Seaford Parish Newsletter

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Holy Family Frankston North St. Joachim's Carrum Downs St. Anne's Seaford



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

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 drawn on 29th Sunday October after 10 am Mass.**

As of Friday the total collection is \$ 7360.60. Thank you all for your support and generosity. More projects like food stalls are coming up.

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for Catholic Mission.

Sr Carolina invites you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Timor-Leste as they look to address the gaps in care and empower the community to take control of their health through the presence of the missionary Sisters and their well-trusted health clinic.

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

smart phone camera APP & follow the prompts.

Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 15/10/2023 \$ 1541.00

"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, Nadeges, Anna Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, Natalie Fowler, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Bernadette O'Shea, Tony & Gerda Small, Margaret Keating, Kate Knox, Baby Toby, Mauricio Bonizzoni, Matthew Materia, Fitzirov De Alwis. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time and for all those who have died recently including Terence Vanderlaan.



Rest in Peace

IMPORTANT NEW COMMITTEE

As a result of a lot of thought and discussion, the Faith and Mission Committee has now been established in our parish. It will replace the Parish Pastoral Council that was recently dissolved. The new committee will concentrate on the Mission concept and will also be focused on faith and raising the quality of all aspects of worship. New members are most welcome. Please contact Fr Martin, Chris or Frank if you would like to have more information. The Guidelines for the new group is on the website.

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 10:00am Mass 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 28th October / 29th October

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: I. Abraham / R. Doherty Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Burke Altar Servers: Isaac / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: J. Anthony / D. Morison Eucharistic Minister: Christina

O'Toole

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

Readers: S. Martin / Z. Andrew Eucharistic Minister: Jerome Hinog

Altar Servers: Alden / Eric

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

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

1st Reading: Ex 22: 20 - 26

Responsorial Psalm: I love you Lord, My

strength.

2nd Reading: 1Thess 1: 5 - 10

Gospel: Mt 22: 34 - 40

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Bishop Tony

Please welcome Bishop Tony among us. The Confirmation ceremony is a celebration of faith, growth, and commitment, and having Bishop Tony here with us enhances the significance of this occasion. Keep the confirmation candidates in your prayers.

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) PARISH FETE

Facebook (User)

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 9:00am 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 Managing: 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. **Local Business:** 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 jewelleries, 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)

LAPTOP NEEDED

We are in need of a decent used or new laptop for the PowerPoint slide shows during Mass. The current laptop giving some troubles. Let us know if you can help.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe this weekend as World Mission Sunday. This annual observance was instituted 96 years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and pray for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER -ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Proclaim will begin in prayer as the young Church of Melbourne – whether young in age or young at heart – gather for Holy Hour. Worldrenowned Fr Rob Galea will lead music during this time of worship and adoration. Gather together for dinner where Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne will give a keynote address.

This evening is free and open to all. Keynote address and dinner is ticketed as there are limited places.

LINEN WASHING TEAM

We are in need of linen washing team. Materials that are used during Mass is to be washed, ironed and brought back. Please let us now if you can volunteer

For more information please visit our website. Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass
Thursday No 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.

THE ALL-SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints' Day Mass Wednesday, November 1st at 9:15 am.

All Saints' Day, also known as the Feast of All Saints, is a day when



we honour all the saints, known and unknown. It's a time to remember and celebrate the exemplary lives and devotion of these holy men and women who have lived throughout history. The saints serve as role models of faith and virtue for the Christian community.

All Souls' Day Vigil Mass: November 1st at 7:00 pm and Thursday, 2nd November 9:15am

All Souls' Day is a time to pray for the souls of the departed, particularly those who are believed to be in purgatory. It's a day of remembrance and reflection on the souls of deceased loved ones, and it's an opportunity to offer prayers and Mass for their souls.

These Masses are important moments in the liturgical calendar, allowing the faithful to connect with the spiritual realm and to honour the saints who have been recognized by the Church, as well as to remember and pray for their departed relatives and friends on All Souls' Day.

We encourage you to bring the photos of your loved ones who have passed away this year.

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

We are continuing to accept your original articles and photos for possible inclusion in the next edition of the parish magazine. Please note that the deadline for submission of articles is 11th November.

The end of the year is a very busy time for the editorial team. Therefore, articles submitted after 11th November might be held over until next year.

Remember that this will be your magazine, and your contributions are essential to viability of the magazine concept. Please contact Frank (editor) at fbartosy@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments.

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. For more Information Please contact Allan or Ashley.

Pietv Stall

Recently arrived at the Piety Stall – an Advent Wreath; various cribs; Christmas cards and Columban Calendars. Rosaries and other items suitable for mementos for Confirmation.'

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.



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.