

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19th September 2021

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

Social Services Sunday, 19 September **– a time to reflect and give thanks**

On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement](#) – *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* (available to read on our website)– released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

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.

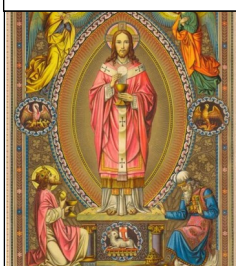
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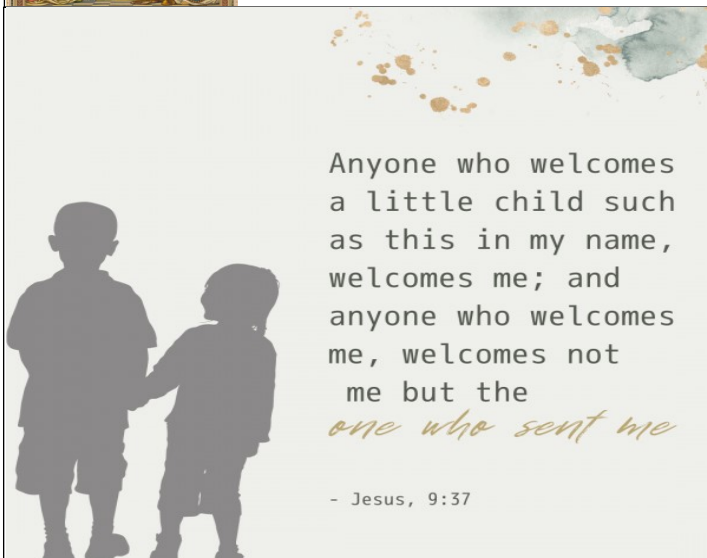
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All donations will be used towards local families in need.



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.***



**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).



Congratulations to Pierre & Marilyn Villemin

*Who are celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary on 24th September
May the Lord shower his blessings on you both on this day,
may He always be your companion, and guide you on your way.*

Catholic Theological College

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation
free Zoom Information Session

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

Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche and Dr Chris Morris

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READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 26th Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: Num 11:25-29
Responsorial Psalm: The Precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart.
2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

The Holy Family

Seaford

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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. 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,

There is a bit of relaxation in restriction from midnight but can't see the Churches opening soon. Let us continue to pray.

This week School term holidays starts. We wish our teachers and students safe holidays. After the school holidays we will have some clear ideas about dates for pending sacraments.

Mission Update: We had our southern meeting on 7th September. There were not much new information shared, except we now know what perishes we will be joining as Mission. Parishes of Frankston, Langwarrin and us are those parishes designed by the archdiocese to be one Mission. If you want to know more about the 'Mission' project, Please go to archdiocesan website. This page will be updated regularly.

The Parish Resource Pack is available at this link: <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/mission/parish-resources>

Our next step will be calling for two coordinators from our parish who will be working with the diocesan team. We have not received any concerns or questions this week. We may be pondering what is this all about. That is ok. Are you interested to become a coordinator? Please call or email the office. We have not received any expression of interest for this week.

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.

We are also going to dedicate a full page in our website for Mission, so parishioners can track what is happening around this area.

Chris Long, Sumitha Moses.

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.

Stay Safe , healthy & God bless.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Lockdown Light—a weekly series

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at www.bit.ly/LockdownLight



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RCIA Ministry

It's a really wonderful ministry to guide people who want to 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/>



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

Leaflets- How to Pray the Rosary with meditations on each mystery

\$ 1.00 each. 2022 Columbian Calendars \$10.00 each

Diamond Art kit – Virgin and child \$15.50

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Please let the office or myself know if you would like any of the above we put one aside for you for purchase when we return to church.

Patricia Morecroft 8759 3887

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 or see him when you walk into the church on the weekend (once restrictions ease). Training provided.

**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.**

