

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24th September 2023

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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 17/9/2023 \$ 3456.00

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

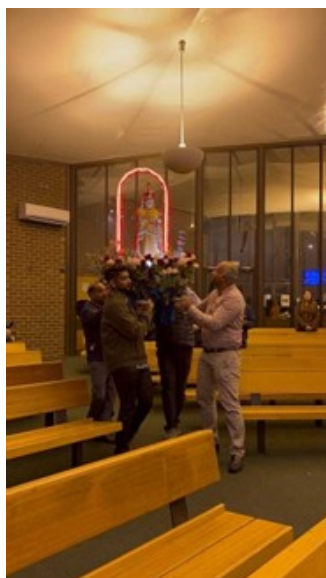
Welcome to St Anne's Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. 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, Fitzroy De Alwis.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time including **Will Howe, Edward Anton, Vincent Lonappan, Daisy Hart** and for all those who have died recently.



Rest in Peace

Feast Day Celebration of Mother Mary



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **30th September / 1st October**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: L. Doherty / A. Brown
Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Burke
Altar Servers: Luke / Isaac

8:30am Mass

Readers: C. O'Toole / C. Long
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: M. Villemin / S. Martin
Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Villemin
Altar Servers: Eric / Anthony

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A **Twenty Fifth 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

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

1st Reading: Ezek 18: 25 - 28
Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.
2nd Reading: Phil 2: 1 - 11
Gospel: Mt 21: 28 - 32

Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to announce a community get together after Covid restrictions. We are inviting you to our Parish Fete! **Join us for a day filled with fun, food, and fellowship as we come together to celebrate our community on 3rd Dec 23 from 9 am to 1 pm at the parish grounds.**

Activities, food stalls and attractions will include games, a bake sale, live music, and more. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy a day of togetherness.

We look forward to seeing you there and making this year's Parish Fete a memorable event! More information to follow.

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER 2023

Now that the winter period is gone and we have successfully completed the first year accommodating guests in Holy family hall, we would like to thank all those involved in this project from the parish, building committee members, and other persons from ecumenical churches around the area. Please see the final report in our website.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY APPEALS – MOROCCO / LIBYA

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.**

Donate at www.caritas.org.au

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.



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, www.menalive.org.au. Please save this date in your diary **November 25th & 26th at St Anne's School Hall.**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 14 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the renovation and extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children.' Enquiries Phone:98173715.

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INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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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

*"So the last will be
first, and the first,
last. For many
are called but few
chosen"*

JESUS, JOHN 20:16

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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.*