16-20

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

1st Reading: Ex 24: 3-8
Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.
2nd Reading: Heb 9: 11-15
Gospel: Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

Welcome to St Anne's Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact me. Thanks, Sumitha (Safeguarding Officer).



First Friday Devotions at

**St Anne's Parish
on 4th June 2021**

**There will be Mass at
7pm followed by
Eucharistic Adoration
up to 10pm
All are welcome**

The Holy Family

Seaford
Parish

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The Holy Family 2021 Magazine

The new edition of our parish magazine is being considered for publication late this year. Remember that this will be a great way to tell your faith community about something that is important to you. Although we are not ready to receive your articles and photos yet, please think about what you would like to contribute to the 2021 edition.

You may find the previous edition - **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.



Pope Francis has named December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021 as a year honouring St Joseph as the earthly father of Jesus and husband of Mary. This Year of St Joseph is the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being [named as patron of the Universal Church](#).

A Novena Prayer to St Joseph is in the last page of the Newsletter

Job Vacancy

Alpha powder coating factory in Dandenong is looking for a Casual/full time person to work as a process worker/ powder coater (needs to be a Permanent Resident). Please contact Jeff on 0417 211 787

Dear Parishioners,

As most of you will be aware by now, the Acting Premier has announced that Victoria will enter into a seven-day lockdown from 11.59pm last night in order to contain the current spread of COVID-19.

Unfortunately, this means our Parishes and offices will be closed during this time and all staff (including parish office staff) must work from home until Friday 4 June 2021, unless otherwise notified.

Parish facilities, such as community halls, cannot be opened during the lockdown period.

Consistent with the last lockdown, restrictions apply for Ceremonies and Religious gatherings:

Prayer and Religious Ceremonies: No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

Funerals: (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

Weddings: (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).

Unfortunately, our church don't have technical facilities to stream Mass, so please find other live Masses from neighbouring parishes. Our church and office will also be closed please contact us in emergency, phone messages will be checked regularly. In this difficult time let us keep safe and keep connected with others especially elderly and vulnerable through phone calls.

Archbishop Peter offers his prayers of concern for us at this time, and once again asks that we seek the intercession of St Joseph – guardian of Jesus, and our own guardian.

We will be back on 4th of June unless otherwise notified. Whilst we will continue to keep everyone updated, let's pray this lockdown will be brief and that our Churches and offices will soon be open.

Take care and God bless,

Rev. Fr. Martin Jeramias

Mass Times and Prayer Events

Church & Office Closed:

As of 11:59pm, Thursday 27th May 2021,
'Circuit-breaker lockdown' measures will apply across Victoria and will be in place until 11:59pm, Thursday 3rd June, 2021 unless otherwise notified.

At present, government rules allow no more than 200 people indoors at St Anne's.

The easiest way to make a booking is to go to www.stannes.com.au Find the sentence: "All tickets are now available on Eventbrite for Masses." Click on Eventbrite. This is a link that will take you to the list of Masses that are available, and are accepting bookings.

You may access the booking page directly by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230>

St Anne's Choir needs more members to join them for the weekend Masses. Parishioners interested in singing and would like to join the choir, Please contact the parish office for more information.



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.*



Novena prayer to St Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; So that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplate you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath, Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, Pray for us.

All current restrictions within the government COVID Safe Plan apply when attending Mass. From 6pm on 25th May 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 Parish Priest or the office asap.**