Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 15th August 2021

Holy Family Frankston North St. Joachim's Carrum Downs St. Anne's Seaford



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

Parish Update: There will be No Public Masses said during lockdown

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.

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.



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





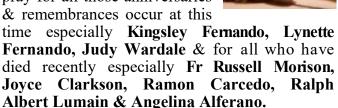
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb

ESATU...

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.



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



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).

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: Apoc 11:19, 12: 1-6,10
Responsorial Psalm: The queen stands at your

right hand, arrayed in gold.

2nd Reading: 1Cor 15: 20-26

Gospel Acc Mary is taken up to heaven; a

chorus of angels exults.

Gospel: Lk 1:39-56

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B

21st Sunday in Ordinary time— The Queenship of Mary

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness

of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Eph 5: 21-32 Gospel: Jn 6:60-69





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.

Heart of Life

'Ephphatha? Be Thou Open?', Saturday 28 August 2021, 10am-4pm (AEST) via ZOOM. This reflection event using a journal / creative materials offers you time and sacred space to be set apart and companioned to explore new ways of attuning and responding to your experiences. You are invited to participate in a self-paced personal journey of sensitively and privately opening your heart to your inner feelings. You will be supported in using various forms of expression to unfold layers of meaning. As a means of valuing and holding your insights, you will be encouraged to capture experiences and reflections in a creative journal of your making. Participants will use their own simple art or creative materials and journal. A suggestion list will be provided to help you choose a few play elements. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy, for Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Position Vacant - Part-time General Office Assistant, Mondays 9am-3pm, with potential for Tuesdays also, at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, located at Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. To assist with social media, Zoom support, administrative and general duties. Job description and applications (by 28 August 2021): contact the Secretary, email: secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890 1101.

Please use Archdiocese website at: https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies for Job Vacancy.

Dear Parishioners.

Over the last week of lockdown, I have contacted over 170 parishioner over the phone and email to check how they are going in this difficult time.

I will continue to do that again this week.

I was glad to know many parishioners are doing fine, but some are really struggling. Be assured of my prayers.

While I was making calls I found many of our parishioners contact details are incorrect. When we return to church, one of the priorities will be updating our Parishioners records. This will help the parish to keep track of people who need help. You will be updated.

Live streaming

We need some advice on live streaming of Masses on weekends. Do you think we need to begin this? Please contact us through phone or email.

'God will carry you safely through every struggle' Mary Mackillop

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 spiritually 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.

Mass Times and Prayer Events: There will be No Masses during Lockdown

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.

<u>Upcoming Sacraments—Rescheduled Dates</u>

First Holy Communion Sunday 29th August 12:30pm, 2:30pm other dates to be updated

Confirmation Sunday 22nd August at 2pm St Joachim's & 4pm St Anne's including State school

Let us keep our children in our prayer.



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.

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.



Novena prayer to St Joseph

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 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

Columbian Calendars for 2022 will soon be available. Please place your orders and pay at the piety kiosk after Mass. Early orders will be \$10.

A number of commemoration gifts of First Holy Communion, Baptism and Confirmation are available at the Kiosk.

GREETERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Weekend Masses would be difficult to hold without greeters (now known as COVID Check-in Marshals) to ensure that people are marked off our lists and that they use our QR code to sign in. If you are interested in helping your parish to have Masses with more than about 20 people in the church, why not help us with being a greeter? Simply email Frank at fbartosy@gmail.com or see him when you walk into the church on the weekend. Training provided.