

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 27th November 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

Advent wreath blessing

The Advent Wreath will be one of the principal symbols in the church and in our Liturgy over the next four weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas. Today, we will bless the wreath and light the first candle. Before we do so, let us pause for a moment and pray together with a longing and waiting and hoping for in the coming of the Lord.....

God of grace and promise,

At the beginning of this Advent season,

We gather as a community to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

We ask you now to bless our Advent wreath

And all who gather round it.

May it remind us of the first coming of Jesus,

In the Incarnation, Of his continued coming into our hearts

And into our world today

And of his future coming in glory.

Wreath is blessed with holy water.

Celebrant: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning and no end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God's never ending love for us.

All: Come Lord Jesus

Celebrant: As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus.

All: Come Lord Jesus

Celebrant: May he find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.

All: Come Lord Jesus

The first candle is lit.

Prayer Let us pray.....

God of integrity,

Our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We make this prayer in his name and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY for anointing or other sacraments, please contact one of our neighbouring parishes. If your loved one is in one of our major hospitals and needs a priest, please ask the hospital staff to contact their priest chaplain. During weekends speak to greeters or sacristans if you have any questions.

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.

Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 23/10/2022 \$ 3075.00

"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 the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

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, Bernadette O'Shea, Tony & Gerda Small.** We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Constancio Uy, Diana Tabone, Ramon Carcedo** and for all those who have died recently especially **Banilo Mata.**

Rest in Peace



stay awake
because you don't know
when your master
is coming

—*—
Jesus, Matt 24:42



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 3rd/4th December

READING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & ALTAR SERVERS

6:00pm Mass

Readers: A. Brown / I. Abraham

Eucharistic Minister: A. Middleton

Altar Servers: Luke / Anne

8:30am Mass

Readers: P. Vyverberg / M. Wilson

Eucharistic Minister: Christina O'Toole

Altar Servers: Joshua

10:00am Mass

Readers: J. Camello / A. Duff

Eucharistic Minister: Frank William

Altar Servers: Anthony/ Johan

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C 1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Is 2: 1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Rom 13: 11-14

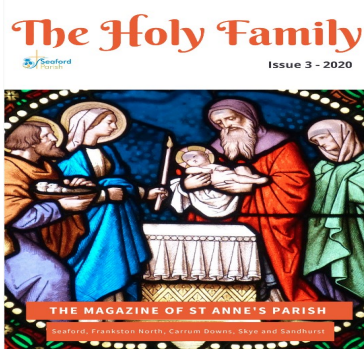
Gospel: Mt 24: 37-44

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A 2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Is 11: 1-10
Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

2nd Reading: Rom 15: 4-9

Gospel: Mt 3: 1-12



The Holy Family 2022 Magazine

The 2022 edition of our parish magazine is scheduled for publication late this year. We are now accepting your original articles and good quality digital photos. Articles can be about anything that will interest people of the parish.

Before you submit a piece, please email Frank (editor) at fbartosy@gmail.com for a copy of the submission guidelines. Articles should then be sent via email. Typed paper copies of your article may also be acceptable. These can be left at the "welcome and information table" in the foyer of the church. Voice messages can be left on 0490 358 121.

Dear parishioners,

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has written a letter: As from the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g., for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.). The copy of the letter is in the foyer of the church.

PARISH MAGAZINE

We are thinking to publish parish magazine this year. Frank Bartosy who has been editing the magazine for the last couple of years will be contacting each group to submit a report or future plans of parish groups. Parishioners are welcome to write on many things, for example the life during or after pandemic, memories of a visit to a place after a long time, poem, short reflections on life etc., and my other things. We need all entries by first week of December. We are aiming to publish this on Christmas.

ADVENT 2022 – PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY

“You don’t become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!”

You are invited to **Prepare for Christmas** this Advent (starting November 27th) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent>

Email: info@brucedownes.org

HEALING SERVICE

Some parishioners have felt that our faith community needs healing after the last few turbulent years. We have had some feedback indicating that a healing service would be desirable. If you would like this to happen, please contact Irene or Frank and we will see what can be arranged.

A CUPPA AFTER MASS

Due to the concerns raised by a number of people, we are moving the "cuppa after Mass" to the meeting room (next to the office). This will be on a trial basis after the Sunday 10am Mass.

CHURCH WINDOW GLASS CLEANING: The Church windows are badly in need of cleaning and with the height involved it should be undertaken by a professional window cleaning company.

If any parishioner has a contact or knows of a business who could do the job please contact Jeff on 0412550740 with the details.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please note the book of remembrance is placed in the foyer of the Church. Please write the names of your loved one’s whom you would like to be remembered during the month of November. The name sheets will be kept on the altar and be prayed for their souls. You could also send in the names through the parish email which in turn will be place in the book.

For more information please check our website.



MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safe-guarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895

CHRISTMAS CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for more Choir members to join in for the Christmas Masses. Welcome to new children’s choir!

We would like to hear lovely voice from boys and girls for Christmas eve carols at 5:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Irene on 0452218863



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	Communion Service
Thursday & Friday	No Mass
Saturday	5:30pm Reconciliation, 5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass

DAWN MASS **Simbang Gabi**

Duration : 16th to 24th December

Time : 5:00 - 6:00am

Address : St Anne's Church,
84 Austin Road,
Seaford.

Breakfast and Fellowship
after Mass

Christmas Retreat

In preparation for Christmas join us for this amazing day retreat "Trusting Gods Divine Mercy In Suffering" on Saturday the 10th December 2022 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The retreat includes Mass, Rosary, Talks, Powerful Testimonies, Lunch, Tea & Coffee and it is free! Please See the flyer for more details on how to register.

Piety Stall : We have items suitable for Christmas gifts - statues; prayer books; holy water fonts; rosaries and St Christopher key rings. Many other items suitable for gifts to celebrate this special season in a few weeks' time.

St. Vincent de Paul Gift Tree

"GIVING TREE" for PARISH CHILDREN'S TOYS - URGENTLY NEEDED!

Please take a "Giving Card" from the box in the hall foyer today with a child's age in need of a toy for Christmas. Throughout December St Vincent de Paul members will visit local families and give toys to excite each child on Christmas day. The "Giving Tree" will be in the foyer of the church.



Golf Club Available

The Parish has been donated a second hand set of right hand Golf clubs and bags that are in reasonable condition. We would like to hope that they would go to a person who cannot afford to buy a set. For more information please contact Jeff 0412 550 740



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.*