

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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.ly/CDFpaySeaford>

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

BSB: 063-000 Acc no: 1031-7778 Account name: St Anne's 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, Nadege, Juana Adones, Anna Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, Loreto Hermosa, Natalie Fowler.** We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Luisa Ollada, Lorenzo Ollada** and for all those who have died recently especially **Rosalia Acedo, Ann Keen, Bernadette Lunt.**



Rest in Peace



PIETY STALL

Staff for Piety Stall – thank you to the one person who came forward to help with the Piety Stall at the 6.00 pm Mass on a Saturday evening once or more often each month. We need to have more people on the roster both at Saturday evening Mass and the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday.

We have new stock of Rosary Beads, Brown and Green Scapulars, gifts for children's Baptism, St Christopher Key rings and more items. Please contact Patricia on 8759 3887 if you are able to help.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CARE

A Catholic Care Collection will be taken up this weekend. Donations have a direct impact on the lives of disadvantaged individuals and families throughout Victoria. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for supporting those in need.

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid.
2nd Reading: Heb12: 1-4
Gospel: Lk 12: 49:53

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 66: 18-21
Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.
2nd Reading: Heb: 12: 5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Lk 13: 22 - 30

Dear parishioners,

CONFIRMATION

30 families have joined for the preparation evening. Families will now work with their children to complete the workbook. Retreat day 20th October. Celebration day 23rd October.

COMMISSIONING MASS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

At this weekend there will be a commissioning Mass for all volunteers helping at Mass. Both new and existing members (Sacristans, Readers, Special ministers, Altar servers, Power point presenters, Music ministry, Decoration, Communion to nursing homes, Greeters, Linen washing) will be commissioned for the remaining months of the year.

PARISH CENSUS

Thank you to the families that completed the parish census. Parish census will continue for some time for those who haven't filled the form.

RCIA

The process to become a Catholic is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In our archdiocese it's runs for 10 months, one or two meetings per months. We are now inviting anyone who is interested know more about Catholic faith. Please contact the office.

FUNERAL MINISTERS NEEDED

We are going to start a new ministry to help the funerals. We are seeing an increased number of funerals recently in our community. Last seven weeks we had one funeral per week. We are inviting volunteers to join the funeral ministry. Main responsibilities are opening and closing the church, sacristan work and a go to person for bereaved family. One to two hours for your time is needed when there is a funeral. Retired and active parishioners are preferred. Training will be provided. Please contact the office.

We thank all those who contributed for the special collection for Sri Lanka. We raised \$ 850.00

Check our website for more information under latest news

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details.** We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **19 -21 August 2022** in the comfort of your own home or a non-residential parish-based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie.

(Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS STARTING MONDAY 15 AUGUST

Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him.

This FREE Daily Devotional series Knowing Jesus, is presented by Bruce Downes who is also known as The Catholic Guy. People have registered to receive our prayerful, inspirational resources in every state of the USA and in over 180 countries around the world by both Church attenders and those who are searching.

What people have said about the Daily Devotional Videos:

At the age of sixty odd, I WISH there was someone who had explained all of this to us the way you are Bruce.

Perhaps as younger people we would have had a much deeper walk with God and not just going through the motions year after year. Thank you for following what God has sent you to do. God bless you all. - Lynne

I thank the Lord for you! You kept me from suicide and put my feet back on the narrow path. Every day, you give us a small do-able bite, or invitation to grow. These bites turn out to be foundational and so strengthening! Keep up the good work. Keep praying for America! - Vicki

Receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore and understand who Jesus really is!

Sign up today: BruceDownes.org/KnowingJesus/ or go to our website BruceDownes.org

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

Monday	9:15am Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	6:00pm Mass
Wednesday	9:30am Mass St Anne's Church
Thursday	6:00pm Mass
Friday	9:30pm 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 3years. 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.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious, who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.



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.*