

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 29th August 2021

Holy Family  
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St. Anne's

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

### REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

### **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.

**Pope Francis: To live by faith means to put our lives in the hands of God, especially in our most difficult Moments.**

*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.**



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



**'LISTEN TO ME, ALL OF YOU, AND UNDERSTAND:**

Nothing that goes into someone from outside can make that person unclean; it is the things that **come out of someone** that make that person unclean.

*Jesus. Mark 7:15*

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 **Rochelle Dias, Victor Susainathan & for all who have died recently especially 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

**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.**



### **"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 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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

1st Reading: Is 35: 4-7  
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul  
2nd Reading: James 2: 1-5  
Gospel: Mk 7: 31-37

## The Holy Family

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## 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](mailto:fbartosy@gmail.com) or on **0490 358 121** if you would like to leave a voice message.

## Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.



**Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.**

Visit [caritas.org.au/lebanon](https://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](https://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

### Update: Mission Parishes

You might recall Chris Long speaking at Masses about the archdiocese' plan regarding Mission parishes and the follow up is regional meeting. Some in person meeting dates were proposed and because of the lockdown restrictions it was cancelled and finally we have an online meeting.

On Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> will be that meeting. We have been asked to nominate two lay people to attend regional meeting. They must be one parish staff member and one non-employed parish leader. Sumitha and Chris Long and I will attend this meeting. We will keep you updated.

### Dear Parishioners,

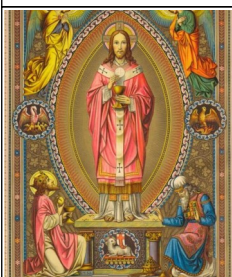
Over the last few weeks of lockdown, I have finished contacting all parishioners on our records over the phone and by email to check how they were going in this difficult time. Out of 683 families 223 have no contact number or emails associated or wish not to be contacted. Around 460 families have either been contacted by phone or through email. Many of these calls have been attended or emails have been replied, thank you so much for responding to my email, it is greatly appreciated. I am glad many families are doing ok, but a few struggling, loss of work, or sick. Please keep them in your prayer.

Some families have requested us to take off their details as they have moved interstate or to a different Parish. Of course, some interesting conversations happened.

I will continue to call those families who need help and will try to see if we can find help through some source. When we return to church, one of the priorities will be updating our parishioner's records. This will help the parish to keep track of people who need help.

Take care, Stay safe & 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 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.*



## **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**

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**

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](mailto:fbartosy@gmail.com) or see him when you walk into the church on the weekend. Training provided.