

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19th February 2023

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbour are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

### Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

### Prayer for World Peace

Please join us on Monday 7-8pm 27<sup>th</sup> February St John’s Catholic Church for Taize prayer, a form of contemplative prayer and music opened to all people of faith. The evening prayer will be based on Franciscan Spirituality, that we too may be ‘instruments of peace’ as Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi, Francis’ contemporary. Please find the Poster in the foyer of the Church.



*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 12/2/2023 \$ 1212.00**

### **"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, 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 **Eliseo Ollada, Maria Hoffman, Raymond Hoareau** and for all those who have died recently, **Joyce Sylvia Jones, Marcus McCartney, Ralph Benoiton .**  
**Rest in Peace**



### **Piety Stall**

COLUMBAN CALENDARS new supply of copies available. Easter cards; mementos for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation have also been received.

Call at the Piety Kiosk after Mass and peruse the missals, bibles and prayer books we have available.

### **Syrian Earthquake Appeal**

The Melkite Catholic Eparchy with Bishop Robert Rabbat's is inviting donation to help Syrian Earthquake victims.

For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to:

MCF DGR Account

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email : [mcf@melkite.org.au](mailto:mcf@melkite.org.au) or contact 02 9750 5514

### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 25th/26th**

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### **READING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & ALTAR SERVERS**

#### **6:00pm Mass**

Readers: M. Lim / A. Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham

Altar Servers: Luke / Eric

#### **8:30am Mass**

Readers: C. O'Toole / P. Vyverberg

Eucharistic Minister: Joshua Reeve

Altar Servers: Fina & Jeanne

#### **10:00am Mass**

Readers: W. Zantvoort / J.Camello

Eucharistic Minister: Franklyn William

Altar Servers: Anthony/ Johan

### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A** **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 3:16 - 23

Gospel: Mt 5:38 - 48

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A** **1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gen 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading: Rom 5: 12-19

Gospel: Mt 4: 1-11

CARRUM GARDENS

**BINGO**  
CENTRE

*Come and enjoy the fun!*

**WIN!**  
upto  
**\$2000**

**BINGO GAMES**

**RAFFLES**

Great Prizes each Session

**CASH PRIZES**

(Excluding Prizes over \$999 Cheque Paid)

**BINGO ACCESSORIES  
VOUCHERS AVAILABLE**

**BREAKOPENS**

Win up to \$1,000

**DAILY JACKPOTS**

**CAFE**

Roast Dinner served from  
Saturday 5.30pm

### DAY SESSIONS

Doors open two hours prior to Eyes down.

Wed-Fri: 11am

Sat: 12pm

Sun: 2pm

ATM facilities  
available

**PET Machines**



### EVENING SESSIONS

Doors open 5pm

Tuesday - Sunday • Eyes down: 7pm

554-556 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs Phone: 9775 0065  
[www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au](http://www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au)

### Volunteers needed for Reader's Ministry

*We are looking for more readers to volunteer for the Weekend Masses. Persons interested please write your details on the volunteer sheet placed in the foyer of the church.*

### Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is still supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine in its commitment to stay on the ground and keep serving its flock in the face of material and economic war. ACN is helping priests and religious, who are working across the country in parishes, with refugees, in orphanages and homes for the elderly. The main cities where we are sending immediate help are Kyiv, Zaporizhya, Odessa and the region of Donetsk. We are doing everything we can to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue to be a light in Ukraine. ACN needs your help to continue this mission. To make an offering visit <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>.

### Lenten regulations 2023

The Lenten Season has a twofold character

1. It recalls baptism or prepares for it;
2. It stresses a penitential spirit.

For more information, please see our website for the Lenten regulations for 2023.

## World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day is a **lifechanging opportunity** for youth to experience their Catholic faith with **more than a million young people** from around the world.

Archbishop Comensoli is inviting youth, ages 16-35, across the Archdiocese to journey with him, and over 500 others from Melbourne, to **Lisbon, Portugal** for World Youth Day in 2023.

**Find out more at:**

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

@melbwyd



**WYD 2023**  
MELBOURNE TO LISBON



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE



# MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday	6:00pm Mass
Ash Wednesday	9:15am & 7pm Mass
Friday	9:15am & 7pm Station of the Cross
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



Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education at the

## Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer

Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO  
*Chancellor of University of Divinity*

Date: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 3.30pm  
Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333

## LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>. Go to BruceDownes.org for more info

## Business for Sale

Garden Landscape & Maintenance Business for sale Braeside, Mulgrave, Cheltenham, Sandringham areas.  
Contact Allan Sleddon 0403016869



## **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.*