Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21st August 2022

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



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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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

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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, Loreto Hermosa, Natalie Fowler. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Maria Diana B.Tabone, Vivian Lazarus, Emanuel Jaya Ratnam, Pansy Bartholomeusz, Xavier Clemann and for all those who have died recently especially Ann Keen, Bernadette Lunt, Roma Cresp, Joppa.



Monday 22nd August is The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THIS 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

National Intercessions for Australia Rosary to the Shores :

SATURDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER Feast of St Gregory the Great

PRAYER GATHERING STARTS AT 2PM FOR MELBOURNE LOCATIONS:

Port Melbourne Beach

Station Pier in Port Melbourne [Mel 57 A4] Port Melbourne Yacht Club [Mel 57 B4]

Edithvale Beach

Sinclair Ave, Edithvale [Mel 92 K9] near Edithvale Train Station

GATHER FOR PRAYERS (ESPECIALLY THE ROSARY & THE CHAPLET TO THE DIVINE MERCY) ALONG THE COASTLINE PORTS AND BEACHES CARRYING PICTURES OF THE DIVINE MERCY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, AND ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: God, in Your goodness,

You have made a home

for the poor.

2nd Reading: Heb: 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Lk 14: 1, 7-14

Dear parishioners,

Two of our long-term parishioners passed away last week. Joppa who died in Mi Care nursing home was regular to our church though she suffered from dementia. Roma Cresp died at home. She is known to most parishioners. Let us hold them and their families in our prayer.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE

Those who had not returned the filled forms of Parish Code of Conduct declaration from yet please do so soon. We thank Christina O'Toole and Mariamma Joseph for joining funeral ministers for our church. Our focus next turns to expand sacramental preparations team. We have Maureen Lim, Annabelle Brown and Frank Bartosy as current members. We are in need of four more members to this ministry in view of parish based sacramental program.

Check our website for more information under latest news Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

The Call of Guadalupe Musical Production

24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall Enter via Long beach RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea

Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Christian Musical. It includes the participation of many talented children and artists.

SHOW TIMES:.

24th November at 7pm: PREVIEW show \$15 flat rate/person 25th - 26th November at 7pm & Sunday 27th November at 1pm.

Adults \$20

Children under 18 & concession: \$15

Groups of 10: \$170

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL: book before 26 October and receive a complimentary (non alcoholic) drink & snack.

Booking link: https://www.trybooking.com/camrl

For more info: cogtheatre.org or email chelsea@cam.org.au

St. Arme's Parish, 84 Austin Rocal, Seaford. Novena to Our Lady from 30th August—7th September at 7pm. 4th September Sunday at 11am. Feast Mass on 8th September at 7pm. All are welcome. Feast of Our Lady of Velankanni, India

PIETY STALL

We have received a couple of Pyx for those who need to take Communion to the sick or members unable to attend Mass. Also we can order candles and stoles which can be personalised for Baptism or Communion, samples of which are available at the Piety Stall.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

Assertiveness - Trusting Your Own Inner Voice (via Zoom), Tuesday evening 30 Aug 2022, 7pm-9.30pm (AEST). This reflection event will explore assertiveness - what it is and what it is not; why being assertive is adult behaviour that builds up everyone's strength and capacity to love; finding within ourselves that voice of God that echoes who I am as good in the eyes of God; what is it that distorts this perspection and how that influences my judge-



ment and behaviour; being assertive with God; being with an assertive God. Led by Chris Chaplin msc (MSCX, Dip Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy, BTheol, Cert Spir Dir (Siloam)). Cost \$35. Book and pay by 26/8/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern VIC, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday 9:30am Mass St Anne's Church

Thursday 6:00pm Mass Friday 9:30pm Mass

Saturday 5:30pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet

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.

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 havor 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.



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.