Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24th July 2022

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



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u>

We congratulate all the children receiving their **First Holy Communion** this weekend 23rd & 24th July 2022

1. Ethan Conroy 8. Chloe Williams

2. Grazínía Martín 9. Eva Bernando

3. Vander Holzer 10. Bailee Louis

4. Callan Morgan 11. Drew Callaghan

5. Noah Gamble 12. Kayley McRae

6. Benjamin Weeks

7. Leílaní Maní



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 Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, Rose Acedo, Loreto Hermosa, Natalie Fowler. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Paul Fernandes, Barry O'Toole, Beatrice Lethorn and for all those who have died recently especially Anthony William D'Souza, Fr Francis Arnold, William John Alexander Klaus.



Rest in Peace

ST Anne's CATHOLIC CHURCH 84, Austin Road, Seaford OUR LADY OF LANKA Play (of us.......) 5.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Rosary FOR SRI LANKA Jesus in the Holy Eucharist We are SORRY, for all the sins Committed against YOU of On earth. SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2022 6.00pm Holy Mass

PARISH FEAST DAY

We will be celebrating our parish feast day on the weekend 30/31st July. There will be a cuppa after each Mass. Please help make this



a memorable occasion by bringing a plate.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection in the foyer of the church. Parishioners who have not received their envelopes please contact the Parish office.

Thank you all for your continuous support and generosity to St Anne's Parish.



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Gen 18: 20-32

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called

for help, You answered

me.

2nd Reading: Col 2: 12-14 Gospel: Lk 11: 1-13

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord,

refuge.

You have been our

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Lk 12: 13 - 21

Dear parishioners,

We are excited to welcome Fr. Andrew Kwiatkowski among us. He was ordained priest last Friday at the Cathedral, Melbourne.

MASS FOR SRI LANKA

We have been saddened of the things happening in Sri Lanka. We hold our Sri Lankan community in our prayer. We are organising a Mass to pray for Sri Lanka. Please see the flyer.

PARISH CENSUS

Last year by this time I contacted most of the parishioners via telephone and email. Some have moved elsewhere or could not be reached. Its time now to update family details. At the first weekend of next 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 10th Aug (Wednesday) 6:30 pm at church. Workbook returns on 11th October. Retreat day 20th October. Celebration day 23rd October. Enrolment Forms are available in the foyer of the Church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Parish is looking to start a 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.

UPDATE ON THE RENOVATION

There are two phases of the minor renovation. Phase one: Removal of possums. Phase two: cleaning of the inner layer.

GM pest controls has carried out the works of removing the possums and made the church possum free. The company will remove possums free of charge in case they return. The second phase was to clean the inner layer. We could not find a cleaning chemical unless we take down the inner and clean, which is a hard task. So we have agreed to test air quality to check the presence of mould and to paint the inner layer and the sanctuary wall.

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

WANT TO LEARN MUSIC?

We offer private music lessons and live-online lessons. All students are given the opportunity to perform on stage or sit for music exams from London. You can choose to learn the piano / keyboard / guitar/ violin/ ukulele/ drums / singing. For more information contact - Funtastic Music Studio

Web: www.funtasticmusicstudio.com.au

Mob: 0452218863 Irene Levangi

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WINTER SHELTER

Peninsula City Church has been hosting the Frankston Winter Shelter program on its own for about 6 weeks now. Due to Council building issues with the Holy Family Hall, St Anne's has been unable to provide a venue and the other potential venue (Gateway Church in Heversham Drive) has also hit a hurdle with a Council planning permit. Guest numbers are small but increasing, and the service is already well regarded on the streets. The stories of those sleeping rough on these winter nights are literally chilling. Covid has played havoc with rosters unfortunately so new volunteers are sought, especially for shifts on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Might suit retirees, or students working on assignments. For further information, contact David Moloney 0417 704 427.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:00pm 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

Our Child Safeguarding Committee is seeking new members. Please contact Frank at the Welcome and Info Desk in the church foyer.

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.**



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.