## **Seaford Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 6th August 2023

Holy Family Frankston North St. Joachim's Carrum Downs St. Anne's Seaford



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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

## **REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK**

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance



of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

#### 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.

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 31/7/2023 \$3390.00

## "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, Nadeges, 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 Evelyn Fernandes, Selman Pearson and for all those who have died recently Deserie Makalanda, Fr Desmond Anthony Panton.



**Rest in Peace** 

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

Charlotte Wilson Hamish Le Hura Sebastian McLear Evie Le Pou Will Anthony Keen



## Piety Stall

Piety Stall has a number of items suitable for gifts for various occasions. Call at the Stall after Mass and see what is available. If you want something in particular ask the person on duty and we will see what we can do to help.

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 12th / 13th August

## 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: A. Brown / K. Burke Eucharistic Minister: Ashleigh

Middleton

Altar Servers: Luke / Isaac

#### 8:30am Mass

Readers: B. Hicks / S. Antony

Eucharistic Minister: Ranjani Fernando

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

#### 10:00am Mass

Readers: S. Martin / M. Villemin

Eucharistic Minister: Robert Hepworth

Altar Servers: Anthony / Johan

## READINGS FOR THIS 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

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 19: 9, 11 -13

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most

high over all the earth.

2nd Reading: Rom 9: 1 - 5

Gospel: Mt 14: 22 - 33

## Dear parishioners,

I am taking holidays and visiting home from August 14 to September 16. During this time Fr. Geoff Baron will celebrate all weekend Masses. For any hospital visits and anointing please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic chaplain. There will be no weekday Masses. Please see below the weekday Mass times of neighbouring parishes.

### Langwarrin Parish

Tuesday 6:30

Wednesday- Friday 9 am.

#### Parish magazine

Our new edition of the parish magazine is ready. Its available in the website. Those wish for a printed copy contact the office.

We thank Frank and Irene who put everything together.

### **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. <u>FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES:</u> 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. <u>SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUPS</u>: 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





## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at

www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

## MS Plus needs Volunteers

Would you like to visit an older person in an Aged Care Home or their own home and make a real difference in their life?

MS Plus provides a volunteer visiting program – the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS) to elderly people who are isolated and/or need companionship.

Volunteer visitors share stories, go for a stroll or have a cuppa, listen to music or play a board game.

Volunteers play a vital role in the life of a person living in an aged care home or their own home through ongoing friendship.

Please email <u>volunteer@ms.org.au</u> if you would like more information or to send your application.

#### National Vocations Awareness Week

NVAW Week - 6 August National Vocations Awareness Week - Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

## 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 8:30 am and

10 am Mass

## AFL TEAM COLOURS SUNDAY

All children and those who are young at heart are encouraged to dress up in their favourite AFL team colours. You might want to wear a

footy jumper, scarf, socks, cap or beanie! Show us who you support on Sunday 20th August at 10am Mass. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate available after Mass. Please bring a plate to share.



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





#### Services we provide 24/7

Activities in Daily Living: Personal Care, Domestic Help, Pet Care, Meal Preparation, Assistance, Transport. Xclusive Shopping support services; Your care is our passion; With expertise in daily life activities, our skilled team of nurses and support staff offers devoted assistance to Melbourne's aged and disabled care facilities. By providing individualised care plans based on each client's specific requirements, we maintaining clients' are committed to independence in their own homes.

In order to empower clients and maintain a high standard of living, we strive to offer the greatest care. We draw inspiration from other cultures and work to ensure that individuals with disabilities of all ages, from all backgrounds and cultures, have fulfilling lives on their own terms. To accomplish your goals, we collaborate with you.

For more information please contact Mobile: 0451114063, 0404190386

#### **Frankston Winter Shelter**

Our first night at Holy Family last Friday went off well. Feedback from on experienced volunteer was of its "warm feeling". A couple of teething problems with appliances, but the new shower was a hit with the four guests. I think all guests gestured their appreciation to one or other of the volunteers as they left on Saturday morning. One announced at the breakfast table how much difference it made to him to know that, after all, "people do care".

Thanks to our donors, those getting the building and appliances up to speed, and the volunteers who have signed up in recent weeks. There would be no Winter Shelter without you.

To inquire about volunteering please contact Lara Waldron at Peninsula City Church:

<u>frankstonws@gmail.com</u>, 0435 954 185, or David Moloney from St Anne's: 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.

