

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 31st October 2021

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

Dear Parishioners

Latest restrictions

As of 6:00pm Friday 29 October 2021, the following measures will be applied across Victoria. Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne will unite in the roadmap and share the same restrictions.

A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for the purposes of attending a Place of Worship if they:

- have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, or
- have a valid medical exemption to COVID-19 vaccination issued by an authorised medical practitioner, or
- are aged under 16.

If a person can show evidence of any of the above, they can enter as fully vaccinated. If they can't show evidence of any of the above, they are not considered as fully vaccinated and may only participate in groups allowing for 'unknown vaccination status.'

[At this stage of the roadmap, children under 16 years of age are permitted to be included in the fully vaccinated group, accompanied by their parents also fully vaccinated. It should be noted that Victoria's vaccination requirements are flagged to expand to include children aged 12 and over once the 90 per cent milestone is reached around November 24.]

Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies: Fully Vaccinated: Indoors DQ4. Outdoors DQ2. Cap of 500. So, with the latest regulation St. Anne's church can accommodate 135 fully vaccinated people at Mass.

Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoors & Outdoors cap of 30.

Children under 12 months old are not counted towards caps.

Below is our Mass schedule from Friday 29 October 2021.

Friday 29th Oct. 6 pm for 135 fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church
Saturday 30th Oct. 9.30 am for 30 unknown vaccination status at St. Anne's church
Saturday 30th Oct. 6 pm for 135 fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church (Booking essential)
Sunday 31st Oct. 9.00 am for 30 unvaccinated at St. Anne's church (Booking essential)
Sunday 31st Oct. 10.30 am for 135 fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church (Booking essential)
Monday 1st Nov. 9:15 am for fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church (ALL SAINTS' DAY)

Then our usual time masses.

Tuesday 2nd Nov. 6 pm for 30 unknown vaccination status at St. Anne's church (ALL SOULS' DAY)
Tuesday 2nd Nov. 7 pm for fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church (ALL SOULS' DAY)
Wednesday 3rd Nov. 9:30 am for fully vaccinated at Holy Family Hall
Thursday 4th Nov. 6 pm for fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church
Friday 5th Nov. 9:15 am for 30 unknown vaccination status at St. Anne's church
Friday 5th Nov. 7 pm for fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church (First Friday)
Saturday 6th Nov. 6 pm for 135 fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church (Booking essential)
Sunday 7th Nov. 8.30 am for 135 fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church (Booking essential)
Sunday 7th Nov. 10.00 am for 135 fully vaccinated at St. Anne's church (Booking essential)

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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.

Important things to remember

- *Please join only to the allocated Mass. Apparently NO MIXING recommended.
- *The maximum numbers allowed is including the celebrant and Covid marshal.
- *Booking is essential for weekend Masses. Use Eventbrite system to book in. See our website for the link.
- *I am fully vaccinated.
- *All Masses regardless of weekday or weekend is relevant and it's important to remember the Dispensation toward the Sunday Obligation remains in place.
- *Have patience as we work through this difficult time. We have tried our best to accommodate everyone as possible.
- *Follow the directions of COVID Marshals.
- *We urgently need Covid marshals/greeters in order to fully comply with the requirements. Please let us know if you can help.
- *If you are vaccinated, have the vaccination certificate or proof of medical exemption linked to Service QR Victoria app and check in OR if you don't have a smart phone, bring printed copy of your vaccination certificate.
- *If vaccination status is unknown, you still need to use QR code check in.
- *For those with hard copy certificates, we require your Name, Contact and Acknowledgement of vaccination proof or vaccination exemption. This record will be kept securely for 28 days.
- *Face mask must be used at all times unless medically exempt and sanitize your hands as you enter in the church and before receiving communion.
- *Please stay back after Mass to sanitise seats.
- *Our worship is designed to keep all of us safe in covid safe manner.
- *Write or call us (during business hours) if you have any concerns.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister, Diane Clark, Mathew McCue**. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Alberto Navarro, Eduardo Paylado, Bernard Swanson, Haydee Hennequin** & for all who have died recently especially **deacon Charles English & Rev Fr Noel Oliver**.
Rest in Peace.



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>

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 THIS SUNDAY—Year B 31st Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: Deut 6:2-6
Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my Strength.
2nd Reading: Heb 7:23-28
Gospel: Mk 12: 28-34

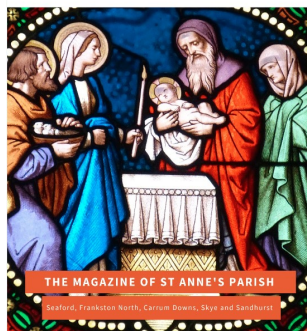
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: 1 Kg 17: 10-16
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!
2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28
Gospel: Mk 12: 38-44

The Holy Family

St Anne's Parish

Issue 3 - 2020



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.

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped ([chapter 11](#) and part of [chapter 12](#)), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

Invitation from the St Vincent De Paul

St Anne's Vinnies have been invited to run the first post-lockdown Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at the Carrum Downs store on **Saturday November 6th from 7am - 5pm** with the proceeds going to our Vinnies Christmas Hampers.

We would invite parishioners to volunteer themselves to help with cooking & serving for just 1 hour during the day. To join the roster please ring or text me on **0432 120 704** or email me on pgvverberg@gmail.com.



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.

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.



Message: What a night and day we are experiencing in our district! After a very long time in lockdown we are finally being rewarded. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to celebrate Mass with us to be one with your community again.

As in past experiences, some people will be very anxious about returning to Church and life as we have known it. So please be gentle with yourself and each other. As you are aware we have been granted some freedom, but with it comes some new expectations, responsibilities, and some new directives. Let us work as one so that we can meet these new requirements.

A major change happening from 6 pm tonight, 135 people are allowed to gather in our church. It's a great news. Let us rebuild our community in the weeks ahead. It's a long weekend as well. Those who are traveling this weekend stay safe. Once we return to church we will need to look closely at the Mission project of the archdiocese.

Visiting the sick

Now that we are able to visit homes (10 people per day), and care facilities for up to 5 visitors per resident per day (dependants included). Strongly recommend that all residents and visitors are fully vaccinated (subject to facility Guidelines), please let the office know if any sick parishioners need communion or anointing. Caring for the sick and the elderly is one of my utmost priority.

Unless you let us know, we won't know. If sick parishioners need regular communion, please indicate.

Fr. Martin



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.**



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

We will soon be opening up again. Do not forget to get your Columban Calendar and perhaps give one as a gift. Wall/Standing crucifixes; Missals; Rosaries; prayer cards; sympathy cards; Baptism/Communion/Confirmation keepsakes are available.

Help needed to sell items after any of the Masses – perhaps one Saturday/Sunday a month. Assistance will be appreciated to help those already committed to the roster.

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