

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3rd October 2021

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Plenary Council Message

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via 'one device-one person' mode. There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October). <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning Prayer booklets for full participation are available here:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

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

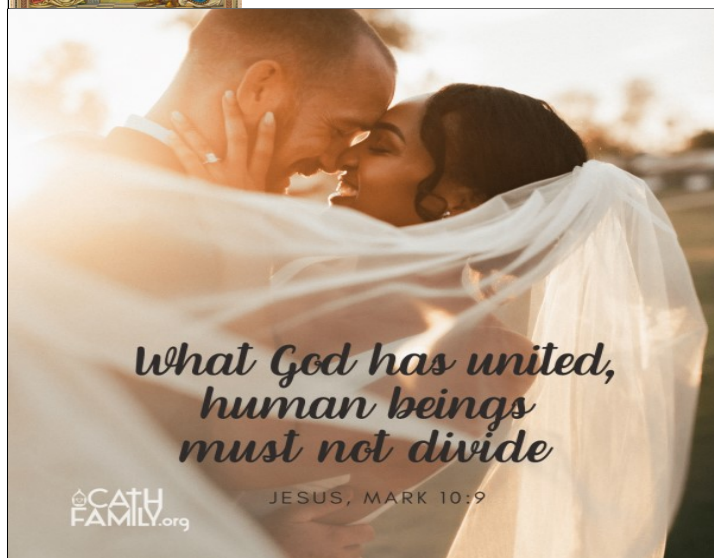
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All donations will be used towards local families in need.



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.***



**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).

Child safety Safeguarding Committee

A Letter will be sent from the parish office to all the parishioners volunteering in the Parish under different ministries to update their Working with children Check Card with St Anne's Catholic Church.

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

Enquiries: Jenny Delahunt

T: 9412 3333 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

W: ctc.edu.au/open-days/

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B 27th Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: Gen 2: 18-24
Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all
the days of our lives.
2nd Reading: Heb 2: 9-11
Gospel: Mk 10: 2-16

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 28th Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: Wis 7: 7-11
Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with your love, O
Lord, and we sing for joy.
2nd Reading: Heb 4: 12-13
Gospel: Mk 10: 17-30

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 especially **Haydee Hennequin** & for all who have died recently especially **Frances Mary Zervaas and Norma Evelyn Presa**. Rest in Peace.

Dear Parishioners,

Mission update

All priests in the archdiocese has got a chance to speak to Archbishop about the Mission plan, and Archbishop had heard our hopes and concerns. As indicated at the gatherings, these will be put together in a document and will be shared, by way of a response to what was raised, and a proposal for how we move ahead.

As I indicated last week, not many parishioners read the newsletter, we were thinking if there are any other ways to encourage parishioners to read what is happening in the parish? Let us know what do you think. We sent out a few emails with newsletter weekly to our parishioners. And that suggests we won't be able to nominate two coordinators to the archdiocese. We have been advertising it for the last four weeks to find coordinators. There have only two responses we received in connection with Mission. Those concerns will be taken seriously and will try to ask the archdiocese.

For more Information please go to the Archdiocesan website. This page will be updated regularly.

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

Month of Rosary

October is traditionally the month of Rosary for Catholics. As we begin this month we urge you to pray to Our Lady for all special prayers, our country and in particular to the end of pandemic through the Rosary. Check our website for more information on a live event "Rosary Crusade for Victory Against the Darkness". This will be a live, worldwide virtual event at 6:30pm central on October 7, 2021 – yes, that's right on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Website updated

Another good thing this lockdown brought to the parish is that we have updated our parish website. This will be updated regularly. We request you check latest news and blog posts. We also have social media accounts created. We now have Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. (please Like and follow Facebook page only, no friend requests will be accepted in the user account). Check our website for more information.

Live stream of Mass

We have asked for feedback on starting Live streaming of Masses last month, only 6 comments have been received and 5 people said no to, since everyone by now have a favourite channel to watch Mass either from here or in their country of birth.

Covid 19 Vaccination

Archbishop Peter has asked all priests to urge their parishioners to get vaccinated if they have not done it yet. Please talk to you doctor. When the church opens it will be for double vaccinated people only, according to the Road map.

Stays safe & God bless

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Lockdown Light—a week Five

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 below. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5



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Thursday 7th October 2021 Our Lady of the Rosary

“Pray the **Rosary** everyday to obtain

World peace and the end of COVID”

Our Lady of the Rosary

Pray for us.



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.*



O BLESSED VIRGIN MARY of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for Your Motherly presence we join in the voice of all generations that call You BLESSED. We celebrate in You the great works of God, Who never tires of lowering Himself in mercy over humanity, afflicted by evil and wounded by sin, to heal and to save it.

OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
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.

