

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 26th February 2023

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

### 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 19/2/2023 \$ 2692.00**

### **"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 **Sylvester De' Silva, Marie Swanson, Jason McClaren, Catalina Aaumada, Rodolfo Ahumad, Josefina Yanez, Frederick Lethorn & George Phillips**, and for all those who have died recently, **Joyce Sylvia Jones, Marcus McCartney, Ralph Benoiton**.  
**Rest in Peace**



### **Window Glass Cleaners wanted**

Are you in the business of Window cleaning?  
We are looking for a window cleaning company to clean windows in church and parish office. Let us know immediately.

### **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 for more information.

### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 4th/5th**

#### **MARCH**

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

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

Readers: I. Abraham / L. Doherty

Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Burke

Altar Servers: Isaac / Annet

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

Readers: S. Antony / M. Wilson

Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

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

Readers: S. Martin / Z. Andrew

Eucharistic Minister: Martin Michael

Altar Servers: Girazinia / Alden

### **READINGS FOR THIS 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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A** **2nd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gen 12: 1 - 4

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1: 8 -10

Gospel: Mt 17: 1 - 9

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**CASH PRIZES**  
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**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

**PET Machines**  


**ATM facilities available**

**EVENING SESSIONS**  
Doors open 5pm  
Tuesday - Sunday • Eyes down: 7pm

554-556 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs Phone: 9775 0065  
www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au

## **Religious Education Institutions and Anti-Discrimination Laws Inquiry**

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) current Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti-Discrimination Legislation has produced a Consultation Paper which proposes severe limits on the ability for religious schools to appoint staff who support their mission other than roles in which *'the teaching, observance or practice of the religion is a genuine requirement of the role.'* For every other role it would become unlawful for the school to give preference to teachers who share, or who are willing, to support the religious beliefs of the institution. This would effectively remove the right of faith-based schools to express their religious identity and culture.

Archbishop Comensoli, along with other faith leaders, encourages you, as well as parents and other members of the Catholic community, to complete the following survey with an expression of hope to protect faith-based schools from further obstacles that will impede their ability to express our Catholic faith:

<https://www.alrc.gov.au/inquiry/anti-discrimination-laws/submission/survey/>

You can find this link, Archbishops and other faith leaders statement and ALRC's Consultation paper on our website.



## **First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February**



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia



## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:15am Mass</b>
<b>First Friday</b>	<b>6:30pm Mass followed by Station of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30pm Reconciliation, 5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30am Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>

## 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.



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.*