

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

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Carrum Downs
Seaford



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT —YEAR C

Advent wreath blessing

The Advent Wreath will be one of the principal symbols in the church and in our Liturgy over the next four weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas. Today, we will bless the wreath and light the first candle. Before we do so, let us pause for a moment and pray together with a longing and waiting and hoping for in the coming of the Lord.....

God of grace and promise,

At the beginning of this Advent season,

We gather as a community to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

We ask you now to bless our Advent wreath

And all who gather round it.

May it remind us of the first coming of Jesus,

In the Incarnation, Of his continued coming into our hearts

And into our world today

And of his future coming in glory.

Wreath is blessed with holy water.

Celebrant: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning and no end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God's never ending love for us.

All: Come Lord Jesus

Celebrant: As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus.

All: Come Lord Jesus

Celebrant: May he find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.

All: Come Lord Jesus

The first candle is lit.

Prayer Let us pray.....

God of integrity,

Our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We make this prayer in his name and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

REGULAR REFLECTIONS OF THE GOSPEL FOR THIS WEEK IS ON THE WEBSITE



Congratulations for all the First Holy Communicants from St Joachim's School who receive their Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 28th November 2021 at 12:30pm & 2:30pm.

Please keep all the students in your prayers.

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

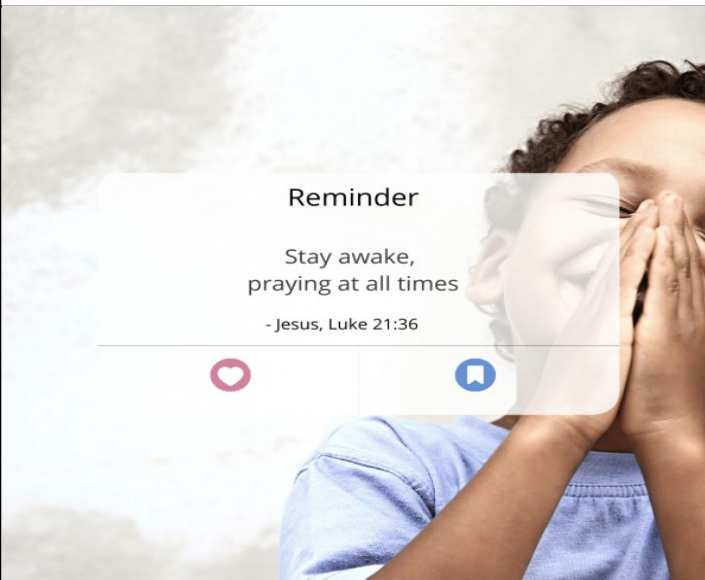
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All donations will be used towards local families in need.



Advent 2021 with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy : You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey. Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/> Email: info@brucedownes.org

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister, Mathew McCue.** We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **John Dowie, Olga, Daisy, Ashley, Mary Vanderlaan Gerard, Simon, Jason, Hermon, Neville Van Twest, Merle Armstrong, Bev Hicks, Doris Hicks, Liam Hicks, John Gent, Maureen, Constancio Uy, Diana Tabone,** & for all who have died recently especially **Joyce Clarkson, Sr Yolanda, Jeannette Vyverberg, Louis Pierre Maxime Schellebeck, Diane Clark.** Rest in Peace.



Reminder

Stay awake,
praying at all times

- Jesus, Luke 21:36

***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).

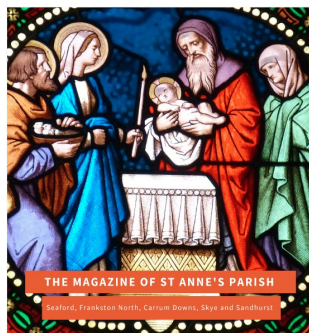
READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C

First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16
 Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
 2nd Reading: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2
 Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C **Second Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9
 Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
 2nd Reading: Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11
 Gospel: Lk 3: 1-6



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 at the earliest. 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, Advent Season

Advent Season is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for our faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is.

The Advent season invites us to step away from what can be a frenzied time of parties and shopping to consider how we commemorate the birth of Jesus, one of the holiest times in Christian faith. It is also a time to reflect on the triumphant return of Jesus at the second coming. Let us prepare and wait for the Lord.

Sacraments

The last session of the First Holy communion will be this weekend. First Reconciliation for St. Anne's children will be on 30th November and 9th of December for Joachim school. Please pray for those receiving sacraments.

Unknown vaccination Status Mass

For those unknown vaccination status we continue to offer Mass on Friday at 9:15 am.

QR code check in

In the Service Victoria app, you can now add your family member's vaccination status. Please update your app and follow on screen prompts.

Father's Day appeal

As the restrictions imposed by the Government due to COVID-19, Sunday Masses were not able to be celebrated on the first Sunday of September. As we are aware, traditionally the "Father's Day" collection would have been taken up on that Sunday to support the retired Priests of the Archdiocese.

We will take a special collection on this weekend to support this appeal.

Vinnies Christmas appeal

The parish is joining Vinnies Christmas appeal this year. Vinnies are requesting us to purchase toys this year. Baskets are provided at the entrance of the church to place it.

Ordination to Priesthood

On Saturday 4 December 2021, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will ordain five new priests for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The ordinations were originally scheduled for September, but due to the extended period of lockdown they were forced to hold off a while longer. Now that life in Melbourne is returning in strides to a "new normal", it's time to meet the five ordinands: Deacons Alexander Chow, Hoang Dinh, Jaycee Napoles, Joseph Nguyen and Samuel Pearson. Please pray for them.



PARISH UPDATE & MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6pm Mass

Wednesday 9:30am Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6pm Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass (Status unknown)

Divine Mercy devotion at 5:00pm followed by Rosary

Reconciliation 5:30pm

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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 Victoria App. If you are unable to use the QR Code, please ask the greeting volunteer for help. Please always carry a mask with you at all times.

GREETERS URGENTLY NEEDED

With the recent easing of restrictions, the role of greeters (now known as COVID Check-in Marshals) has changed.

Nearly all capacity limits have now been removed and Mass bookings using Eventbrite are no longer required. However, the new rules now mean that greeters are very busy at certain times. As we approach Christmas, the need for more greeters is now greater than ever. Going by the experience of the recent five weekend Masses, I really think that we will ideally need 2 to 3 greeters at all busy Masses. If you can help, please email Frank at fbartosy@gmail.com or see him when you walk into the church on the weekend. Training provided.

Piety Stall -News from St Anne's Kiosk

Some Christmas Cards are on sale – more are on their way. Small items suitable for gifts at reasonable prices – St Christopher Key rings and for car sun visors; Rosary beads; Candles; Medals; Small crucifixes; Glass bottles for Holy Water; Daily missals; Bibles; books suitable for children of various ages. Piety stall is open after Masses. Patricia Morecroft 8759 3887



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.