

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 4th July 2021

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

Parish Update

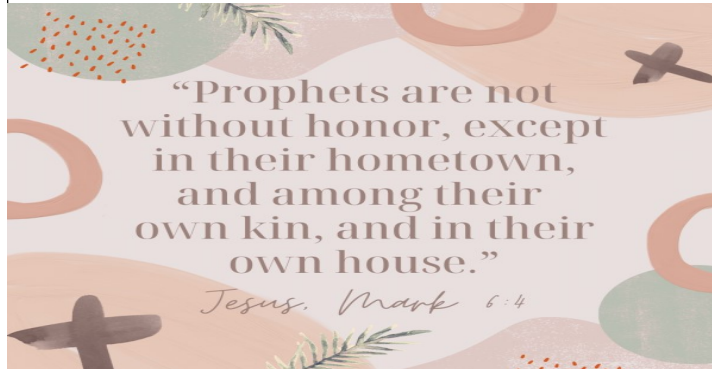
Please use the QR code once you arrive. **Masks must be worn inside the Church at all times.** Doing this is a simple way of showing that you care for yourself and your faith community.

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>



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



Parish update

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the first reconciliation for State School Students on 15th of July at 5pm. We thank Maureen who is preparing them.

Thanksgiving Envelop

The new Stewardship/ Thanksgiving envelop sets are ready in the Church foyer. As usual the yearly statements will be issued after the end of the June 2021. Please note, there will be a new envelope number for you this year. If you cannot find your envelop please contact the office.

Sign-up sheet

We would like more volunteers for our ministries. Please sign up for Readers, Special Minister at Mass, Piety Stall, Altar servers, Sacristans, Children's liturgy, RCIA. You are all welcome to be part of parish community.

Please pray for all those friends and family who are unwell including **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister, Diane Clark Mathew McCue & Margaret Ferguson.** 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 **Leticia Lozano, Felisa Gala Chaim, Henry Surma, Hilda Rebello & all recently departed souls especially Roland Phillip, Giuseppe Cipriani, Cecile Janette Hindle-Smith.** We pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.



Piety Stall

News from St Anne's Kiosk
We now have in stock some St Christopher key rings and plaques for the car. A variety of small crucifixes and commemorative missals for First Communion for boys or girls.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 2: 2-5
Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 12: 7-10
Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-14
Gospel: Mk 6:7-13

"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).

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

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Seaford 304

All donations will be used towards local families in need.



The Mission Parishes

I hope you are now familiar with the archdiocesan plan to make parishes into missions. The archbishop's letter clearly outlines that we are moving forward. All priests of the archdiocese had a meeting with the leadership team of the archdiocese end of April, the same content was introduced to the representatives of the parishes in May. Christopher (Chris) Long was our representative to this meeting. Our next phase is letting the wider community know of this plan. Chris will speak to us during weekend Masses on 10/11 of July. Let ask Holy Spirit to guide us.

Restrictions

Dear Parishioners,

Below are the latest Covid Liturgical Guidelines for Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies

Permitted for up to 300 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. We have measured our church to accommodate 120 parishioners keeping the lasted guidelines.

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.

Entering the church is upon wearing face mask and using QR code. Please do not enter church if you can't comply with this.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias



**There will be a Special collection for the
Propagation of the faith Appeal - Catholic Mission
on the 10th & 11th July 2021**

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

Please note - NO BOOKINGS are needed for Mass, but it is mandatory to use the QR code displayed in the foyer of the Church. Person's unable to use the QR Code please ask the greeting volunteer for help.



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 interest 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 repose 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.
Amen



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