

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 25th July 2021

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

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.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

Church & Office will be closed as of 11.59pm, Thursday 15 July 2021, due to the 'Circuit-breaker lockdown' measures will apply across Victoria and will be in place until 11.59pm, Tuesday 27 July, 2021 unless otherwise notified.

There will be No Masses during Lockdown.

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>

Make the people sit down...
said Jesus,

...Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were sitting there; he then did the same with the fish, distributing as much as they wanted.

JESUS, JOHN 6:10-11

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



Youth Group excursion to the City



The youth group have been planning for months now a trip into the city as a way for the group to come together after the extended lockdown we had to tolerate.

The group continued to meet on Zoom through-out the whole time we were in lockdown and we have built a rapport with each other now and look forward to spending time together.

Two weeks ago on Saturday the 10th of July, we all caught the train to travel into the CBD. We had quite a few of the youth attend which was fantastic. We visited St Francis Church on Lonsdale Street (which was sadly closed due to Covid), the Melbourne Central Food Court (along with other stores in the shopping centre), the ACMI – Disney Exhibition, Federation Square and the Yarra River. There are a few reasons behind our trip but the main one was to have a change of scenery from usual meetings in the parish office. We all took something home. Whether it be clothes, games or the amazing pictures we took. I think we can all agree that this trip was very much needed getaway from everything in our lives and we enjoyed it.

Ayesha Kerry

Please pray for all those friends and family who are unwell including **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister, Diane Clark Mathew McCue, Jenny Buchy Garlen.** 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 **Blanche Gay, Paul Fernandes, & all recently departed souls especially Alphonse Hart, Bill Bouker, Laura Dela Cruz, Angela Ranasinghe.** We pray for all who have died recently.



Rest in Peace.

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.

"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).

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 2 Kg 4:42-44
Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs
2nd Reading: Eph 4: 1-6
Gospel: Jn 6: 1-15

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
2nd Reading: Eph 4: 17, 20-24
Gospel: Jn 6: 24-35

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.

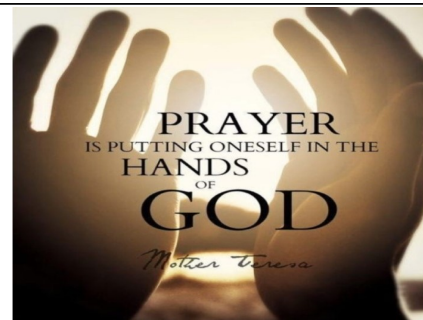


Dear Parishioners,

We are sorry to inform that there will be No Masses during lock down.

Fr Martin will say his private mass everyday with the mass intention offered by you and will keep all the parishioners of St Anne's Parish in his Prayers.

Take Care, Stay safe & God bless.



Upcoming Sacraments

First Holy Communion Sunday 8th August 12:30pm, 2:30pm & Sunday 25th August 12:30pm, 2:30pm

Confirmation Sunday 22nd August at 2pm and 4pm

Let us keep our children in our prayer.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

*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 spiritual-ly 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.*

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **14 August, Saturday** 0:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.



World Day for Grandparents

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Ord Time 17). It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26.

Mass Times and Prayer Events

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 - **It is mandatory to use the QR code displayed in the foyer of the Church.** Once restrictions are eased, it will be necessary to go back to the old system of booking for Mass using Eventbrite. This is because we expect numbers to be capped at a lot less than the current capacity. If you are 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

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.

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.