

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes.

The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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 smart phone camera APP & follow the prompts.

Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 4/11/2023 \$ 2843.00

"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, Mauricio Bonizzoni, Matthew Materia, Fitzroy De Alwis, Judy Bartosy, Jonas Sestokas.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Loreto Hermosa, Giuseppe Mirabito, Sofia Ollada, Allan Bacus, Sr. Eduardo Paylado** and for all those who have died recently including **Emma Herbias, Salvacion Bell.**



Rest in Peace

Fundraiser for
St. Anne's Catholic Parish Church

Hoppers Night

www.guess.com.au

SATURDAY 7.00PM - 11.00PM
9TH DECEMBER 2023

BYO DRINKS 86/94 AUSTIN ROAD,
SEAFORD VIC 3198

RAFFLE DRAW
DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL

RIGHTS OF ADMISSION RESERVED

DONATION \$25 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 5 - 12 YEARS \$15

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **18th November/ 19th November**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: J. John / A. Brown

Eucharistic Minister: I. Abraham

Altar Servers: Isaac / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: S. Antony / B. Hicks

Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: G. Martin / W. Zantvoort

Eucharistic Minister: Lloyd Hazelman

Altar Servers: Grazinia / Alden

READINGS FOR THIS 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

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

1st Reading: Pro31:10-13, 19-20,30-31

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1Thess 5: 1 - 6

Gospel: Mt 25: 14 - 30

Dear Parishioners,

Its time now for all men of the parish to register for the upcoming MenAlive weekend. This is a day for self reflection with other men and become men fully alive in families and communities. Please see Ashleigh or Allan.

CENSUS

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

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.

As of Friday the total collection is \$ 8511.85. Thank you all for your support and generosity. Please support other projects.

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 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.
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 jewellery, crafts, or curiosities to share, we'd love to feature them.

St. Anne's Catholic Church

Seaford Parish

Parish Fete

Sunday, 3rd December

84 Austin Road, Seaford | 09:30 am - 01:00 pm



Bring Family & Friends

Jam Stall, Plant Stall, Brick-a-Brac Stall, Donut Stall, Cake Stall, Jewellery stall, Lolly Stall, Arts & crafts, Ice cream, Bouncy castle, Food stall, BBQ, Fun games, Music & much more...

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.

'HOPPERS NIGHT' fundraiser for the church. We invite you to join another community gathering and fundraising event on Saturday **9th 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 & 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

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.**

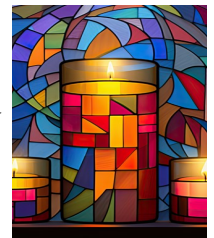


MAGAZINE DEADLINE

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 this weekend. 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.



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.

PITEY STALL: Decals for the car – Fish also Blessed Virgin. LED crib scene. Advent Calendar. Boxed Christmas cards in packets of 18; 12 and 8 in each pack. An Advent wreath also Advent Tapers for the wreath. All items at the Piety Stall, view these items after Mass.

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



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

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