

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 15th October 2023

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel. In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

### FUNDRAISING PROJECTS TO COVER THE COST OF WATER PIPES.

**GOLD COIN DONATION:** We are collecting a gold coin donation at the door after each Weekend Mass.

**RAFFLE TICKET:** Buy raffle tickets and win big orchid plants. \$5 for a ticket or \$10 for three tickets. Three plants to win. Raffle draw on 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday October after 10 am Mass.

We thank Danute Morison (Dana) and Martin Morris for donating plants. These plants are displayed in the church foyer. **As of Friday the total collection is \$6779.30. Thank you all for your support and generosity.** More projects like food stalls are coming up.

*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 8/10/2023 \$ 3863 .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, 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, Fitzroy De Alwis.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time including **Hilda Rebello** and for all those who have died recently including **Terence Vanderlaan.**



**Rest in Peace**

#### **Piety Stall**

We have received some **handmade Rosary Beads** made here in Seaford, call at the Piety Stall and purchase one to help a member of our Parish.

Christmas Cards are now available also Columban Calendars – get in early and purchase before the rush.

Mementos for those about to be Confirmed are on display, call and have a look at what is there to celebrate this occasion

#### **Luminous Rosaries :**

These beautiful handcrafted, custom-made Rosaries, are made locally by one of our parishioners Jacqueline Ware. In celebration of October, 'Month of the Holy Rosary' and the feast of 'Our Lady of the Holy Rosary', please 'Follow' Luminous Rosaries on their Facebook page to view their special range of rosaries and show your support.

*"When you pray the Holy Rosary, you have Our Lady's hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy Rosary, you have the power of God in your hands." - Pope Pius*

#### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**21st October / 22nd October**

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

Readers: R. Doherty / J. John

Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham

Altar Servers: Isaac / Luke

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

Readers: P. Vyverberg / C. O'Toole

Eucharistic Minister: Angela Roberts

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

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

Readers: W. Zantvoort / M.Villemin

Eucharistic Minister: Grace Edwards

Altar Servers: Anthony / Johan

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

1st Reading: Is 25: 6 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

2nd Reading: Phil 4: 12 - 14, 19-20

Gospel: Mt 22: 1 - 14

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

1st Reading: Is 45: 1, 4 - 6

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

2nd Reading: 1Thess 1: 1 - 5

Gospel: Mt 22: 15 - 21

## Dear Parishioners,

We regret to inform you of a recent break-in at our church. In this unfortunate incident, the tabernacle in our chapel, and funds from the Vinnies poor box were stolen.

We have reported the matter to police and are taking steps to enhance our security measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

### SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH

We have social media accounts for Facebook, Instagram and X, all are under St Anne's Parish name with Parish logo on it. Or scan the QR codes below with your smart phone camera. It will take you directly to the social media accounts. Please join, like and comment. You can see information about the current parish events there.

**Instagram**



**X (Formerly Twitter)**



**Facebook (Page)   Facebook (User)**

### PARISH FETE

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 23 from 9:00am 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 request the following items and assistance:

1. Organisers: If you're passionate about event planning and coordination, we'd love your help in making this event a success. Please consider volunteering your time and expertise.
2. Jam Stall: Do you make delicious homemade jams or preserves? We'd appreciate your contributions to our jam stall.
3. Plant Stall: Gardeners and plant enthusiasts, your green thumbs are needed! Please donate plants for our plant stall.
4. Food Handling License: If you have a food handling license and are willing to help with our food preparation and service, please get in touch.
5. Donation for Barbecue: We're in need of sausages, bread, sauces, onions for our event.
6. Volunteers for Stall Managers: Our stalls need capable and enthusiastic managers. If you can take charge of a stall or help manage one, we'd be grateful for your assistance.

7. Medical Experts: If you're a medical professional and can provide first-aid support during the event, your expertise will be invaluable.

8. If you or any business in the area interested to have a stall for this event, we can give a space for reduced fee.

9. Food stalls: We are in need of delicious food stalls, and we'd love to feature your culinary talents! If you're interested in running a food stall, cake stall, lolly, or have a specialty to share, please reach out to us. Your participation will add flavour and excitement to our event.

10. "Brick-a-Brac" Stall: we are in search of unique and intriguing "brick-a-brac" items. If you have vintage jewellery, crafts, or curiosities to share, we'd love to feature them.

Your contributions will make our event more vibrant and diverse. (Not looking for electronics and cloths)

### PASTORAL LETTER

Archbishop Peter has send a pastoral letter a head of this weeks referendum and prayerful reflection of the terrorist attach against Israel. You will find this letter on our website and a few copies are kept in the foyer of the Church.

**For more information please visit our website.**

**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**

### Helpers Needed at Vinnies Sausage Sizzle

Each year to raise funds for our parish Christmas Hampers, Vinnies run a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Carrum Downs. **Can you please help for 1 hour.**

**Where:** Bunnings Carrum Downs (Frankston/ Dandenong Road)

**When:** Saturday November 11th from 7:30am – 5:00pm.

**Please contact Peter Vyverberg on 0432 120 704 or email [pgvyverberg@gmail.com](mailto:pgvyverberg@gmail.com).**



**St. Anne's Public Square Rosary & Candlelight Procession**  
**Saturday October 21st at 4:30pm followed by 6.00pm Mass.**  
**All are welcome.**





## 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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As you may be aware of the Reconciliation or Confession times at our church every weekend is on Saturday before Mass.

We encourage you to take advantage of this time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's a wonderful opportunity to seek God's forgiveness, reflect, and renew your spiritual journey.

However, we understand that there may be instances when this time is not convenient. In such case, please know that you can always make an appointment for Confession with our priest. Your spiritual well-being is of the utmost importance, and we are here to accommodate your needs. To schedule a Confession appointment, simply contact the parish office.

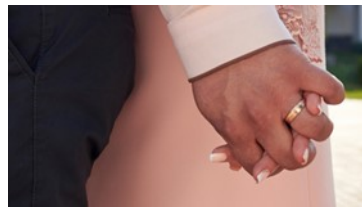
## Register for the Marriage Anniversary Mass

Sunday 22 October 2023, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

All couples and their families are invited to join the celebration of the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate. **Register by Sunday 15 October: [trybooking.com/CLKRBF](https://trybooking.com/CLKRBF)** For any queries please contact us 9926 5761 or [Proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:Proclaim@cam.org.au)



## 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](http://www.menalive.org.au). Please save this date in your diary **November 25th & 26th at St Anne's School Hall. For more Information Please contact Allan or Ashley.**

## JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY ACTIVITY



## MASS OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

As we are a few weeks away for the month of November, we encourage all parishioners who would like to offer Mass for their loved ones' to send us an email with all the names of the deceased. This sheet will be printed and placed on the altar to be prayed for at all Masses during the month of November.

The Remembrance Folder is kept in the foyer of the Church, names could be registered in the sheets as well. The names of the funerals held in our Church has already been registered in the folder. If you have entered the names last year the Mass will be offered this year as well.



# WELCOME TO



## HOLY FAMILY DANCE PARTY

32 MORETON STREET,  
FRANKSTON NORTH, 3200

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2023, 12:30PM-6PM

DONATION \$25 PP, BYO FOOD AND DRINKS

LIVE BAND: HOLY FAMILY BAND

CONT: ANNA TEMPLIN 0407 871 050