Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th July 2022

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



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FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting <u>Deuteronomy 6:5</u>, on loving God with all your heart, and <u>Leviticus 19:18</u>, on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travellers. The traveller in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem.

The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable. Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate all the children receiving their **First Holy Communion** this weekend 9th July 2022

1. Will Filippini

3. Alexander Bilotto

2. William Stancic

4. Hudson Gilmour

5. Toby Wright



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

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to:

St. Anne's Church

BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.

Please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your name, for our parish priest/and retired priests in the Archdiocese. Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through CDF Pay: https://bit.lv/CDFpaySeaford



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & follow the prompts.

VINNIES DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul would like to invite parishioner's who could offer 2hr of their time every fortnight to help the needy of our parish

Seaford 304

All donations will be used towards local families in need.



Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially Trish Falk, Jenny Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Hortance Bouchereau, Nadeges, Juana Adones, Anna Martinez, Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, Rose Acedo, Loreto Hermosa. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Henry Surma, Cecil Bailey, Albert Simpson, Feliciana Pilapil and for all those who have died recently especially Raoul Gerard Monty, Roger Bejerana.

Rest in Peace





Piety Stall

Have a look at the Piety Stall before or after Mass this weekend. First Communion mementos including Children's Bibles, Crucifixes, Rosaries, First Missal, gift cards etc. Stock recently received in the Piety Stall are Small (8cm) St Benedict Crucifixes; Prayer card to St Christopher; Wood plaque f Madonna & Child. We have many items suitable for gifts and for you."

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your continuous support and generosity to St Anne's Parish.



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deut 30:10 -14

Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your

need, and you will live.

2nd Reading: Col 1: 15 - 20 Gospel: Lk 10: 25 - 37

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Gen 18: 1-10

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the

presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Col 1: 24 -28 Gospel: Lk 10: 38 - 42

Dear parishioners,

The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council in Sydney, where members from around Australia are gathering with our bishops to pray, discern and vote on a number of topics of significance to the future of the Church in Australia. Let's continue to pray for the proceedings and for all participants, that the Spirit might lead the Church in Australia on the path to God's promised future.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE

We have 112 volunteers including active members of the Vinnies conference and Altar servers. Thank you to all volunteers who had supplied their working with children check (WWCC) to the parish and added St Anne's parish as their work place. 17 volunteers haven't supplied their WWWC check to the office or in the process of application. They are mostly the new volunteers. The office will follow up with those in the coming weeks. Code of conduct declaration form also has to come back signed if volunteers has not done yet. **PARISH CENSUS**

Last year by this time I contacted most of the parishioners. We have found that the family detailed needs to be updated. At the last weekend of the month we will do a census of the parishioners present at the each weekend Mass.

CONFIRMATION

Enrolment form go out on 14/15 July, Enrolment Mass on July30/31. The Preparation (information) evening on 17th Aug (Wednesday) 6:30 pm at church. Workbook returns on 11th October. Retreat day 20th October. Celebration day 23rd October.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Parish is looking to start finance committee. Expecting interest from parishioners who are in the finance field. Main objective is to check the income and expenses and find the ways to raise the funds according to the guidelines of the archdiocese.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are seeing many children attending Masses, we are looking to start children's liturgy at 10 am Mass. If you can help in this ministry call/email office. Looking for children's friendly persons and teachers. Resources are available.

TRADE DIRECTORY

St. Anne's Parish is welcoming business/trade to advertise in our website/ newsletter. This trade directory is indented to help the parishioners to know what services and businesses they can engage in and around the area of Seaford. Any business or trade belongs to a parishioner or a parishioner working there can advertise here. Parish will advertise them through website and newsletter free of charge. If businesses/trade want to make a donation, they can do so to our local Vinnies conference.

What we need:

- Trade/ business card details (which includes business/ trade name, logo, address, contact details)
- Less than 50 words of description of business/trade
- Website link (if available)

Send your details to seaford@cam.org.au, subject: Trade directory.

By using this facility you agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the parish website

Check our website for more information under latest news

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Vinnies "Warm Up Winter" Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

St. Anne's Vinnies need you to help the many local people, families and children to stay warm through this freezing winter. You are invited to donate New, Clean or Laundered, blankets, coats, jackets, jumpers, hats and scarves. **Please bring these warm goods to the church or Parish centre during the month of July.** Monetary donations into the Vinnies box in the church foyer to purchase these items will also be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless.

On 18 July 2022 (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host the Rev Dr Paul Turner (Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph) who will give an <u>online</u> public lecture (via Zoom) entitled ""Celebrating Catholic funerals in the face of secularism, COVID and other challenges". Over the past several decades, the Catholic Church's Order of Christian Funerals has not changed, but the culture surrounding funerals has. People are thinking differently about cremation, the timing of the funeral, the nature of the service, the location of the funeral, and the final disposition of remains. This presentation will review key points from the funeral tradition and engage ways to make it more meaningful. To register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfL.

E: Centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au

W: www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass (NO MASS)

Wednesday 9:30am Mass St Anne's Church

Thursday 6:00pm 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 Mass Sunday 10:00am Mass

"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).

Safeguarding Committee members are working hard to collect the details of volunteers in order to comply with the requirements of the Professional Standard Unit. Letters will be sent to volunteers if any Working with Children Check details are in need of being updated.

All Volunteer will be issued St Anne's Parish Entity Statement of Commitment, the Policy, the code of conduct and a Code of Conduct declaration form which needs to be signed and returned back to the parish office this will be valid for 3 years. For more information please contact stannespsu@gmail.com

Please note that Safeguarding Committee members may see volunteers whenever they are at church to clarify their Code of Conduct Declaration status. Please cooperate as they strive to complete this important task.



Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish on Sunday 10th July 2022

- **☆Ruby Claire Chan**
- **☆Lincoln George Chan**



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 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.