Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 5th February 2023

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

Seaford



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Advance Notice:

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Please donate generously.

Return of last year blessed Palms

Please place the blessed palms in the basket that is placed in the foyer of the Church. In preparation for Ash Wednesday on the 22nd February 2023.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Wednesday 9:15am Friday No Mass

Saturday 5:30pm Reconciliation, 5:25pm Rosary

followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00pm Vigil Mass Saturday 8:30am Mass Sunday Sunday 10:00am Mass

Have you changed your address, email or phone number recently? Please email the office so that we can update our database records!



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 29/1/2023 \$ 828.00

"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, Nadeges, Anna Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, Loreto Hermosa, Natalie Fowler, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Bernadette O'Shea, Tony & Gerda Small, Marcus McCartney We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Joseph Brown, Jack Poo, Alexander, Bernard Shaw and for all those who have died recently.



Rest in Peace

Piety Stall

The Piety Stall has cards suitable for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Sympathy. A number of cards and booklets with prayers to various Saints are also available. Call and see our stock after Mass over the weekend. If you require something specific please ask the person on duty and we will try to source it for you.

Junior Legion of Mary

Junior Legion of Mary to resume their sessions from 4th February 2023 from 4-5pm, young girls and boys are encouraged to join the group. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Senior Legion of Mary

Senior Legion of Mary to resume their sessions from 11th February 2023 from 2:30 - 3:45pm.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 58: 7-10

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the

darkness for the upright.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2: 1-5 Gospel: Mt 5: 13-16

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 11th/12th FEBRUARY

READING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & ALTAR SERVERS

6:00pm Mass

Readers: J. Reymers /M. Lim Eucharistic Minister: Ruari Doherty

Altar Servers: Volunteer

8:30am Mass

Readers: M.Wilson / C.Long

Eucharistic Minister: Christina O'Toole

Altar Servers: Joshua

10:00am Mass

Readers: Z. Andrew/ S. Martin Eucharistic Minister: Sheldon Heldt

Altar Servers: Volunteer

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sir 15: 15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who

follow the law of the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2: 6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37