

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINTS

We are delighted to invite you to join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the beloved grandparents of our Lord Jesus Christ! This joyous occasion will take place at our church, on 26th July at 7 pm. The Feast of St. Ann and St. Joachim holds a special place in our hearts as we honour these faithful and holy grandparents who played a significant role in the life of the Virgin Mary and, by extension, in the story of our salvation.

The day's festivities will include a high Mass, followed by sharing of food. Please bring a plate. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to partake in this wonderful celebration. Let us gather as united family in Christ to honour St. Ann and St.

Joachim and seek their intercession for our families and communities.

We look forward to having you with us as we rejoice in this blessed occasion.



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 16/7/2023 \$ 1757 .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 **Flory Pool, Brendan Bouchereau, Paul Fernandes, Alice, Beatrice Lethorn, Olive Knight, Karen Weeks** and for all those who have died recently **Mavis Muslado, Victor Steven Vulic.**

Rest in Peace



Congratulation to all the students receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**Aiden Bolt
Claymore Bell
Georgia Rose Ravi Pinto
Hailey Dahler
Mai Elizabeth Sepic
Shenaya Ratnasapathy
Sifia Grace MacNish
James Mealor**

**Jackson Christopher Williams
Jeremy Lirazan
Luke Antonia Mille
Gavin Grijalvo**



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29th/30th JULY

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: J. John / L. Doherty
Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham
Altar Servers: Isaac / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: S Morison / C. Long
Eucharistic Minister: Christina O'Toole
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: V. Angel / J. Fernandez
Eucharistic Minister: Lloyd Hazelman
Altar Servers: Johan / Grazinia

Piety Stall

The Piety Stall has items suitable to give to children for them to remember their First Holy Communion. Wooden crosses to hang on the wall or stand on table, statues of Our Lady. Medals and prayer books. Come at the Piety Stall after Mass and look at the items we have.

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kig 3:5, 7 -12
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.
2nd Reading: Rom 8: 28 - 30
Gospel: Mt 13: 44 - 52

Dear parishioners,

At the last communion ministers training (two weekends ago), we have received the following feedback:

1. PEOPLE WITH WALKERS

For the safety of all our parishioners and guests who use our church, we would like to encourage parishioners using walkers in church to sit in the front pews which will better enable our communion ministers to distribute communion free from disruption.

2. COMMUNION TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Effective from this weekend as long as I am celebrating Mass, we will be bringing back the old way to bless communion ministers who personally deliver the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass. After the regular communion distribution at the Mass, those ministers will come forward to receive the sacred pyx containing the consecrated host. The celebrant will hand their pyx and give them a blessing. They will then carry the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound in our community.

This practice aims to show our love, care, and solidarity with those who are unable to join us physically in worship. We believe that this personal approach will bring comfort and a sense of connection to our brothers and sisters who cannot be present with us in person.

If you know of any parishioners who are sick or homebound and wish to receive Communion at home, kindly inform our parish office, and we will make arrangements to include them in our visitation schedule.

Also closer the Christmas and Easter I would like to anoint sick and homebound. Please inform the office if they need me to visit them.

Let us continue to pray for the well-being of all our community members, especially those facing illness or challenges. Our shared faith and support for one another strengthen the bonds that hold us together as a loving and caring parish family.

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

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.

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

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER PROGRESS

We begin the Winter Shelter at Holy Family next Friday 28th July. Guests at the Winter Shelter have been keenly anticipating an extra night's accommodation for weeks now.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered for shifts, helped out with the hall or at the working bee, and donated appliances, food and other items – it is very encouraging.

We are still in need of volunteers, so please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any queries about this. At 7 pm next Tuesday 25th there will be a brief training session and walk-through for Friday night volunteers at Holy Family. Or, if you are thinking about volunteering this will also be an opportunity to come and familiarise yourself with what happens. To inquire about volunteering please contact Lara Waldron at Peninsula City Church: frankstonws@gmail.com, 0435 954 185, or David Moloney from St Anne's: 0417 704 427

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, www.menalive.org.au

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday	6:00pm Mass
Wednesday	7:00pm Mass
Friday	9:15am Mass
Saturday	5:30pm Reconciliation, 5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30 am and 10 am Mass

Sacramental schedule- Confirmation

Preparation evening at church	27 th Jul Thursday 6:30 pm
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



Let's Go... All-In for a Fun-Filled
SATURDAY, 29TH JULY 2023

Book a table of 10 | Doors Open 6:00pm
ONLY \$20 PER HEAD | FUN STARTS AT 7:00PM

ATTEND OUR CASINO ROYAL VEGAS NIGHT
Book online trybooking.com

Bring plenty of spare change for games and raffles.
BYO Food and drinks, Silent Auctions, Raffles and no Cash Prizes, great school community event.

The kingdom
of Heaven is like a
mustard seed which
a man took and sowed
in his field.

It is the smallest of all the
seeds, but when it has
grown it is the biggest
of shrubs and becomes a
tree, so that the birds of
the air can come and
shelter in its branches

Jesus, Matthew 13:23

CATH
FAMILY

TRUSTING GODS MERCY IN SUFFERING

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

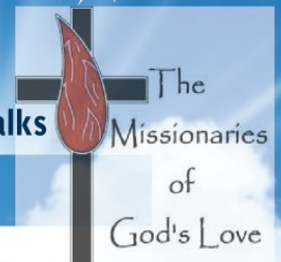
Free Register
Below

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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