

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 9th July 2023

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

Voice Prayer

Dear Lord,
We invite all Australians to join us, their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Brothers and Sisters in prayer.
We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home. We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.
Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of this

land.

May we share Your Spirit more deeply & celebrate the gifts You have given us. Help us appreciate true harmony and peace just as our Old People did;
Keep us strong, make us resilient and remember us in this time.

Now is an opportunity to change our Nation's history for the better.

Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and may we be one in Your love. **Amen**

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 2/7/2023 \$ 1773.00

"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, Christina Toleafoa, Hortance Bouchereau, Nadege, Anna Martonhelyi, Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, , Natalie Fowler, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Bernadette O'Shea, Tony & Gerda Small, Margaret Keating, Kate Knox, Baby Toby, Michael Varger.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Loreto Hermosa, John & Cecilia Bailey, Albert Simpson, Nissner, Pedro & Josefa Parinas, Edith & Mary Small** and for all those who have died recently **Bob Fisher, Walter John Lee, Irene Agnes Woodman.**



Rest in Peace.

PARISH MAGAZINE 2023

Just letting everyone know that the editorial team has determined that the deadline for receiving articles is now 1st July. Please get your articles submitted before that date, as late submissions may not be included. Contact the editor or the parish office if you have any questions or comments.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **15th/16th JULY**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: K. Burke / J. John

Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Middleton

Altar Servers: Annet / Luke

8:30am Mass

Readers: S. Antony / B. Hicks

Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: M. Villemin / M. Crees

Eucharistic Minister: Franklyn William

Altar Servers: Alden / Eric

Piety Stall

The Piety Stall has many items suitable for gifts for those about to receive their First Communion and for the Baptism of babies. Call at the Stall after Mass and browse the stock.

Do not forget to save your postage stamps – if any – and pass them into the Piety Stall. They are sent on to the McKillop Centre for fundraising.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Zech 9: 9 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 9, 11 - 13

Gospel: Mt 11: 25 - 30

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Is 55:10 - 11

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 18 - 23

Gospel: Mt 13: 1 - 23

Dear parishioners,

This week we celebrate Mary Mackillop, the very first Australian saint. Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children. That is still being continued. We pray that all those involved in education may impart good and Catholic values.

We are excited to invite you to join our volunteer groups at our church. We have three wonderful opportunities for you to get involved and make a positive impact in our community:

1. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES: Join our dedicated team working on fundraising initiatives to support various church projects and programs. Whether you have experience in event planning, marketing, or simply a passion for fundraising, your skills and enthusiasm will be greatly appreciated.

2. SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUPS: Be part of our social justice efforts as we work towards creating a more just and equitable society. Join a group focused on issues such as poverty, racial justice, environmental sustainability, or any other area where you feel called to make a difference.

3. COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER GROUP: Help us bring our parishioners closer by joining our community get together group. We organize events, gatherings, and activities that foster friendship, connection, and a sense of belonging within our church community. Your creative ideas and organizational skills are most welcome.

4. OFFICE ADMINISTRATION HELP: If you have a passion for organization, communication, or general administrative tasks, we would love to have you on board. Volunteering in the office can involve various responsibilities such as answering phone calls, organizing documents, managing schedules, and providing support to our staff.

Volunteering in these groups is not only a chance to serve others, but also an opportunity for personal growth, building relationships, and deepening your faith. If you are interested in any of these volunteer

groups or have any questions, please reach out to us or call the office.

Thank you for considering these volunteer opportunities. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and strengthen our community.

SACRAMENTS UPDATE

Eucharist

We now have 40 children who enrolled for the First Eucharist (7 from St. Annes, 29 From St. Joachim, 4 from Sate school). They parents are now preparing their child and working with the booklets. I see most of them at Mass. Celebration start from 4th weekend of July.

Reconciliation

We now have 44 children who enrolled for the First Reconciliation (15 from St. Annes, 25 From St. Joachim, 4 from Sate school). They have joined the preparation evening and working on workbook.

MENALIVE GATHERING COMING UP.

We are thinking to start a group for men of our parish. menALIVE was founded as a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church. The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force in the Church. More information and flyer at the entrance of the church. For more information please visit the website: www.menalive.org.au

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE DIFFERENT MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

We have organised training sessions for different ministries in the church, all volunteer (new & existing) who have put their names for the Ministries are requested to attend.

Sunday 15th & 16th July, 2023 training for Readers and commentators after each Mass.



**For latest news please check our website.
Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER PROGRESS

Thank you everyone who has donated and helped in different ways. We are in need of the following items (second-hand or new) if anyone is able to help: Freezer, urn, night lamps / lights (2), kitchen chopping board, 20 drinking glasses.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs – supervising, setting up, driving, serving food, welcoming guests, overnight shift (3 volunteers do this together), packing up beds – from Friday afternoons to Saturday mornings. To inquire further please contact Lara Waldron at PCC: frankstonws@gmail.com, 0435 954 185, or David Moloney from St Anne's: 0417 704 427.



Spirituality in the Pub:

An Invitation of Catalyst for renewal

The Voice: YES—Our response to the Uluru Statement of the Heart

Fr Frank Brennan, SJ on Wednesday, 12th July 2023 at 6:00pm Venue: Hampton RSL

25 Holyrood Street, Hampton Booking are essential— by Thursday 30th June

Sharing the meal is an important part of the evening. Meals from 6pm.

The presentation & Conversation will follow at 7:30pm, to conclude about 9:00pm

For booking and further contact

Michelle: michelekennan@presvic.org.au

M: 0415 956 107

Catriona: devlinc@bigpond.com

M: 0419 109 830

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday	6:00pm Mass
Wednesday & Friday	9:15am Mass
Saturday	5:30pm
	Reconciliation,
	5:25pm Rosary
	followed by
	Divine Mercy
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil
	Mass
Sunday	8:30am Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass

Sacramental schedule- Confirmation

Enrolment form return Mass 2	July 15/16
Preparation evening	27 th Jul Thursday 6:30 pm
at church	
Mass attendance weeks	Aug 12/13, 19/20, 26/27,
Sep 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30/Oct 1.	
Workbook return	2 nd October
Workbooks correcting	Oct 4- 6
Retreat day	20 th October
Celebration day	22 nd October



Please Contact Grace Edwards for the tickets

HOLY FAMILY GROUP- DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST 2023

ST. ANNES SCHOOL HALL, 86-94 AUSTIN ROAD, SEAFORD

6PM- MIDNIGHT

DONATION- \$25.00 PER PERSON (UNDER 10 FREE)

BYO FOOD AND DRINKS

FINGER FOODS PROVIDED



Proceeds To Be Used for the Upkeep of The Holy Family Facilities

SPAM TEXT MESSAGE & EMAIL

It has come to our notice that there is a **Spam Text Message and email** going around to our parishioner's from Fr Martin asking for help, which is not true. Please delete the text message or email immediately.

All correspondence from the parish office or Fr Martin will only be sent from **seaford@cam.org.au**



Thanksgiving Envelopes are ready for collection from the foyer of the church, We thank all the parishioner's for their continuous love and support toward St Anne's Parish. God bless you all abundantly. If you have any quires, please contact the parish office or send an email to **seaford@cam.org.au**

Windows onto God (in-person event), Sat 29 Jul, 10am-3pm. The windows explored are incarnation, darkness, abundance and self- acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. An interactive event allowing time for reflection and sharing, facilitated by Br Tim Lockwood cfc. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

TRUSTING GODS MERCY IN SUFFERING

- ☆ **Why does God allow suffering?**
- ☆ **Is suffering part of Gods plan?**
- ☆ **Life changing strategies!**

St Annes Parish Seaford
84 Austin Rd, Seaford
Saturday 29th July 2023

10:00am to 3:00pm
Mass, Adoration, Worship, Talks
Lunch, Tea and Coffee

Featuring !!!

- ☆ **John "PERCY" Canavan from Divine Comedy to Divine Mercy**
- ☆ **Kevin DSouza - Trusting God in Suffering**
- ☆ **Mathew Sullivan - Live and Undrugged**
- ☆ **In Conjunction with the Missionaries of Gods Love**



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