

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12th September 2021

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

### REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.



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### Catholic Theological College

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation

**free** Zoom Information Session

Date & Time: Saturday 12 October at 7.00pm – 7.30pm

Presenters:

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*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**

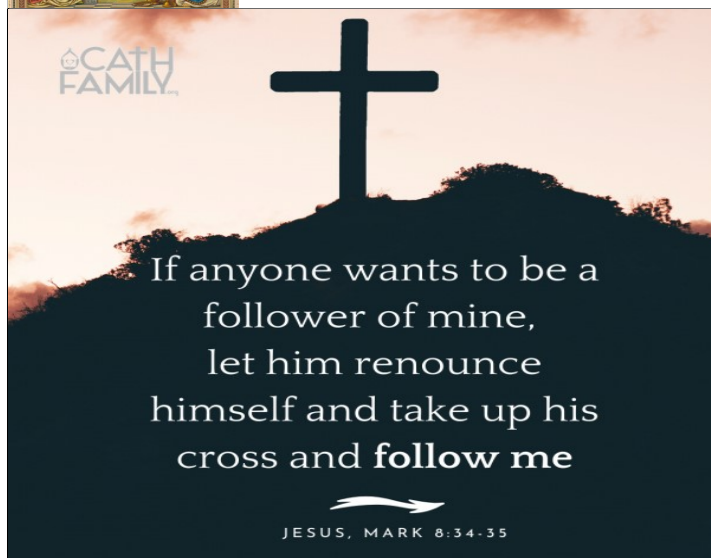
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**All donations will be used towards local families in need.**



## 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.***



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.



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



### **"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).

### **Job Vacancy at the Archdiocese**

Further details about the positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at [hadmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)

### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B 24th Sunday in Ordinary time**

1st Reading: Is 50: 5-9  
Responsorial Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.  
2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18  
Gospel: Mk 8: 27-35

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 25th Sunday in Ordinary time**

1st Reading: Wis 2: 12, 17-20  
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord uploads my life  
2nd Reading: James 3: 16 - 4:3  
Gospel: Mk 9: 30 - 37

## The Holy Family

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## The Holy Family 2021 Magazine

The editorial team has become aware that people aren't sure of what program is best for writing articles. It is suggested that Microsoft Word or LibreOffice (free software) is ideal. Wordpad or Notepad can also be used, as they are part of Windows. However, these are very limited in their scope. We suggest that a computer be used to type the document, as portable devices can make this process far more difficult than it should be. Please contact the office or the editor at [fbartosy@gmail.com](mailto:fbartosy@gmail.com). You may also phone 0490358121 if you have any questions. You may find the previous edition - **2020 The Holy Family Issue 3** here at: <https://stannes.com.au/newsletters/>



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 & for all who have died recently especially **Ralph Albert Lumain, Angelina Alfarano, Brian Fitton**.  
Rest in Peace.

### Dear Parishioners,

**Mission Update:** We had our southern meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September. There were not much new information shared, except we now know what parish's we will be joining as Mission. Parish's of Frankston, Langwarrin and us are those parish's designed by the archdiocese to be one Mission.

Our next step will be calling for two coordinators from our parish who will be working with the diocesan team. Are you interested to be a coordinator? Please call or email the office.

The next regional meetings are on 21st September at 7pm or 22nd September at 11am, although more will be available in October.

Let us enter into a period of deep prayerful reflection and when we are allowed to gather as community for Mass, we will have opportunities to discern.

We can imagine many questions rising in your minds about this. Please contact the office for any concern or comments.

**Chris Long, Sumitha Moses.**

### R U OK day?

Yesterday (Thursday 9 September, 2021) was our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. This year it was a bit different in the theme, R U Really OK? Let us ask ourselves and our family members this very important question. In these challenging times we are all experiencing varying levels of fatigue and emotional imbalances. If not OK, find support.

As you know, the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases due to the spread of the Delta variant has alarmed authorities, and we have become accustomed to extended lockdowns and restrictions. It seems this is going to stay for some more time with us. So let us remain vigilant and patient.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Do you know anyone interested to become a Catholic? We have received a few requests to become Catholics from our parish. Some have only had baptism, some only had baptism and First communion. The full initiation into Catholic life happens with the sacraments of initiation; which are Baptism, First Communion/ Eucharist and Confirmation. However, Reconciliation /Confession is not part of the sacrament of initiation. For those who had been in Catholic school it happens regularly. The process to become a Catholic is called RCIA in our archdiocese. Call or email our parish to know more.

### RCIA Ministry

It's a really wonderful ministry to guide people who wants know Jesus. We are looking for volunteers to lead sessions for RCIA. We have received one interest from our parishioner. Hoping to get one more volunteer. If you are interested let us know.

### Pastoral Letter

Archbishop Peter has sent us a Pastoral Letter regarding the application of *Traditionis Custodes* in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It's about 1962 Mass or otherwise called Latin Mass. Its five pages document, so you can find it in our website:

<https://stannes.com.au/catholic-archdiocese-of-melbourne-cam-news/>

**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**



## **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 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 assisting your parish to have Masses with more than a small number of 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 (once restrictions ease). Training provided.