

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 20th August 2023

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

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(On holiday)

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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

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 13/8/2023 \$ 1573.00

"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 including **Pansy Bartholomeusz, Muriel Joachim, Maria Diana Tabone, Lorenzo Ollada, Luisa Ollada, Janina Surma** and for all those who have died recently **Thomas Prabhu Daniel, Silvina H Lim, Pricilla Smith, Rosemary Sleddon.**



Rest in Peace



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

26th / 27th August

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: R. Doherty / C. Collins
Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham
Altar Servers: Luke / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: J. Antony / D. Morison
Eucharistic Minister: Angela Roberts
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: M. Crees / Z. Andrew
Eucharistic Minister: Grace Edwards
Altar Servers: Eric / Antony

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 22: 19 - 23
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands
2nd Reading: Rom 11: 33 - 36
Gospel: Mt 16: 13 - 20

Dear parishioners,

I am on 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.

For latest news please check our website.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR ROSEMARY SLEDDON

Allan Sleddon's Wife

Place: Simplicity Funeral Chapel

Day & Date : Thursday 24th August 2023

Time: 10:00am

All are welcome to attend.

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 volunteer@ms.org.au if you would like more information or to send your application.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH



Novena to Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni, India.

30 th August Wednesday	7 PM
31 st August Thursday	7 PM
1 st September Friday	7 PM
2 nd September Saturday	11 AM
3 rd September Sunday	11 AM
4 th September Monday	7 PM
5 th September Tuesday	7 PM
6 th September Wednesday	7 PM
7 th September Thursday	7 PM
8 th September Friday Feast Mass at 7:30 PM. Please bring a plate to share.	

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

Tuesday & Thursday No Mass

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**Saturday 5:25pm Rosary
followed by
Divine Mercy**

**Saturday 6:00pm Vigil
Mass**

**Sunday 8:30 am and
10:00 am Mass**

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.

CARRUM GARDENS
BINGO CENTRE

BINGO GAMES
RAFFLES
Great Prizes each Session
CASH PRIZES
(Excluding Prizes over \$999 Cheque Paid)
BINGO ACCESSORIES
VOUCHERS AVAILABLE
BREAKOPENS
Win up to \$1,000
DAILY JACKPOTS
CAFE
Roast Dinner served from
Saturday 5.30pm

WIN!
upto
\$2000

DAY SESSIONS
Doors open two hours
prior to Eyes down.
Wed-Fri: 11am
Sat: 12pm
Sun: 2pm

EVENING SESSIONS
Doors open 5pm
Tue - Sun
Eyes down: 7pm

PET Machines

ATM facilities available

554-556 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs Phone: 9775 0065 www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au

JOIN US FOR A GROOVY

TRIVIA

Night

STUDIO 54

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST
7:30-10PM (DOORS OPEN 7PM)
ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL HALL

- \$15 PER TICKET
- TABLES 8-12 PPL
- GAMES & PRIZES!
- BRING GOLD COINS!
- BEST DRESSED PRIZE
- BYO NIBBLES & DRINKS
- SILENT AUCTION!
- TICKETS ONLINE

Donation Enquiries Epfnstannes@gmail.com

Enneagram Day – Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9 am – 4.30 pm (in-person event)

This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)



Reach out. Give life.

Gratitude for Your Support! We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous backing of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith.

Through your help, Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses have been able to share the Good News within their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of \$612.90 which was raised by St Anne's community for Catholic Mission. Your support this year will enable Sr. Carolina to continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.