

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 11th July 2021

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavour. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

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>



*Blessed be the God
and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed
us in Christ with
every spiritual
blessing in the
heavenly places*

Ephesians 1:3

**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 for the sacrament.

Thanksgiving Envelope

The new Stewardship/ Thanksgiving envelope sets are ready in the church foyer. As usual the yearly statements will be issued after the end of June 2021. Please note, there will be a new envelope number for you this year. If you cannot find your envelope 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 **Alberta Monger,** & all recently departed souls especially **Dorothy McArthur, Angela Ranasinghe.** 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 **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

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 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 23: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading: Eph 2:13-18
Gospel: Mk 6: 30-34

"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

Acc no: 1031-7778

Account name: St Anne's

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**

Mask must be carried at all times. Face coverings are required indoors for places of worship.

No overarching venue limit. Density quotient of 1 person per 2sqm applies when using a COVID Check-in Marshal, otherwise density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. We have measured our church to accommodate **240** parishioners keeping the latest guidelines.

Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

Entering the church is upon wearing face mask and using QR code. It is mandatory requirement. Medical exceptions are fine. Please do not enter church if you can't comply with this.

Upcoming Sacraments

First Reconciliation	Thursday 15 th July at 5pm (State School Children)
First Holy Communion	Sunday 18 th July at 12:30pm and 2:30pm
First Holy Communion	Sunday 25 th July at 12:30pm and 2:30pm
Confirmation	Sunday 22 nd August at 2pm and 4pm

Let us keep our children in our prayer.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias 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 Martin or drop in during office hours for Mass bookings.

We encourage Parishioners to offer Mass as thanksgiving or for recently deceased, anniversary, remembrance of their loved ones.

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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Ethical Issues and Human Ageing

Online unit via zoom on 6 Saturdays from
31 July

Lecturer:

Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM

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