

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 16th July 2023

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

### Prayer for WYD Pilgrims

Heavenly Father,  
You called Mary and opened her heart to say 'yes' to the mission you asked of her. Filled with the Holy Spirit, She rose and set out in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth to share the Good News.  
Help our pilgrims as they go on pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon.  
Be their companion and strength on their journey,  
Open their hearts to the prompting of your Spirit,

And lead them to a deep and abiding encounter with your Son.

Like Mary, may they return from World Youth Day, filled with your Spirit and ready proclaim the Good News in the parishes, schools, and local communities of Melbourne.

Amen

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

Our Lady of the Visitation, pray for us.

*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 9/7/2023 \$3538 .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, Mauricio Bonizzoni.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Bridget & Francis Silva, Dianne McGuinness, Tomy O'Toole, Melville Bartholomeusz, Blanche Gay, Hilda Rebello, Maurice Ian Koelmeyer** and for all those who have died recently **Irene Agnes Woodman, Mavis Muslado.**



**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.

### **Piety Stall**

We have received new supplies for various sized hanging and standing crucifixes also small personal crosses. Items of Divine Mercy and Child's First Prayer Book. Call at the Piety Stall after Mass and peruse these and other items.

Do not forget to drop you used postage stamps at the Piety Stall for sending to the McKillop Centre for their fundraising.

### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND** **22nd/23rd JULY**

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

Readers: C. Collins / I. Abraham  
Eucharistic Minister: Liam Doherty  
Altar Servers: Luke / Isaac

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

Readers: C. O'Toole / F. Antony  
Eucharistic Minister: Angela Roberts  
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

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

Readers: Z. Andrew / A. Duff  
Eucharistic Minister: Martin Michael  
Altar Servers: Eric / Anthony

### **READINGS FOR THIS 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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A** **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 12:13, 16 -19  
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving.  
2nd Reading: Rom 8: 26 - 27  
Gospel: Mt 13: 24 - 30

## Dear parishioners,

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.

## **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, this weekend there will be speaker from menALive to introduce themselves and their mission. For more information please visit the website: [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

**This weekend Training Programme for readers and commentators ministry has been rescheduled to a different date. The date will be published in the coming week, sorry for the inconvenience.**

## **World Youth Day**



Welcoming pilgrims and their families to our WYD Commissioning Mass with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli on **Sunday 16 July**

**Time: 11am**

**Location: St Patrick's Cathedral**

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

## **FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER PROGRESS**

Frankston Council has just issued our permit. A few more works are required on the hall, and volunteer rosters adjusted, so St Anne's will commence on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Homeless people are looking forward to an extra night of warm, safe and happy accommodation on Fridays. A working bee will be held at Holy Family next Saturday (see separate newsletter item).

Many thanks to everyone who has donated and helped in different ways. For the past few weeks guest numbers have been at capacity, and stocks of food items need replenishing: long life cream milk, small cans of tuna, milo, coffee, 'up and go', and snack foods such as biscuit & cheese snack packs, soft snack bars, small juice boxes). If you can help with one or two of these articles, please leave at the parish office.

We remain in need of volunteers for any of the variety of jobs involved – serving food, setting up, driving, serving food, welcoming guests, overnight shift, packing up beds, supervising. To inquire further contact Lara Waldron at PCC: [frankstonws@gmail.com](mailto:frankstonws@gmail.com), 0435 954 185, or David Moloney from St Anne's: 0417 704 427.

## **Don Bosco Retreat Centre**



Would like to invite all parishioners to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honour of St John Bosco's relics being at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre on Tuesday 18th July 2023. (465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield)

Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and mass will be celebrated at 7pm.



## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

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

## Sacramental schedule- Confirmation

Enrolment form return Mass 2	July 15/16
Preparation evening	27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> October
Workbooks correcting	Oct 4- 6
Retreat day	20 <sup>th</sup> October
Celebration day	22 <sup>nd</sup> October



Please Contact Grace Edwards for the tickets

## HOLY FAMILY GROUP- DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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

Legion of Mary - Bayside Curia

## Our Lady of Lourdes

Annual Day Retreat 22 July 2023

*'Encountering God in human flesh'*

9am Holy Mass

9:45 Eucharistic Adoration

Retreat program begins ;

10:15 Welcome & Registration  
An Invitation to Morning Tea.

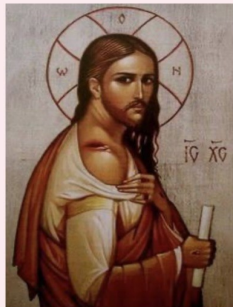
10:35am - First Talk

11:15am Quiet Reflection

11:30am Group sharing

12noon Return for clarification

12:30 Lunch provided or we welcome you to share a plate.



1:30 Second talk

2:05pm Quiet reflection

2:30pm Group sharing

& return for clarification

2:50pm Close Retreat

3pm Retreat Concludes

Singing by: Yzabel

Our Speaker is

Sr Mary Joseph SPC

At St Anne's Church

84 Austin Rd Seaford

**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](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto: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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