

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th October 2021

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

### REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

### 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 3-10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/>. Australia's fifth Plenary Council is finally underway, with all 278 members gathering online from across the country for daily discernment and discussion on the Council's 16-point agenda visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

*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.**



## 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.***

*Truly I tell you,  
there is no one who has  
left house or brothers  
or sisters or mother or  
father or children or  
fields, for my sake and  
for the sake of the good  
news, who will not  
receive a hundredfold  
now in this age- and  
in the age to come  
eternal life.*

Jesus, Mark 10:29-30

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**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).

## MAJELLAN DAY

ONLINE FAMILY LITURGY

LITURGY, LIVE MUSIC, FAMILY BLESSINGS  
AND MUCH MORE TO CELEBRATE OUR  
ANNUAL MAJELLAN DAY

Prayer's and intentions sent to office@majellan.org.au will  
be blessed during the liturgy

Fr Sam Kono CSsR

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 16TH FROM 11:00AM**

### **Life, Marriage and Family Sunday, 10th October**

Families are the pillars of our community. This weekend we celebrate Life, Marriage and Family Sunday. One way of commemorating the joy of marriage has been the marking of significant wedding anniversaries through the annual Anniversary Mass celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral. Unfortunately due to the lockdown, this will not be possible this year. Let us pray for all families.

### **READINGS FOR THIS 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 will sing for joy.  
 2nd Reading: Heb 4: 12-13  
 Gospel: Mk 10: 17-30

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 29th Sunday in Ordinary time**

1st Reading: Is 53:10 –11  
 Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.  
 2nd Reading: Heb 4: 14-16  
 Gospel: MK 10:35- 45

## 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 especially **Haydee Hennequin** & for all who have died recently especially **Frances Mary Zervaas, Norma Evelyn Presa, deacon Charles English & Rev Fr Noel Oliver.** **Rest in Peace.**

Dear Parishioners,

### CatholicCare Victoria

The demand for mental health services is becoming more prominent as we endure a pandemic, with many juggling both work and schooling from home, being isolated from loved ones, experiencing loss of employment, and struggling to afford food and rent.

In this ever-changing and challenging environment, it is important now more than ever for people to be able to access the mental health support they need, when they need it.

As a response to this demand, *CatholicCare* Victoria has recently commenced a new state-wide mental health service with minimal wait times, called the Psychological Wellbeing Service.

The service is accessible state-wide through telehealth options, as well as through face-to-face sessions from our Mildura office.

If you think the Psychological Wellbeing Service could assist you, your family or someone you know please call our Mildura office on (03) 5051 0000 or email [enquiries@centacaremildura.org.au](mailto:enquiries@centacaremildura.org.au) to make a booking.

### Mission update

This week we had a meeting *Leading a Missionary Parish - Signs of Hope*. The session was led by Fr Chris Ryan MGL, where we spent time in prayer and reflection.

### Lecture on Catholic Contribution

An online free the Series will be presented over six sessions and will explore the development and self-understanding of Roman Catholicism and its contribution culturally, historically and philosophically to the understanding of human nature. For further information and to register for the first lecture please visit: [www.macs.vic.edu.au/Haldane](http://www.macs.vic.edu.au/Haldane) or check our website.

### 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 to check latest news and blog posts. We also have social media accounts created. We now have Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. (In Facebook please Like and follow Facebook page only, no friend requests will be accepted in the user account). Check our website for more information.

### Live streaming 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 your doctor. We now know that COVID vaccinations are the surest and most effective way of keeping people safe. Pope Francis tells us that "getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable". When the church opens it will be for double vaccinated people only, according to the Road map out of lockdown.

**Bishop Terry Curtin** celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood on 28th August 2021, the Feast Day of St Augustine. Due to current lockdown restrictions in Victoria, there were no grand celebrations or gatherings. Let us pray blessings on him.

Stay safe everyone.

**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**



## Lockdown Light—week six

*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.

### Podcasts for Christian living: The irreplaceable role of parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a)



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## 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 praying the Rosary.



## 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 Columban 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](mailto: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.**

