# **Seaford Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 13th August 2023

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

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr. Martin Jeramias

(On holiday)

Frankston North **Carrum Downs** Seaford

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# **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

#### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in <u>Chapter 8</u> of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with <u>last week's Gospel</u> about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

#### 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 6/8/2023 \$ 3868.00

### "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 and for all those who have died recently Robert Rozario, Thomas Prabhu Daniel.



**Rest in Peace** 

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

Eli & Shiloh Uba Amelia Campbell
Lucy De Sousa Macey Ward
Olivia Doran Jasper Lacey
Jesse Scuiling Evelyn Lahn

Rhys Azzopardi Ryan Medlicott Logan Field



# 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

19th / 20th August

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: M. John / A. Brown Eucharistic Minister: Liam Doherty

Altar Servers: Isaac / Luke

8:30am Mass

Readers: P.Vyverbery / C. O'Toole Eucharistic Minister: Brain Quirk

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: J. Fernandez / V. Angel Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta Andrew

Altar Servers: Alden / Erin

## READINGS FOR THIS 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

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

1st Reading: Is 56: 1, 6 –7

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations

praise you.

2nd Reading: Rom 11: 13 - 15, 29 - 32

Gospel: Mt 15: 21 - 28

#### 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.

St Francis Xavier Church, Frankston.

Monday – Saturday 9: 00am Mass

#### Parish magazine

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

We thank Frank and Irene who put everything together.

#### **HOT COFFEE**

Parents please ensure close supervision of children when handling hot coffee, as coffee machines dispense hot beverages that could pose a risk to their safety.

## **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

In May 2001 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference promulgated a decree announcing the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year. This year on August 15 we have two Masses; 9:15 am and 6:30 pm.

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

#### National Vocations Awareness Week

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community

#### 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.



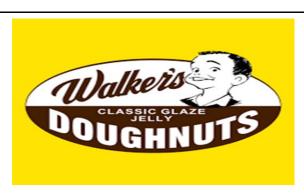


### CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

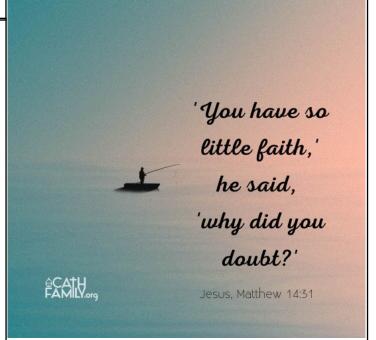
This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



Please support Walkers Donuts in Karingal Hub.



## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

9:15am & 6:30pm Tuesday Mass

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday No Mass

Saturday 5:30pm

Reconciliation, 5:25pm Rosary followed by **Divine Mercy** 

6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Mass

8:30 am and Sunday

#### 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.





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#### Services we provide 24/7

Activities in Daily Living: Personal Care, Domestic Help, Pet Care, Meal Preparation, Assistance, Transport. Shopping Xclusive 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 committed maintaining to clients' 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 Or **Email:** Xclusivesservice@gmail.com

#### Prayer through St Mary MacKillop

Bountiful and loving God, You have filled the heart of Mary MacKillop with compassionate love for those who are in need at the margins of our



Deepen that love within us that we may embrace the mystery of the Cross which leads us through death to

We ask this in the Spirit of Jesus who having broken the bonds of death leads us to everlasting life. Amen

#### Frankston Winter Shelter

Thanks to all who help in this in many ways, with food, meals, being with guests, driving, donation of goods etc. In earlier weeks we were turning people away, but happily some have found accommodation, and the numbers of guests have dropped 50% to 3-6 per night. Those who come are deeply appreciative of the safe, comfortable night's sleep, the company and the support. We have another three weeks to go. Thanks for your continuing support.

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.