Seaford Parish Newsletter

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



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B



The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references

them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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.



For this reason I have told you that **no one** can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Jesus, John 6:65

PRAYER HANDS

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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,

Mathew Diane Clark, McCue, Jenny **Buchy** We pray for all Garlen.

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remembrances occur at this time & for all who have died recently especially Fr Russell Morison, Joyce Clarkson, Ramon Carcedo, Ralph Albert Lumain, Angelina Alferano, Brian Fitton.

Rest in Peace.

Youth Group

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

we aim to 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary time-The Queenship of Mary

Joshua 24:1-2.15-18 1st Reading:

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness

of the Lord.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time-

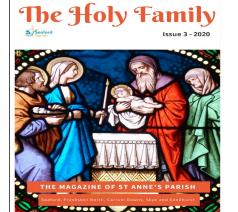
1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm: The one who does justice will

live in the presence of the

Lord.

2nd Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-22,27 Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: 10 -12 September 2021 or

a non –residential weekend: 16 - 17 October 2021 in west Gippsland.

(Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last few weeks of lockdown, I have contacted over 300 parishioner over the phone and email to check how they are going in this difficult time.

I will continue to do that this week. We have 684 parishioners in our database.

I am aware of the voice mail scam going around, may be that the reason many are not returning the calls. Some have told me that they hesitate to attend the call, because the number I call shows from Eltham. I am not sure why that is, but all archdiocesan numbers show that way.

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.

The recent new infections of the COVID 19 cases are not looking good, it's around our area. Please take all measures to be safe.

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.

Over the week I have received some suggestions for both yes and no, we are waiting for one more week. Take care, Stay safe and God bless.

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 ongoing restrictions, only a limited number of people are permitted indoors for each Mass. So booking for weekend Masses using Eventbrite is mandatory.

Upcoming Sacraments—Rescheduled Dates

To be Confirmed



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

At this time please can I ask for volunteers to help with staffing the Piety Stall after Masses for approximately 15 minutes once or more times a month. We do have helpers but we **need** more. If you are interested please contact **Patricia Morecroft** on 8759 3887 for more information.

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.