

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving

the Kingdom of Heaven.

11 November 2023

Dear friends of good will,

The explosion of explicit antisemitism in parts of Australian society – on university campuses, in street protests, in mainstream and social media, and even among some claiming Christian belief – is shocking and deeply distressing. It speaks of the re-emergence of a latent distrust and culpable ignorance of the People of Jewish heritage, fuelled by deliberately fostered hatreds and loathing, and tied into dishonest agendas from extreme standpoints, both from the left and from the right.

None of the horror of what was perpetrated in Israel, nor any of the tragedy of what is unfolding in Gaza, justifies the perpetration of antisemitism in Australia. It does not teach our children of justice and mercy. It does not uphold and respect the dignity of people and peoples. It does not foster truth, which is necessary to set us free. The language of hatred and spite, of innuendo and slogan, is language emanating from a poisoned soul. It wounds and frightens; it belittles the lives of our neighbours.

The great Abrahamic religions believe in a God who is the Creator-Father of all human beings in His image and likeness. I also believe in his Divine Son, the man Jesus Christ, of Jewish heritage, who took upon himself this evil, so that we might be rid of it ourselves. Might we seek conversion of our souls and choose pathways where we learn to listen and speak with one another as sisters and brothers. It is the only way to reconciliation and peace.

May the Creator of all humanity reign in our hearts.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
Archbishop of Melbourne

### CCTV CAMERAS

Due to the break in we have installed cctv cameras all around church. It's not an invasion into privacy, but a key safety measure for our property. No footage will be shared with anyone.

**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 12/11/2023 \$ 1750.00**

### **"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 **Moti Mary** 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.gues.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** **25th November/ 26th November**

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

Readers: L. Doherty / K. Burke

Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Burke

Altar Servers: Annet / Luke

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

Readers: C. O'Toole / F. Anthony

Eucharistic Minister: Ranj. Fernando

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

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

Readers: A. William / G. Martin

Eucharistic Minister: M. Villemmin

Altar Servers: Anthony / Johan

### **READINGS FOR THIS 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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A** **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

1st Reading: Ezek 34: 11-12,15-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1Cor 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel: Mt 25: 31- 46



## Dear Parishioners,

To all families with young children, we would love to welcome you to join in the children's liturgy from this weekend onwards only offered at 10 am Mass at this time. This is an opportunity to learn Mass and reading in child friendly language. The leaders are all passed working with children check. We need volunteers for next year.

### 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 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 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...

### 'HOPPERS 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. Tickets are on sale.

### 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**

### Piety Stall

The PIETY STALL has a number of items for Christmas including Cards; Columban calendars; Cribs. There are many items for gifts including Rosaries; Medals of various saints also chains; Missals and Bibles for all ages from adults to teenagers and young children. Crucifixes or various sizes from 3cm to larger for wall hanging or table standing.

If you are looking for something in particular, ask the person on duty at the Stall and we will see if we can obtain it for you.

## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday &amp; Friday</b>	<b>9:15am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy 5.30pm Reconciliation</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 am and 10:00 am Mass</b>

## 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. 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. 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](mailto: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.



Knox Public Lecture **'Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins'** Register for and attend a live zoom lecture 'Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins' presented by Dr. Susan Connelly RSJ on Tuesday, 28 November, at 7.30pm at St John's. Registration is essential at [frankston@cam.org.au](mailto:frankston@cam.org.au) / 9783 3484 by 23 November.

## 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.

## 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**



## Certificate of APPRECIATION



Lifestyle Capital of Victoria

Presented to:

**Frankston Winter Shelter**

In recognition of the Frankston Winter Shelter initiative – a combined project of the Frankston Churches offering critical support for the most vulnerable in our community. Council applauds your dedication and commitment to provide a bed, a warm meal and safe place for the night through the winter months in a safe, caring, non-judgemental community environment where guests receive refreshment, hope and rest. Your passion has inspired and garnered more than 100 volunteers – demonstrating what the community can achieve when we work together. Congratulations and keep up the inspirational work!

Cr Nathan Conroy  
MAYOR – FRANKSTON CITY

Cr Sue Baker JP  
COUNCILLOR – FRANKSTON CITY

23 October 2023

Date