

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 20th February 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the [Beatitudes](#). Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behaviour of his followers with the behaviour of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behaviour desired with the behaviour of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

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Call 1300 734 880 for more info

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.
Volunteer's required Please contact Peter on 0432 120 704***



Piety Stall -News from St Anne's Kiosk

New stock received – items for Mementos for Baptism; Guardian Angel Plaque; Standing Plaque Baptism gift; Babies first Rosary.

Rosaries – white/pearl/wooden or Mother of Pearl; Stand Crucifix 16cm high; Standing message cross.

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 **Frederick Lethorn, George Phillips, Raymond Hoareau, Jayantha Fernando, Giuseppe De Cath, Emmanuel Jayakumar Jayaratham, Rolando Dela Cerna, & for all who have died recently especially Cyril Villemin, AaronD'Souza, Mohan Jathana . Rest in Peace.**



***We are very grateful to all the Parishioners
for their continued support and
Thanksgiving donations.***



*Love your enemies, do
good to those who hate
you, bless those who curse
you, pray for those who
treat you badly.*

Jesus, Luke 6:27-28

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

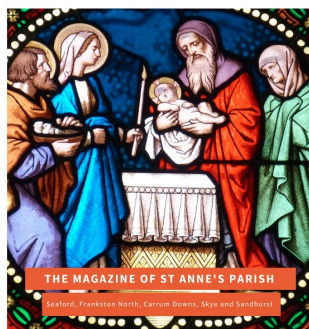
Welcome to St Anne's Parish ,where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact me. Thanks, Sumitha (Safeguarding Officer).

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15: 54– 58
Gospel: Lk 6:39 - 45



The Holy Family Magazine

It has been decided that the publication of the parish magazine will be delayed until sufficient articles are received. If you wish to submit an article, please contact the editor at fbartosy@gmail.com or you can leave a message on 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. 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.

Building committee meeting

Our building committee is meeting for the first time on 15th February. Kevin Burke, Jeff Harvey and Peter Vyverberg are our committee members. There were a lot of things discussed including the current condition of the church and the future of the parish when 'Mission' is established and how best we can maintain the church. We have decided to reach out to archdiocesan Property and Infrastructure team to guide us.

Sacraments

We are commencing sacraments preparation. Grade 3 is the year of 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.

Our program details.

On February 26/27 weekend will be the Mass to receive the enrolment forms. **Parents with children for Reconciliation needs to be present for this Mass. On March 8th, will be the Sacramental information evening for parents and child and is held at Joachim School at 7pm.** Families of non-Catholic school must attend this session. At the end of this session workbooks will be distributed. (Parents who are unable attend this session must organise someone responsible to attend. This can't be already doing the program.) Parents needs to help your child complete the workbook.

Failure to complete those requirements means your child is not ready to receive the sacrament this year.

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 or to leave a message. Training provided.

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.

RCIA

We are commencing RCIA sessions from this week. If any adults wanted to receive sacraments let us know as early as possible.

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.

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.

Check our website for more information under latest news.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

MASS TIMINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6pm Mass

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

Thursday 6pm Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass

Saturday 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.

AV system volunteers needed

Can you spare a bit of time to operate our AV (audio video) system during Mass? You must be computer literate, as you will also be required to create PowerPoint presentations. Some training provided. Please contact the parish office or Frank at fbartosy@gmail.com

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.

Transport required

A parishioner would like to have a lift to Saturday 6pm Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

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.



*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.*