Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th November 2021

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



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

Book of Remembrance

The book of remembrance has been kept in the church. Parishioner's are welcome to write the names of their loved ones who have passed away. Parishioners who have send the names through email, the names have been printed and filed in the folder.



Congratulation for the First Holy Communion students who receive their sacrament for the first time on Saturday 6th November 2021 at 6pm.

- ☆ Romeo Alguera– Lara
- ☆ William Maher



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.





Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who is going to be baptised at St Anne's Parish on Sunday 7th November 2021

☆ Grace Ziyi Plavljanic **☆** Chloe Chanel Crees

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, Eduado Paylado, Bernard Swanson, Haydee Hennequin & for all who have died recently especially deacon Charles English & Rev Fr Noel Oliver.

Rest in Peace.





'In truth I tell you, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they could spare, but she in her poverty has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



- JESUS, MARK 12:43-44

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 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: 1 Kg 17: 10-16

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

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2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28 Gospel: Mk 12: 38-44

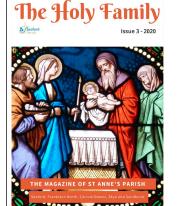
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: Dan 12: 1-3

Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance,

O Lord!

2nd Reading: Heb 10: 11-14, 18 Gospel: Mk 13: 24 - 32



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,

This week we were all gladdened by the news from West Australian, re-joining Cleo Smith with her family after 18 days of missing. Certainly, this had attracted the world-wide media. The whole world rejoices. Let us rejoice. Well done W A police and all those who shared information. "Our family is whole again", sums up the relief of her parents.

After a week of end of lockdown, it has been a slow start for us. Last week was also long weekend. Please see website for the headcount of Mass. Particularity, with the non-vaccination status Mass. There were very few members joined for these Masses. Does that suggest most of our parishioners are fully vaccinated? I know its still early to assume that.

Consultation- For a synodal Church- Early November Pope Francis launched the universal Synod on Synodality. There are two sessions for parish leaders (staff, clergy or volunteers) who are interested to understand the Synod journey and how they might engage and consult within their own communities. Please see our website for more information.

This weekend we mark **Prison Sunday** (7 November), an opportunity to acknowledge the important work of prison ministry. This weekend is also annual '**Deaf Appeal**'. To know more about it check our website.

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.

Building committee

As you know our church needs much awaited maintenance, especially the roof. I am inviting some active parishioners to joining building committee. If you are interested call or email the office. In the news year I will invite more people on parish finance council and pastoral council.

Rev Fr. Martin Jeramias

Regular Mass bookings

As you may know, I have a list of people who have requested that they be registered on Eventbrite for a weekend Mass on a regular basis. While I am happy to keep doing this, the latest vaccination rules mean that people will need to reapply if they want me to register them for any Mass. I will need to know your vaccination status, and you must also agree to show your vaccination certificate or proof of exemption.

Please contact Frank at fbartosy@gmail.com or you can leave a phone message on 0490 358 121.

<u>Piety Stall -News from St Anne's Kiosk Kiosk News</u>

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.

Patricia Morecroft 8759 3887

PARISH UPDATED & MASS TIMINGS 2021

Tuesday 6pm Mass

Wednesday 9:30am Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6pm Mass Friday 9:15am Mass

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Reconciliation 5:30pm (until further notice) followed by Rosary at 5:30pm.

Divine Mercy devotion at 5:30pm

Sunday 8.30am Sunday 10.00am

Please note - It is mandatory to use the QR code displayed in the foyer of the Church,

Vaccination certificate to be uploaded to the Services Australia App. If you are unable to use the QR Code, please ask the greeting volunteer for help.

Due to the current restrictions only 135 people are permitted indoors for each Mass. So booking for weekend Masses using Eventbrite is mandatory.

Upcoming Sacraments—Rescheduled Dates

First Holy Communion Sunday the 21st & 28th

Confirmation Monday 15th November at 6pm St Anne's including State school & Tuesday 16thNovember at 6

St Joachim's School.

Let us keep our children in our prayer.



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.



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 interests 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 reposes 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.

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.