

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th September 2023

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

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Martin Jeramias  
(On holiday)

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford

Parish Secretary: Sumitha Moses



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## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

Unfortunately, a major water leak has occurred in the office car park.

The replacement of the 2 failed water mains into the Church has been completed and the water supply restored. We have advised the fire bridge accordingly. Fortunately we received a quote below \$15000, substantially lower than the first quoted. **However, this cost is not budgeted for and we would still appreciate any money parishioners can donate to offset the cost. Please advise the office if you can help.**

*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 3/9/2023 \$3369 .00**



### **CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (4th–9th SEPTEMBER) AND SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (10th SEPTEMBER)**

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2023, the overarching message that ‘Every child in every community needs a fair go’ will be complemented with the theme “Where we start matters”

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, Matthew Materia.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time including **Suzanne Clark** and for all those who have died recently.  
**Rest in Peace**



### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND** **16th / 17th September**

#### **6:00pm Vigil Mass**

Readers: C. Collins / I. Abraham  
Eucharistic Minister: Liam Doherty  
Altar Servers: Isaac / Annet

#### **8:30am Mass**

Readers: S. Antony / B. Hicks  
Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk  
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

#### **10:00am Mass**

Readers: A. Duff / M. Crees  
Eucharistic Minister: Martin Michael  
Altar Servers: Anthony / Johan

### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A** **Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ezek 33: 7 - 9  
Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.  
2nd Reading: Rom 13: 8 - 10  
Gospel: Mt 18: 15 - 20

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A** **Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 –28:7  
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.  
2nd Reading: Rom 14: 7 - 9  
Gospel: Mt 18: 21 - 35

## 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.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday –Saturday 9: 15am 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

## MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023.

7TH OCTOBER AT 1 PM



Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life!

Meeting at 12:30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Corner Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink.

For more information please see the notice board.



**Waiting at the Well - 4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm** (in-person event)

Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/?> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

## Code of Conduct Declaration Form

In a recent audit of parish office records, it has been discovered that some volunteers have not signed the Code of Conduct Declaration. It is a compulsory requirement of the Archdiocese that all volunteers read and sign this document. Please contact Sumitha (office hours on weekdays) or Frank (after Mass on weekends) to sign this document.

## 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](http://www.menalive.org.au)

**BRISBANE 21-24 SEP**  
ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE, SOUTH BRISBANE

**28 SEP 1 OCT SYDNEY**  
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SPONSOR A DELEGATE  
BRING A FRIEND**

[IGNITECONFERENCE.COM.AU](https://igniteconference.com.au)



## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday & Thursday No Mass**

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

5.45pm  
Reconciliation

**Saturday** 6:00pm Vigil  
Mass

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

“Whatever you bind on  
earth will be bound in  
heaven: whatever you  
loose on earth will be  
loosed in heaven”

- Jesus, Matthew 18:18

CARRUM GARDENS

**BINGO**  
CENTRE

*Come and enjoy the fun!*

**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**

**PET Machines**



**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

**ATM facilities available**

554-556 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs Phone: 9775 0065 [www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au](http://www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au)



### **Our Parish Prayer**

*We, the people of Seaford Parish  
strive to be followers of Jesus  
by being a welcoming and supportive  
community*

*in which the talents  
of all can grow  
and in which we live out  
our faith through word,  
sacrament and action.*

*May the Holy Family  
St Anne and St Joachim  
inspire and intercede for us  
that we may be followers of Jesus.*

*Amen.*



### **HOLY FAMILY**

#### **PRAYER**

*Heavenly Father,  
You have given us the model  
of life  
in the holy family of  
Nazareth.*

*Help us make our family  
another Nazareth  
Where love, peace and joy  
reign.*

*Teach us to see Jesus  
in the members of our  
families,  
especially in their distress  
disguise.*

*May we love one another  
as God loves each of us,  
more and more each day,  
and forgive each other's  
faults*

*as you forgive our sins.  
Help us take whatever you  
give  
and give whatever you take  
with a big smile  
**Amen.***