Seaford Parish Newsletter

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Holy Family Frankston North St. Joachim's Carrum Downs St. Anne's Seaford



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?



MASS OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

As we are few weeks away from the opening of the Church and the month of November. We encourage all parishioners who would like to offer mass for their loved ones' to send us an email with all the names of the deceased. The sheet will be printed and placed on the altar to be prayed for at all masses during the month of November.

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 spiritually 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.

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.



READINGS FOR THIS 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 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).

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 30th Sunday in Ordinary time

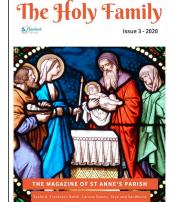
1st Reading: Jer 31: 7-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great

things for us; we are filled

with joy.

2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6 Gospel: Mk 10:46-52



The Holy Family 2021 Magazine Deadline

As you know, are starting to reach the time when the parish calendar will be getting much busier with the lockdown restrictions easing. Please be aware that we need your help to make the parish magazine a reality for 2021. It is your magazine, and therefore your articles form an essential part of this publication.

We would really appreciate it if any articles, reports, or photos are received by Wednesday 3rd November. If you have thought about writing something, there is no better time than the present. Please contact the office or the editor at fbartosy@gmail.com. You may also leave a phone message on 0490 358 121 if you have any questions. The previous edition - 2020 The Holy Family Issue 3 can be found on the website.

Dear Parishioners,

As the days lengthen and warm up, there is a sense that life itself becomes a little more open and expansive. We lift our eyes, feel the sun on our skin, look further into the distance and dare to anticipate better, clearer days ahead. As we approach opening of our church in a few weeks, let's be optimistic.

Plenary Council

The Church in Australia wrapped up the first General Assembly of its 5th Plenary Council on Sunday. 278 designated members from across Australia - including bishops, priests, religious and laypeople – gathered virtually from 3 to 10 October to pray and reflect about the future, the role and relevance of the Catholic Church in Australian society today. Overall, over 300 people joined the event.

In the closing Mass on Sunday, Archbishop Timothy Coleridge SDB of Brisbane, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Australia (ACBC), on his part, likened the process to bringing a child to birth: "The process is slow, painful and messy, but in the end it is wonderfully fruitful and joyful as the baby is born," he said. "Beyond the maelstrom of this week and all that lies ahead, may the Church in Australia come to know the fruitfulness and joy which the Holy Spirit brings from all the pain and mess because nothing is impossible for God", he concluded in his homily. Check our website to read more.

Confirmation 2021

After many months of rescheduling the celebration of Confirmation, we now have a good news. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Anne's Church, on Monday 15th November and Tuesday 16th November at 6:00 pm Mass. Our principal celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Ireland, who is our new regional Bishop.

Due to density quotient restrictions, there will be a limit on how many people can attend each Mass. This is also because the parish is catering for students from St. Anne's School, St Joachim's School and other schools in the parish.

So, each family will only be allowed to have **4 fully vaccinated** people at Confirmation. (This includes the student making the sacrament in the 4 people). All families have now been contacted. Contact school or parish if you have any questions.

Grace of Waiting- Advent resource

Advent is fast approaching. Now that we know when the church is opening, we will be couple of weeks away from Advent.

The Archdiocese have prepared this weekly reflection to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus. Visit our website to download this resource.

Lecture on Catholic Contribution

An online free of charge 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 or check our website. The first session was very informative.

Message from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Mandatory vaccinations for Parish Employees and Volunteers. By 26th November, all religious workers, that is, people (paid and volunteers) who work at or in connection with a place of worship will be subject to mandatory vaccination. We request all volunteer in the parish to forward their Vaccination Certificate to the parish office for record keeping.

GREETERS REQUIRED

As we approach opening of our church in a few weeks we need greeter who are double vaccinated. 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. Training provided.

Stay Safe & God bless

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Lockdown Light—week seven

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: Theology of the Body and Healing

In this podcast, Catholic therapists, Dr Bob Schuchts & Jake Khym discuss how we can glorify God in and through our bodies. Using St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, they look at ways we can receive healing and peace. Listen here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving7

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.

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.



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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

O BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY.

to save it.

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.

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