

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th January 2024

Holy Family  
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St. Anne's

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

Newsletter for the Month of January

*Happy New Year!*

*As we begin a new year, let us thank God for His abundant grace and mercy, and for His constant presence and guidance in our lives. Let us also renew our commitment to follow His will and to serve His people, especially those who are in need of our love and compassion.*

*January is a month full of liturgical celebrations and opportunities for spiritual growth. We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord this week, when the Magi came to adore the newborn King and brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed as the beloved Son of the Father. We celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, when we pray for the restoration of the full communion among all the followers of Christ. We celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul, when the persecutor of the church became the apostle of the Gentiles. These events remind us of the mystery and the mission of our faith: to encounter Christ, to be transformed by Him, and to share Him with the world.*

*May God bless you and your families, and may He grant you peace and joy in this new year.*

### **NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Opportunity to involve in Eucharist Ministries.

We would love to welcome new volunteers for our Reading, Communion, Sacristan, Greeters and Power point ministries. Please find sign-up sheet in the foyer. You need to have a working with children check card. If any existing ministers would like a break for some time call the office before the end of the month. New rosters out at the end of the month.

### **MASS TIMES FOR THE MONTH**

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| <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<br/>followed by<br/>Divine Mercy<br/>5.30pm<br/>Reconciliation</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>               | <b>6:00pm Vigil<br/>Mass</b>  |
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | <b>8:30 am and<br/>10:00 am Mass</b>  |

*Happy New Year 2024*

This New Year may our hearts be filled with thanksgiving for all the gifts we have received from God.

And

with God as our leader, may we be prepared to live another year under His Guidance.

*Happy New Year  
2024*

*Our parish respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong people, who are the custodians of the Boon Wurrung land on which we worship. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Elders; past, present and future.*

**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.***



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

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>

**“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, Fitzroy De Alwis, Judy Bartosy, Jonas Sestokas, Jacquie Vandelig.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Gerald Fitzgerald, Mrs Blanche Gay, Joseph Victor Jelleff** and for all those who have died recently including **Ernestina Virtudazo.**  
**Rest in Peace, Amen.**



**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

1st Reading: Is 60: 1-6  
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
2nd Reading: Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6  
Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1 Sam 3: 3-10,19  
Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20  
Gospel: Jn 1: 35-42

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21/01/2024,Year B  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Responsorial Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord.  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7: 29-31  
Gospel: Mk 1: 14-20



**A word of thanks to all the volunteers**

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered during our 2023 advent season, the Dawn Mass, our children’s Christmas carols & the Choir– we are grateful to the cleaners, setting up our beautiful crib, the Christmas tree decorations, music & IT, our readers, greeters, altar servers and Sacristans and performing any other ministries during these Masses. We wouldn’t have done it without your help. Greatly appreciated.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28/01/2024 —  
Year B  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Deut 18:15-20  
Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7: 30-35  
Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28