

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

THE CANDLES AND THE WREATH

Advent is celebrated four consecutive weeks before Christmas. With the season of Advent, starts the lighting of different candles.

Traditionally, each of the five Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the four weeks we celebrate this season of waiting, watching and expecting Jesus.

Here's the specific meaning of the four weeks of Advent:

WEEK 1

The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes HOPE with the "PROPHET'S CANDLE" reminding us that Jesus is coming. (Purple Candle)

The first week of this Advent reminds us of the coming of Jesus Christ the Redeemer. The first week marked with a purple candle has the meaning of HOPE. We all look forward to Christ's coming full of joy and hope.

The first candle this week is called the Candle of the Prophet who reminds us that the coming of Jesus as Messiah has been preached by the prophets.

And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

(Isaiah 11:10)

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Celebrant: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning and no end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God's never ending love for us.

All: Come Lord Jesus

Celebrant: As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus.

All: Come Lord Jesus

Celebrant: May he find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.

All: Come Lord Jesus

The first candle is lit.

Prayer Let us pray.....

God of integrity,

Our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.

Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We make this prayer in his name and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



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.

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 26/11/2023 \$ 1794.50

“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, Jacquie Vandelight, Constance Anderson.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Lourdunathan** and for all those who have died recently including **Tyson Daniels, Tony Martins, Frank Abraham, Fr. Patrick Dowling .**
Rest in Peace



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



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9th December/ 10th December

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: M. John / R. Doherty

Eucharistic Minister: Liam Doherty

Altar Servers: Luke / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: F. Antony / M. Wilson

Eucharistic Minister: Timothy wright

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: R. Hepworth / J. Fernandez

Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta Andrews

Altar Servers: Eric / Antony

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A **First Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make me turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading: 1Cor 1: 3 - 9

Gospel: Mk 13: 33 - 37

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B **Second Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Is 40: 1-5, 9 -11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: 2 Pet 3: 8 - 14

Gospel: Mk 1: 1 - 8

Dear Parishioners,

Parish fete is this Sunday. We need your full cooperation in it. The main aim is to socialise with other Parishioners, and it is also a fund raiser. Please invite your family and friends too.

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OFFICE

Since Sumitha is taking holidays from next week, we need some volunteers at the parish office. If you are good at attending phones and emails, please spare couple of hours of your time.

MOBILITY SCOOTER AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know need a mobility scooter, please contact the office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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. Please make sure all the census card are brought back. If you have not filled one, please find it on the pews.

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 \$ 8868.35. Thank you all for your support and generosity. Please support other projects.

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. All tickets are sold. Please bring some cash for raffles.

For more information please visit our website.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Piety Stall

Christmas cards; cribs; items for Christmas gifts. All the profits from the Piety Stall are part of the fundraising for the parish, please support us.

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.

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 if you have any questions or comments.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2023

Christmas Mass Timings

Penitential Service - Thursday 21st December
7:00pm - followed by Individual confession

Weekend Masses

Saturday 23rd December - 6:00pm - Mass
Sunday 24th December - 9:00am - Mass

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December
5:30pm - Carols followed Children's Mass
8:00pm - Family Mass
11:30pm - Midnight Mass with Carols

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December
9:00am - Mass

New Year Day - Monday 1st January 2024
9:15am - Mass followed by benediction

Advent 2023 Prepare for Christmas with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Join me and people all around the world for a free Daily Devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.

Starting 3rd December, you'll receive a short inspirational video each day filled with real life stories and practical ways to help you in your prayer and spiritual journey. I find, "You don't become what you hope to become. You only become what you do." What will you do this Advent?

Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/>

For more information,

email: info@brucedownes.org

Fundraiser for
St. Anne's Catholic Parish Church

Hoppers Night

SATURDAY 7.00PM - 11.00PM
9TH DECEMBER 2023

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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

Please Help To Deliver Christmas Hampers/Toys

Our St. Anne's Vinnies need your help for **ONE HOUR, meeting at the church at 9am on Saturday December 16** to deliver Christmas Hampers/Toys to our parish families in need. Parish area will be cut up into 10 sections so you only need to drive to one area to put a big smile on the faces of the families you deliver to.



HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

It is a tradition in Catholic Church to bring communion to the sick and homebound during Christmas. If you have elderly parishioners at home or if you know someone needs communion, please contact parish to organise a time for the priest to visit them.



Xclusive Support Services - NDIS


We offer 24/7 services.

- Personal Care
- Domestic Help
- Pet Care
- Meal Prep Transport



SIGN UP SHEET

We need volunteers to sign up for Reading, Special Minister, Altar serving, Sacristan and Power Point Presentation, during Christmas and New Year Masses. Sign up sheet is placed in the foyer of the Church.



St Anne's Catholic Church

Dawn Mass

Simbang Gabi

Duration: 16th to 24th December
Time: 5:00 - 6:00am
Address: St Anne's Church,
 84 Austin Road,
 Seaford
Breakfast and Fellowship after Mass

Reflection of this week

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see John 14:8–9). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see John 10:11–15) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.