

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

Parish Update

Please sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive. **Masks must be worn at all times.** Doing this is a simple way of showing that you care for yourself and your faith community.

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>



Episcopal Ordination

It has been great news to welcome the Holy Father's appointments of Msgr. Anthony Ireland and Fr Martin Ashe as our two new Auxiliaries for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I am now pleased to be able to share with you that the Episcopal Ordinations will take place on **Saturday 31 July at 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.**

We are still to work through Victorian Government COVID regulations as to how many will be able to be welcomed into the Cathedral, and will be sending further information and invitations when that is determined.

At this stage, Msgr. Tony and Fr Martin will continue their current appointments (and remain in their current residences) until Ordination. Once ordained, the plan is that Msgr. Tony will be appointed Episcopal Vicar of the Southern Region and Fr Martin as Episcopal Vicar of the Western region. Bishop Terry will remain Episcopal Vicar of the North and I will look to appoint a new Episcopal Vicar for the East.

Again, I ask for your prayers for our Bishops-elect as they prepare for this special day and for the roles they will take amongst us. May the Holy Spirit grace them both with the gifts of faithfulness, wisdom, strength, gentleness and compassion.

Yours fraternally in Christ Jesus,

Archbishop Peter

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 17: 22-24
Responsorial Psalm: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5: 6-10
Gospel: Mk 4: 26-34

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Job 38: 1, 8-11
Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17
Gospel: Mk 4: 35-41

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 **Rene Weckesser & all recently departed souls** especially **Sr Jancitha, Yvonne Barbara Pereira**. We pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.



Youth Group Retreat

Saturday 14th August 9am - 5pm at
St Paul's Retreat Centre
Nortons Lane, Wantirna South VIC 3152
For Youth 11yrs and over
Persons interested please contact
Linda Davis (Youth Leader)
0422 990 127

"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).

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.

The Holy Family

Seaford

Issue 3 - 2020



The Holy Family 2021 Magazine

The 2021 edition of our parish magazine is being planned for publication late this year.

We are now accepting your articles and original good quality digital photos. If you are interested in writing a piece, we suggest that you make some notes when your idea is fresh. These notes can then be developed into articles when you have time to do so.

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 would like to leave a voice message.

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



Dear Parishioners,

Hope you are all well and safe after the wild weather conditions.

We are emerging out of lockdown 4.0.

With the lifting of restrictions, we are allowed to gather for Religious Ceremonies under these regulations;

Face Coverings

- Must be carried at all times
- Must be worn indoors except if at home, or if an exception applies
- Must be worn outdoors

Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies

Permitted for up to 50 people per venue.

Density quotient of 1 person per 4 Sqm applies.

Note that the DHHS directives recommend that within the numbers permitted into places of worship, it is advised to maintain groupings of 10 people. You may remember this similar directive from last year. This means that you should space worshippers throughout the venue, with some significant larger gaps between groupings of 10, rather than have everyone up towards the front, for example.

While we welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering, but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious and anxious, and that density quotients will prevent our full communities gathering as they would wish.

For the time being, all Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading Holy Scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully watching an online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

So we welcome you to use our '[Eventbrite](#)' booking system to ensure your place on weekend Masses. At this weekend, only 50 parishioners would be allowed to attend each Mass. Upon entering the church please check in with the Service Victoria Q R code provided at the entrance. Please have your smart phone ready with internet connection. Any issues with booking via Eventbrite – please email Frank Bartosy on fbartosy@gmail.com.

For those who didn't get a spot on weekend Masses, please join our **weekday Masses**.

As we understand these regulations will be revised weekly by the government.

Let us look hopefully towards the bright future and pray for everyone suffering from the effects of the virus.

Have patience and keep safe. Your safety and wellbeing is important to us.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Mass Times and Prayer Events

Tuesday 6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6.00pm Mass

Friday 9.15am Mass

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Reconciliation 5pm followed by Rosary at 5:30pm.

Divine Mercy devotion at 5:00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am

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.**