# **Seaford Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 4th November 2023

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

Frankston North **Carrum Downs** Seaford



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## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal to eternal life with God in heaven. life. The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus offers us many important insights about this aspect of our faith.

Jesus was good friends with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. Lazarus had fallen ill, and Martha and Mary had sent word to Jesus. Jesus delays his journey to them, however, and when he arrives in Bethany, he finds that Lazarus is dead and has been buried for four days.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one; Lazarus and his family have many friends who have come to mourn his death. Martha goes out to meet Jesus when he arrives. She cries with him, saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Jesus consoles her with the promise that Lazarus would rise from the dead. Martha affirms her belief that there will be resurrection of the dead in the last days. Jesus promises her even more; he says that he himself is the Resurrection and the life for all those who believe in him. Martha professes her faith in this, acknowledging that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God.

This is the profession of faith we continue to make, and it is the promise on which we base our hope for eternal life for ourselves and for all those who have died. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him.

We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all whose souls are journeying through purgatory, being those who have died. There are many choices of prepared for eternal life in heaven. We believe that readings for this day, all focusing on our belief in the our prayers for them will help to speed their journey

### 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





# 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

Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & follow the prompts.

### Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 31/10/2023 \$ 1902.00

### "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, Judy Bartosy, Jonas Sestokas. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Denis McCue 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 11th November/ 12th November**

### 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: C. Collins / I. Abraham Eucharistic Minister: Liam Doherty

Altar Servers: Luke / Isaac

### 8:30am Mass

Readers: M.Wilson / P. Vyverberg Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

#### 10:00am Mass

Readers: M. Crees / A. William Eucharistic Minister: Martin Michael Altar Servers: Johan / Grazinia

# READINGS FOR THIS 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

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

1st Reading: Wis 6: 12 - 16

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for

you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: 1Thess 4: 13 - 18

Gospel: Mt 25: 1 - 13

### Dear Parishioners,

Last week we celebrated two important days of faith. All saints day and All souls day. Throughout this month we will continue to pray for all who have gone away. All the names you requested for will be prayed over the weekday Masses throughout this month.

### **CENSUS**

The diocese has a new software for parishes, Parish Administration Communication and Engagement Management (Pachem). In order to update the parish records, we will now need to fill new census forms. From next week onwards, we will start this process over three weekends.

# FUNDRAISING PROJECTS TO COVER THE COST OF WATER PIPES.

<u>GOLD COIN DONATION</u>: We are collecting a gold coin donation at the door after each Weekend Mass.

As of Friday the total collection is \$ 8401.50. Thank you all for your support and generosity. More projects like food stalls are coming up

### **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.
- 5. **Donation for Barbecue:** We're in need of sausages, bread, sauces, onions for our event.
- 4. **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.
- 5. **Medical Experts**: If you're a medical professional and can provide first-aid support during the event, your expertise will be invaluable.
- 6. **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.
- 7.**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.
- 8."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.



### 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.

'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.

### 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.

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

## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday
Wednesday
9:15am Mass
Thursday
6:00pm Mass
Friday
9:15am Mass
5:25pm Rosary
followed by
Divine Mercy
5.30pm

Reconciliation Saturday 6:00pm Vigil

Mass

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:00 am Mass

### **Raffle Winners**





**DONATION \$25 PP. BYO FOOD AND DRINKS** 

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**LIVE BAND: HOLY FAMILY BAND** 

### 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.

# MASS OFFERING DURING 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 altar, 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.



### VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REV PAUL GALLAGHER

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See
On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm.
All are welcome to attend.

# ST. ANNE'S VINNIES CHRISTMAS TOYS Our Children's Christmas Gift Tree is up!

## Dear parishioners,

Every Christmas you have been so generous, and we are asking again.

Please take a "Gift Tag" from the tree and return it with an age-appropriate gift. (please do not wrap it)! This year to boost our hampers we would like to

provide some personal care items to our families (soaps, shampoo, toothpaste etc.) Any donation of these additional items will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks and blessings

St Anne's Vinnies Hamper Team