

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 17th September 2023

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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 10/9/2023 \$ 1748.00

“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, Matthew Materia.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time including **Mary Gilbert** and for all those who have died recently.

Rest in Peace



Offer Extended for a Limited Time

5.55 % p.a.*

12-month term investment with CDF Community Fund

By opening an account with CDF Community Fund, you are saving for a greater reward than money alone. Help build classrooms for students, churches for growing communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the most vulnerable.

It's a way to save while doing good.

Call 1800 134 135

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[You can find more information about this offer, including a link to the online application, by clicking here or visiting our website](#)

READINGS FOR THIS 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

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

1st Reading: Is 55: 6 - 9
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call Him.
2nd Reading: Phil 1: 20 - 24, 27
Gospel: Mt 20: 1 - 16

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.



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. Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **23th / 24th September**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: J. John / L. Doherty

Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham

Altar Servers: Annet / Luke

8:30am Mass

Readers: D. Morison / F. Antony

Eucharistic Minister: Christina O'Toole

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: R. Hepworth / J. Fernandez

Eucharistic Minister: Llyod Hazelman

Altar Servers: Alden / Eric

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

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has new supplies of Medals and Keyrings and Prayer cards commemorating the Archangels Michael; Raphael and Gabriel. Gifts of statues of angels in blue or pink to commemorate Baptism and a Statue of Guardian Angel. Call at the Piety Stall after Mass and see what gifts we have available.

A vertical poster for the Ignite Conference. The background is a collage of colorful, abstract shapes. The text is arranged in a structured way. At the top, it says "BRISBANE 21-24 SEP" in large, bold, red and green letters. Below that, in smaller black text, "ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE, SOUTH BRISBANE". Then a photo of a crowd with their hands raised. Below the photo, "28 SEP 1 OCT SYDNEY" in large, bold, red and green letters. Then "CATHEDRAL PRECINCT, WAITARA". Below that, "HOSTED IN AND SUPPORTED BY" in small black text. Then two logos: "ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE" and "DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY". Below that, "SPONSORED BY" in small black text. Then four logos: "CATHOLIC VOCATIONS BROKEN BAY", "vocation BRISBANE.com", "Acts 2 College of Mission & Evangelisation", and "ACU AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY". Below that, "NET ministries AUSTRALIA". Then "INFORMATION & REGISTRATION" in small black text. Below that, "BE IN THE ROOM BRING A GROUP SPONSOR A DELEGATE BRING A FRIEND" in bold green text. To the right of this text is a QR code. At the bottom, "IGNITECONFERENCE.COM.AU" in bold red text.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday & Friday 9:15am Mass
Saturday 5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy 5.30pm Reconciliation
Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:30 am and 10:00 am Mass

JOHN PRIDMORE

Ex-Gangster nearly killed a man who failed to pay a debt. After his conversion in 1992, he joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and met St. Mother Theresa. They helped him to love again and to use his story to help others. John Pridmore has spoken to millions around the world about his past and remarkable conversion. He has inspired countless individuals to find hope and meaning through his powerful talks, conferences and parish missions. John will be speaking at St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza in the coming weeks. Each talk begins at 7:30pm and runs for one hour.

Night 1: 18th September - God's Love - Getting to know the depth of God's love.

Night 2: 19th September - God's Mercy - A chance to personally experience the mercy of Jesus.

Night 3: 20th September - God's Healing - Healing service – allowing Jesus to heal us.

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

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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.*