

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 4th September 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to “hating” father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

Wishing all the fathers in our Parish a very Happy Father's Day for this Sunday.

Most Glorious Heavenly Father

We thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom You have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families and guidance for their children. We thank You also for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood's so vital to the faith of Your people. We ask Your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted fatherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with Justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they received Your grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord. **AMEN**



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.

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>



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

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, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet.** We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Constancio Uy, Josefina Uy, Maria Diana Tabone** and for all those who have died recently especially **Jopie Terwisscha Van Scheltinga, Chandru Velu, Fr Michael Bogusz.**

Rest in Peace



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.

AFL TEAM COLOURS WEEKEND

All children and those who are young at heart are encouraged to dress up in their favourite AFL team colours. You might want to wear a footy jumper, scarf, socks, cap or beanie! Show us who you support on the weekend of 10th and 11th September at all Masses. Please bring a plate to share. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate available after Mass.

PARISH CENSUS : Parish census will continue for some time for those who haven't filled the form.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 9: 13 - 18
Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.
2nd Reading: Phil 9 -10,12 -17
Gospel: Lk 14: 25 - 33

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 32: 7-11,13-14
Responsorial Psalm: I will rise and go to my
Father.
2nd Reading: 1 Tim 1:12-17
Gospel: Lk 15: 1-32

Dear parishioners,

This weekend we are celebrating Father's Day. At all our Masses we will acknowledge, celebrate, bless, honour and thank all males in our community. We invite all of you to join this special celebration next weekend at our church. There will be special prayers for all males. Please stay back and enjoy cup of coffee after all our Masses. There will be a special collection for retired priests of the archdiocese.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are soon starting children's liturgy at 10 am Mass on Sundays. Families with young children are welcome to join this.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE

Those who had not returned the signed forms of Parish Code of Conduct declaration from yet please do so soon. Our focus next turns to expand sacramental preparations (Religious Education) team. We have five members signed up and are in need of two more members to this ministry in view of parish based sacramental program.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Memorial Mass on All souls day (more information to follow).

Confirmation on October 23 at 2 pm.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

We have social media accounts created last year. We have Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. All under St Anne's Parish name. Please like and follow.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

From this week onwards Wednesday mass will be at 9:15am. Check our website for more information.

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.Anne's Parish

84, Austin Road, Seaford.

Novena to Our Lady of Good Health, Velankanni.

**Tue 30th Aug - 6.30 pm Mass
Followed by Novena**

Wed 31st Aug - 7 pm Novena

**Thu 1st Sep - 6.30 pm Mass
Followed by Novena**

**Friday 2nd Sep - 7pm Mass
Followed by Novena**

Sat 3rd Sep - 9 am Novena

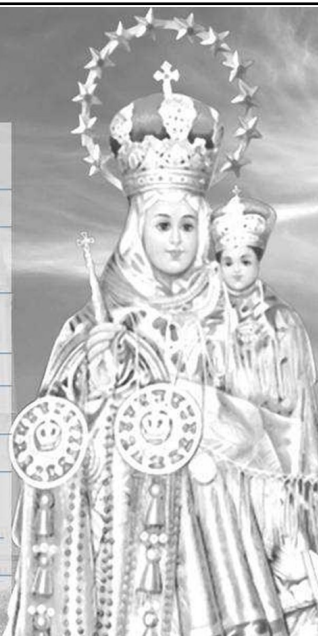
Sun 4th Sep - 11 am Novena

Mon 5th Sep - 7 pm Novena

**Tue 6th Sep - 6.30 pm mass
followed by Novena**

Wed 7th Sep - 7pm Novena

**Thu 8th Sep - 7pm Feast Mass
Bring a plate to Share**



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).

END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

End of year thanksgiving financial statement for the year 2021-2022 has been sent by mail to the parishioners this weekend.

Interludes of Your Making - Spiritual Journaling' (via Zoom), Saturday 10 September 2022, 10am-3pm (AEST). You are invited to step aside for a personal interlude - a day to be supported as you quietly listen to your heart and allow the Spirit within to lead you gently forward. Through intervals of creative expression and private reflection, individuals can foster new ways of attuning, sensing and articulating inner experiences. Playful use of mixed media expands the contemplative attentiveness. This is a private, companioned journey with no necessity to share. You can enter into your process at your own pace. No art experience is necessary. The outcome will be fresh awareness of your inner self. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | 7:00pm Novena |
| Tuesday | 6:30pm Mass, Novena 7pm |
| Wednesday | 9:15am Mass, Novena 7pm |
| Thursday | 7:00pm Feast Mass (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) |
| Friday | 9:15am Mass |
| Saturday | 5:30pm Reconciliation, Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet |
| 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 has been 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.

WINTER SHELTER - Next week is the final week of overnight accommodation provided for homeless people by the Frankston Winter Shelter program, which in this pilot year has operated Monday to Thursday nights at Peninsula City Church. Volunteers are needed for the 8-10 pm, and the night shifts on Tuesday 30th. The service is deeply appreciated by those who use it and known to be well regarded by people on the streets. Next year St Anne's hopes to be able to host additional nights at Holy Family Hall, but that depends on whether we can get a leader with time to co-ordinate volunteers etc. If you might be interested, and would like to find out more, please contact David Moloney on 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
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.*