

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

MENALIVE GATHERING COMING UP.

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

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.*



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & follow the prompts.

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>

Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 23/7/2023 \$ 3704 .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, Nadeses, 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 **Barry O’Toole, Christopher Bartholomeusz** and for all those who have died recently **Victor Steven Vulic, Deserie Makalanda, Fr Desmond Anthony Panton.**



Rest in Peace

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

**Jacob Gillespie
 Nixon Bugeja
 Chaille Mae Escobar
 Harry Stillman
 James Haggarty
 Paige Woff
 Constance Bonner**

Storm Ross



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
5th / 6th August

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: L. Doherty / M. John
 Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Burke
 Altar Servers: Annet / Luke

8:30am Mass

Readers: F. Antony / M. Wilson
 Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: W. Zantvoort/ R. Hepworth
 Eucharistic Minister: Marylin Villemin
 Altar Servers: Grazinia / Alden

Piety Stall

Prayers for all the children making their First Holy Communion at this time. We have many items to remind the children of this day – rosaries; crucifixes; Miraculous medals; Prayer books and bibles; statues and candles.
 Call at the Piety Stall after Mass and make a choice from the items available.

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A
The Transfiguration of the Lord

1st Reading: Dan 7:9-10, 13 -14
 Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.
 2nd Reading: 2 Pet 1: 16 - 19
 Gospel: Mt 17: 1 - 9

Dear parishioners,

I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you who contributed to the success of the various activities last week.

To the diligent individuals who participated in the working bee, your hard work and dedication made a significant difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your efforts in making Holy family Hall and surroundings beautiful and ready to welcome guests.

To all parishioners who joined the feast Mass, your presence and participation added a sense of unity and joy to the celebration. It was truly a wonderful experience having you with us. A special thanks goes to those generous families who provided delicious food. Your kindness in sharing your culinary talents and resources helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

And to the remarkable volunteers involved in the winter shelter project, your selflessness and compassion in assisting those in need during this challenging time. Your commitment to this project is truly commendable.

Together, you have shown the true spirit of community and service, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do. Thank you for being shining examples of love and kindness. May Saints Anne and Joachim bless you.

Communion Ministry

At the last communion ministers training, 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**

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday 9:15am Mass
First Friday 7:00pm 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 next session on Thursday 3rd August at 6:30pm in the parish centre.

First Reconciliation this Wednesday 2nd August 2023 at 6:30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



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



Blessing Prayer for Grandparents

Heavenly Father, on this blessed feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and love, seeking your blessings upon our grandparents.

We thank you for the gift of their lives, their wisdom, and their unwavering love. May you watch over them and grant them good health, strength, and joy in their days.

May they continue to be shining examples of love and virtue, passing down their rich heritage to the generations that follow.

Lord, grant them the joy of seeing their family grow and prosper, knowing that they have played an integral role in shaping the lives of their loved ones.

On this special day, we ask for your abundant blessings upon our grandparents, and all grandparents around the world.

Amen.

Frankston Winter Shelter

We begin at Holy Family this Friday 28th. At the time of writing, the regular guests were excited at the prospect of this extra night's accommodation. Thanks to parishioners for your generous support, including those who continue to register as volunteers for the different shifts.

We need one more volunteer as a stand-by for laundry duties. This may not be required at all, or perhaps just a few sets of sheets and pillowcases to wash in preparation for the following Friday.

Also, if anyone is able to cook biscuits or such these add a homely touch.

Lara is unavailable this week, so to inquire about volunteering please contact Peninsula City Church: frankstonws@gmail.com or anything else speak with David (St Annes): 0417 704 427.

Thanksgiving year end Financial Statement

The financial year end statement for your thanksgiving contribution have been sent to you via postal mail. Please keep an eye on your mailbox in the coming week for their arrival.

If by any chance, you don't receive the statement within a weeks time, please don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office.

