

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

### REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."



**Wishing all Fathers in our Parish**

**A Happy Father's Day**

Fathers are not born but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by caring for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.



**Pope Francis**

*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.**



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.



### 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 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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT 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

## 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/>

### Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

*We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)*

### **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 a online meeting.

On Tuesday September 7th 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,**

The easing of restriction as some of us expected didn't go well and it seems we may be in this current form of lockdown for some more time. The new infection rate is reaching higher every day and sadly deaths occurring. Our prayers goes with those who are suffering.

I will continue to call those families who need help in this difficult time and urge all our parishioners to call family and friends and keep in touch.

### **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.

We are also looking for volunteers to lead sessions for RCIA. If you are interested let us know.

**This weekend we celebrate Father's day. I will offer Mass specially for all fathers of our parish.**

Stay safe everyone

**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.