

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish has been open for worship over the last two weeks. It is exciting to welcome everyone to join for Mass. It is slow and steady gathering of parishioners. We welcome every one (fully vaccinated for weekend) to join our community celebration of Mass. We wish to remind you that the Dispensation toward the Sunday Obligation remains in place whilst we cannot offer the ample opportunity for people to attend in person. So, all Masses regardless of weekday or weekend is relevant. We still have unknown vaccination status Mass on Fridays at 9:15 am.

Sacraments

The pandemic lockdown situation had a massive impact on the sacraments of school children. As a result we are forced to celebrate the remaining sacraments immediately. The celebration of Confirmation is on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th of November. As with the restriction we will only have limited seats.

First Holy Communion will be on 21st and 28th of November. We have a large group of children this year. So there will be two session each Sundays. Please pray for those receiving these sacraments.

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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.

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 **★ Myles Lee Reid** who is being baptised at
St Anne's Parish on Friday 12th November 2021

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 **Giuseppe Mirabito, Sonia Tilli, Andrew Crowley, Alberto Navarro, Eduardo Paylado, Bernard Swanson** & for all who have died recently.
Rest in Peace.



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In truth I tell you, before
this generation has passed
away all these things will
have taken place.
Sky and earth will pass
away, but my words will
not pass away.

MARK 13:30-31

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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).

READINGS FOR THIS 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

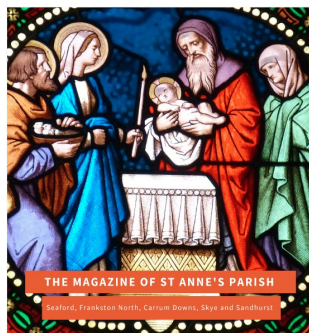
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading: Dan 7: 13:14
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is King; he is
robbed in majesty.
2nd Reading: Apoc1: 5-8
Gospel: Jn 18: 33-37

The Holy Family

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The Holy Family 2021 Magazine New Deadline

As you know, we are starting to reach the time when the parish calendar will be getting much busier. Please be aware that we urgently 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 24th November at the very latest. 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.

Welcome to Auxiliary Bishop Tony Ireland of the Southern Region who celebrates our Confirmation Masses this week.

Bishop Anthony (Tony) Ireland was born in Melbourne. In his 34 years as a priest for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Bishop Tony has served in various academic and leadership roles, but at the heart of his ministry lies his desire to invite people to know and love the person of Jesus Christ. He served in the parishes of Grovedale and Torquay, Mentone, Sandringham, Langwarrin and Frankston. For the last 12 years he has been parish priest of St Gregory the Great in Doncaster.

During his priesthood, he undertook academic studies in Italy, receiving higher degrees in Moral and Spiritual Theology, as well as a doctorate. He has lectured in Moral Theology at Catholic Theological College in East Melbourne and was Head of the Department of Moral and Practical Theology for eight years. He has been a tutor at Corpus Christi Seminary College in Carlton, was appointed its Dean of Studies and was also Rector for a number of years. The academic [part] has been a large part of my life as a priest—the academic formation of future priests, religious, and lay people for leadership within the church,' he reflected. Through it all, it's also been about prayer and life with the people. Most of my ministry has been spent living in parishes, being with people and at the pastoral service of the people. Prayer and life with the people have always been an emphasis of my ministry. 'And for me, the thing that is really important is being with people at the right moment, for the right moment, in the right moment. It could be with someone who is vulnerable on their deathbed, or someone who is joyful about the announcement of an engagement, or the celebration of their marriage. It's about being with the people in those moments.'

Recognising that the Church faces many challenges, and inspired by his own personal relationship with Jesus Christ, Bishop Tony said he intends to be a bearer of hope 'in this moment'. 'We're in the wilderness and we're not alone. God meets us in the wilderness. The wilderness is a place of promise and that gives us hope.'

He hopes to help the Church be a 'vehicle' for introducing and reintroducing the person of Jesus Christ to others. 'The Church is the vehicle for the proclamation of the kingdom of God and the person of Jesus Christ, and for introducing people to the love, mercy and healing of Jesus Christ. Bishop Tony hopes to be a living witness to the words he has chosen for his episcopal motto "Confirm, Strengthen, Support" (1 Peter 5:10)

Though most of the parishioners may not see him for these Masses, we hope to welcome him to celebrate a weekend Mass soon. Please welcome Bishop Tony in our midst.

Now our State has re-opened - **BINGO** is back! St Anne's bingo sessions for Vaccinated Patrons are held every Tuesday night, eyes down at 7.00 pm (Doors open at 5pm and the finish time is approx. 9.45 pm) at the Carrum Gardens Bingo Centre, 554-556 Frankston Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs. For information regarding cost, prizes and special nights please visit www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au or telephone the Centre on 9775-0065. Our Parish receives all the proceeds. Support our parish!

Piety Stall -News from St Anne's Kiosk

Kiosk News
"Columban Calendars available. By purchasing a calendar you are supporting the Columban priests with their missions throughout the Pacific and Asia. The calendars have beautiful pictures for each month; details of the saints for the day and space for your daily memos. We have a number of new booklets of prayers; rosaries and crucifixes. Mementos for First Communion and Confirmation also Saint Christopher key rings." Patricia Morecroft 8759 3887

MASS TIMINGS FROM 12th - 21st NOVEMBER

Tuesday NO evening Mass because of Confirmation

Wednesday 9:30am Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6pm Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass (Status unknown)

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.

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Building committee

As you know our church needs much awaited maintenance, especially the roof. I am inviting some active parishioners preferably who are in this field 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.

Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021

Archbishop's pastoral letter is available at the narthex of the church. It is really concerning. Archbishop also gives us some possible ways to stand up for religious freedom.

Shaping our Post-Pandemic World – An Enquiry for Secondary Students

This Enquiry, published in June 2021, consisted of "Five sessions to explore: How the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected me, my country and our world; why it should concern me; and what I might be able to do about its consequences". The Enquiry was published by the Australian Young Christian Students and endorsed by the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Please visit our website to read the report.

Stay Safe,

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

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.