## **Seaford Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 29th October 2023

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

Frankston North **Carrum Downs** Seaford



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### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

#### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read <u>last Sunday</u>. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten and many Commandments additional numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a twofold summary. Jesus says that all of commandments can be summarized in commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish At the end of the month (Tuesday 31st of Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love October) we will have a special celebration of for our neighbour.

### **An Urgent Prayer for Peace**

God of compassion, We turn to you with heavy hearts As we consider the needs of your family. Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, Each of us loved by You And called to live in peace and justice. We lament the dreadful loss of life, Destruction of property and loss of human dignity. We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place. Help your people find a way forward. Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, And embrace each other as sisters and brothers, As they find your image in every face. We ask that courage and grace Will help create a wiser and more gentle future, Where everyone has a home. God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen. By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia







## **End of the Rosary month**

Rosary and Holy Mass. Rosary at 6:30 pm and Mass at 7pm. We invite you all.

## 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 22/10/2023 \$ 4022.00

#### "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, Fitziroy De Alwis. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Eduardo, Modesta, Clifford Landrito, Leila Almarinez, Trevor Fernandez and for all those who have died recently including Janet Davies, Tyson, Willie Puno, Milagros Santiago, Anastasia Mael. 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.

#### 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. Flyers in the foyer of the church.

# ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4th November/ 5th November

#### 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: K. Burke / L. Doherty Eucharistic Minister: Ashley

Middleton

Altar Servers: Annet / Luke

#### 8:30am Mass

Readers: C. Long / J. Anthony Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: J. Fernandez / V. Angel Eucharistic Minister: Franklyn

William

Altar Servers: Eric / Anthony

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A Thirtieth 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

# READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A Thirty Frist Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Mal 1: 14 - 2:2, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found

my peace.

2nd Reading: 1Thess 2: 7 - 9, 13

Gospel: Mt 23: 1 - 12

#### Dear Parishioners,

Now that the sacrament of Confirmation has finished we would like to extend our thanks all those who helped the parish.

Bishop Tony really spoke from the heart to children at Mass. Both our school leadership team travelled with the confirmation families from the start to the finish. John Paul college organised retreat for all children on last Friday. Parish religions education team joined in all the sessions and supported families. Parish staff, decoration team, greeters and sacristans helped us to celebrate a prayerful day last Sunday. Parents and sponsors of the children prepared the children and witnessed this beautiful ceremony. A big thank you to all. May the Holy Spirit fill you with fruits and gifts.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday October after 10 am Mass. As of Friday the total collection is \$ 7730.60. Thank you all for your support and generosity. More projects like food stalls are coming up

#### **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.

#### **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 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.

#### 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. World-renowned 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.

#### 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.

'HOPPER NIGHT' fundraiser for the church. We invite you to join another community gathering and fundraising event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 7 pm onwards at the St. Anne's School hall. Ticket \$25 per person. Children 5-12 yrs will be charged \$15 and under 5 is free.

For more information please visit our website.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

### MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:30pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass 9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Vigil Wednesday

Mass

9:15am Mass Thursday Friday 9:15am Mass Saturday 5:25pm Rosary

followed by Divine Mercy 5.30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Vigil Mass Saturday

Sunday 8:30 am and

10:00 am Mass

## **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 Vvverberg on

0432 120 704 or email pgvyverberg@gmail.com.





#### **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.

#### Piety Stall

Diamond painting kits of Nativity Scene available at Piety Stall. Ideal for gifts or for those wishing to create a picture for the Christmas Season. Other items such as Rosaries; statues; books; bibles and prayer books suitable for gifts also available.

#### 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



### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.