

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 1st August 2021

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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>

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.



First Friday Devotions at St Anne's Parish on 6th August 2021

There will be Mass at 7pm with anointing for everyone followed by Eucharistic Adoration up to 10pm
All are welcome

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



Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister, Diane Clark, Mathew McCue, Jenny Buchy Garlen.** We pray for all those anniversaries &



remembrances occur at this time especially **Blanche Gay, Paul Fernandes, Evelyn Fernandes & for all who have died recently especially Alphonse Hart, Bill Bouker, Laura Dela Cruz, Angela Ranasinghe, Fr Russell Morison .**
Rest in Peace.

Youth Group

We would like to invite all children between the ages of 12-16years to join the youth group.

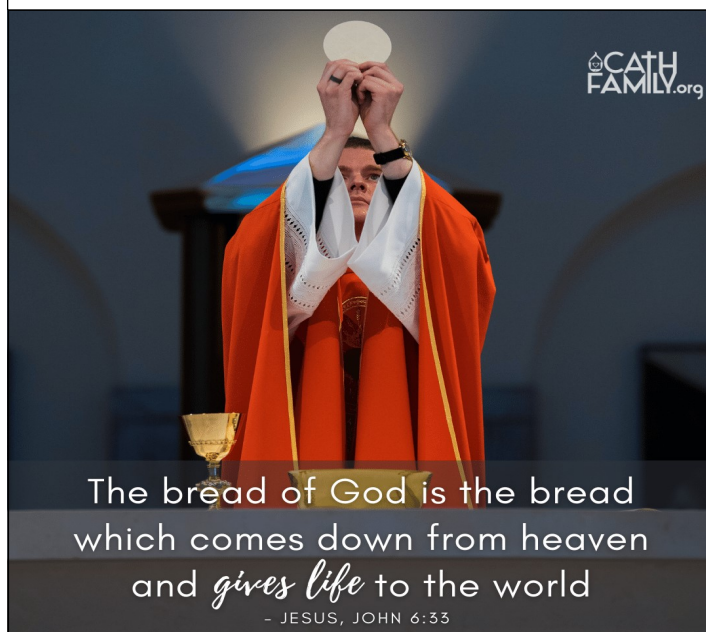
we meet every fortnight on Saturday at 7pm

please contact Linda on 0422 990 127

for more Information

"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 bread of God is the bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world

- JESUS, JOHN 6:33

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1 Kg 17: 8-16
Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
2nd Reading: Col 3: 12-17
Gospel: Mt 6: 25-34

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Dear Parishioners,

Restriction

Face Coverings, Must be carried at all times and must be worn indoors and outdoors except if an exception applies.

Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies

- Permitted for up to 100 people indoors and up to 300 people outdoors.
- Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies.
- COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.

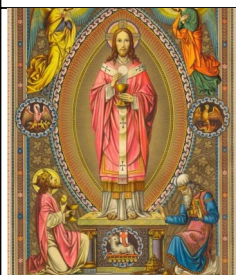
So Please use our Eventbrite system to book for weekend Masses.

Episcopal Ordination

With the recent easing of some of the current restrictions, Episcopal Ordination of our Bishops-elect, Mgr Tony and Fr Martin, will be held this coming Saturday, 31 July in St Patrick's Cathedral commencing at 10.30am - with considerably smaller numbers.

Due to the limits imposed, the Cathedral sadly cannot welcome everyone. However, the Ordination will be live-streamed on YouTube and throughout Victoria on Community TV, C31 for those who may wish to join in spiritually.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias



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 spiritu-
ally 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 or-
dained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **14 Au-
gust, Saturday** 0:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

Upcoming Sacraments—Rescheduled Dates

First Holy Communion Sunday 15th August 12:30pm, 2:30pm & Sunday 29th August 12:30pm, 2:30pm
Confirmation Sunday 22nd August at 2pm and 4pm

Let us keep our children in our prayer.

Mass Times and Prayer Events

Tuesday 6pm 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 - **It is mandatory to use the QR code displayed in the foyer of the Church.** If you are unable to use the QR Code, please ask the greeting volunteer for help.

Due to the current restrictions only 100 people are permitted indoors for each Mass. So booking for weekend Masses using Eventbrite is mandatory.



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

New stock received including Children's bibles; Children's first missal; Children's mass book, Small (4cm & 5cm) Crucifix, Scapular & Miraculous medals, Booklets of devotion, Prayers for catholic family, Favourite prayers to our lady, Prayers to Mary, Handbook of scriptural novenas. Also diamond mosaic kit of Divine Mercy.

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.