

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 11th September 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbours. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the centre of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

UPDATE ON THE RENOVATION

Dear parishioners,

Phase one being the eviction of possums has been achieved. The air quality of the church has been tested by an independent laboratory and found that no exposure risk was identified.

Phase two involves the works that need to be done in relation to the inner liner and cleaning and painting of the sanctuary wall. Discussions are taking place with various companies with a view to gaining the necessary information to best proceed with these tasks. The painting company has painted a small portion of the inner liner (above the confessional) to see how it would look like if we proceed with painting.

So please let us know what you think. You can speak to Building committee members; Jeff Harvey 0412 550 740, Peter Vyverberg 0432 120 704, Kevin Burke kjburke@bigpond.com and Julie Swanson or call/email the parish. Please let us by Wednesday 21st September. We have to finalise things as soon as possible.

Next phase of the work involves removing and re-installing of the pews and the hiring and erection of mobile scaffolding. Painting inner liner and sanctuary wall, safety fence around the pool. It is anticipated that the total cost will be in the region of \$100,000.

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.

Child Safeguarding Sunday 11th September

The Parish of St Anne's and the Archdioceses of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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 **Beaumont Farey, Dalmacio & Haide Castanares** and for all those who have died recently especially **Chandru Velu, Fr Michael Bogusz, Una Dennis, Queen Elizabeth II.**
Rest in Peace



I tell you .
there is rejoicing
among the
angels of God

over **one**
repentant
sinner.

Jesus, Luke 15:32



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PIETY STALL

We have more supplies of St Christopher keyrings, Standing and Hanging crucifixes. A rosary making kit and brown scapulars.

For those who want to start on Christmas we have supplies of packets of 8 Christmas cards also Columban Calendars have arrived. Get in early.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

READING & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

6:00pm Mass

Readers: M. Lim\ R. Doherty

Eucharistic Minister: A. Middleton

8:30am Mass

Readers: C. Toole\ P. Vyverbery

Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk

10:00am Mass

Readers: R. Hepworth\ Z. Andrew

Eucharistic Minister: Jerome Hinog

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts the poor.

2nd Reading: 1 Tim 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16: 1-13

Dear parishioners,

It is with heavy heart we have heard the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. May she rest in peace. Please find a statement from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in our website.

PARISH CENSUS :

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

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 next year.

ADVANCE NOTICE

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

Confirmation on October 23 at 2 pm.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

We invite children who wish to be Altar servers for Mass. Altar serving has a long history in the celebration of Mass. There will be a training for all existing and new altar servers on 2nd of October at 11.15 am.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We are looking for Choir members for Christmas Masses. Let us know if you can help. Mass times to be decided.

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 last week. If you have not received your statement Please call the Parish Office Or

email: seaford@cam.org.au

Check our website for more information.

Fr Martin Jeramias



'Understanding Your Personality: Gifts Differing', Saturday 1 October 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Our popular Myers Briggs reflection day, led by Peter Malone msc (BA (Hons), STL, DTheol (Honoris Causa)). Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Held at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.



This week is R U OK week. It is a reminder for all of us about the importance of a conversation, beginning with a simple 'are you okay?'.

If you've noticed someone's distracted or got a lot on their plate, take the time to ask 'R U OK?'

By starting a conversation, you could help a work-mate or someone within your Parish Community open up about what they're going through.

Don't try and 'fix' their problem but instead help them think of steps they could take to better manage the situation. Try asking:

- 'What have you done in the past that's been helpful?'
- 'How would you like me to support you?'
- 'What's something you can do for yourself right now? Something that's enjoyable or relaxing?'

If you require more Information

Please visit ruok.org.au

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/camlr>

For more info: cogtheatre.org or

email chelsea@cam.org.au

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

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| Tuesday & Thursday | 6:00pm Mass |
| Wednesday | 9:00am Mass |
| 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 |



We thank all those who have joined the feast of Our Lady of Good Health Velakanni. We pray blessing on all the organisers and all those who helped for this devotion to our Lady.



Catholic Theological College
Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation

Online Information Session
Monday 12 September at 7pm
For more information contact
jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au
Register via our website:
ctc.edu.au/open-days

Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish on this Sunday 11th September 2022
☆ Joshua Andy & Archie Paul Smith
☆ Jordan Robert Scott & Lilley Leona Susan Nailon



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.*