

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 13th February 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article “you” whereas Matthew uses “they” or “those.” There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as “happy,” “fortunate,” or “favoured.”

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

For the next two weekend Fr. Kevin Burke will celebrate Mass with us. Please welcome him.



Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish on this Sunday 13th February 2022

☆ **Oswald Josef Sexton**
☆ **Judd Thomas Lonie**

Baptism Preparation

evening dates 1st Thursday of the Month

- March 3rd at 7 pm
- April 7th at 7 pm
- May 5th at 7 pm
- June 2nd at 7 pm
- July 7th at 7 pm

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
Seaford 304**

Account name: St Anne's

All donations will be used towards local families in need.



Piety Stall -News from St Anne's Kiosk

We have received some booklets for children to learn about Lent – a Colouring in Book; a Way of the Cross for Children; Stations of the Cross for Children.

RCIA Leader: We urgently need a volunteer to guide RCIA session with priest to welcome adults into Catholicism. We are commencing RCIA sessions. Those who have expressed interest have been notified. If any adult wants to receive the sacraments please let us know as early as possible.

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Mathew McCue, Hortance Bouchereau,**. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Lionel Heaton & for all who have died recently especially Cyril Villemin, Aaron D'Souza.**
Rest in Peace.



How blessed are you
who are poor:
*the kingdom of
God is yours.*

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Jesus, Luke 6:20

***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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 17: 5-8
Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel: Lk:6: 17, 20-26

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15: 45 - 49
Gospel: Lk 6: 27-38



The Holy Family 2021 Magazine

It has been decided that the publication of the parish magazine will be delayed until sufficient articles are received. Remember that this is your magazine, and your contributions are essential to viability of the magazine concept.

If you have submitted an article, be assured that your efforts are greatly appreciated. Please contact the editor at fbartosy@gmail.com if you have written an unfinished draft and need help to complete it. Phone messages for Frank can be left by calling 0490 358 121.

Dear Parishioners,

Parish council

You are invited to join parish council to lead the parish in the areas of faith and action. I am envisioning this group to be consulting, decision making and carrying it out. I am looking at five or six parishioners from various age groups consisting of young, middle aged and retiree and all prominent cultures to be represented. Parishioners who are practicing Catholic, who has an understanding of what is happening in parish and diocesan level, who has good listening ear, willing to work collaboratively are a few of qualities of a councillor. First couple of meetings are to be scheduled monthly on a weekday evening for not more than one hour. Please check our website for detailed view of parish council might look like for us. We are spending this week also in prayer and discernment. Towards the end of the month, you can nominate yourself or nominate another person with their consent. After forming a parish council, we will start forming finance committee.

Our building committee is meeting for the first time on 15th Feb. at 7:30 pm. Keep us in your prayers.

Sacraments

We are commencing sacraments preparation. Year 3 is the year for the sacrament of First Reconciliation. All those eligible families please fill the enrolment form. By now both our school families have been informed. Please inform if you know any families of non-Catholic school students. Enrolment is essential, we have couple of copies available at the foyer of the church. The requirement for sacraments is outlined in our website. Failure to complete those requirements means your child is not ready to receive the sacrament this year.

Sacrament Enrolment for the state school students are now open. Please complete the enrolment form that is place in the foyer of the church and hand it over to the priest or drop it off at the parish office.

Collection for Tongan community

Thank you for your generous contributions for Tongan community. We have raised \$ 483.85 last weekend. If you still would like to donate, please go online <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. Your donation can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Please donate generously at the collection or via envelopes provided at church.

Return of last year blessed palms: Please place the palms in the basket that is placed in the foyer of the church in preparation for Ash Wednesday 2nd March.

Volunteers needed for various ministries.

We urgently need -**Sacramental coordinator** to liaise with school and help ease the work of parish secretary. Find more in our website for role description. If interested call parish.

Job Vacancy: Our factory is located at Carrum Downs. We are looking for a Yard hand/Labourer. Must have a forklift license. If interested, please call Arnold - 0431815310.

Check our website for more information under latest news.

Bingo: Tuesday Bingo is on hold for some time.

Father's Day Appeal Collection was \$729.00 thank you all for your support and generosity.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

USUAL MASS TIMINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6pm Mass

Wednesday 9:30am Mass Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6pm Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass

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, If you are unable to use the QR Code, please ask the greeting volunteer for help. **It is mandatory to wear the mask inside the Church.** For more information please refer to the relevant government rules.

ALTAR SERVERS REQUIRED

Additional altar servers are now required! If you or anyone you know might be interested in assisting the priest at Mass, we would really like to hear from you. Please email Shane Reeve at sreeve1275@gmail.com or ring the parish office if you would like to leave a message. Training provided.

GREETERS NEEDED

As you may know, greeters (now known as COVID Check-in Marshals) continue to be needed. We are currently looking for more people to assist the parish with this important task at weekend 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.



Congratulation to the couple who celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary
May the Lord shower his blessings on you and may your marriage be blessed with love, joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.

**Noel and Anna Cuerto
Caxten and Sonia Padua**



*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.*



HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,
You have given us the model of
life
in the holy family of Nazareth.
Help us make our family
another Nazareth
Where love, peace and joy reign.
Teach us to see Jesus
in the members of our families,
especially in their distress
disguise.
May we love one another
as God loves each of us,
more and more each day,
and forgive each other's faults
as you forgive our sins.
Help us take whatever you give
and give whatever you take
with a big smile
Amen.*