

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper

complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

Congratulation to all the students receiving their
Sacrament of First Holy Communion
this weekend.



We are very grateful to all the parishioners for your continued support and 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.

As reference please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your full name.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through the QR code Or the below link

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj6iAAD>

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 21/7/2024 \$4023 .00



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

“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 **Charito Chester, Trish Falk, Christina Toleafoa, Hortance Bouchereau, Nadeges, Anna Martonhelyi, Felipe Gonzalez, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Tony & Gerda Small, Margaret Keating, Kate Knox, Baby Toby, Judy Bartosy, Jonas Sestokas, Jacquie Vandeligt, Matthew Materia, Constance Anderson, , Claire Morel, Nancy Eteve, John McCready, Winnie Darallon, Stanley Fernandez, Jean McGregor,** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Barry O’Toole** and for all those who have died recently **Josepina Heard, Rita Lemmers, Bill Reymers, Jude Pereira, Eizabeth Anne Morton, Alice Winifred Plaister.** Rest in Peace.



Piety Stall

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues and more. There are also religious gift items available for first holy communion and many other occasions.

4th WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

St Anne & Joachim are the grandparents of Jesus. Grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! Children and the elderly build the future of people, children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives. Grandparents are the keepers of the family history, and the foundation of cherished family traditions.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
3rd August & 4th August

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Ruairi D / Annabelle. B
Eucharistic Minister: Allen Sleddon
Altar Servers: Issac / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: Brett. H / Marita. W
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: Mechelle. C / Jamie. F
Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta Andrew
Altar Servers: Emily / Mary

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Kg 4:42 - 44
Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.
2nd Reading: Eph 4: 1 –6
Gospel: Jn 6: 1 - 15

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 16: 2 - 4, 12 -15
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
2nd Reading: Eph 4: 17, 20 – 24
Gospel: Jn 6: 24 - 35

Dear Parishioners,

First Holy Communion celebrations starting from this weekend onwards. We welcome all families and their guests for this celebrations.

HAPPY FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINTS

On this special Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, we celebrate the holy parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. May their example of faith, love, and dedication inspire all families to grow in faith and unity. We pray for the intercession of Saints Anne and Joachim to bless all parents and grandparents with strength and grace. Happy Feast Day!

ASSISTANCE WITH WWCC LINKING TO THE PARISH

We are pleased to inform you, from next weekend, there will be assistance available for updating your Working with Children Check. This service will be offered after Mass.

If you need help with the process, please stay back after Mass and our team will be there to assist you. You need access to WWCC number, phone or email address associated with Service Victoria. Under the *Working with Children Act 2005*, it is an offence to engage in child-related work without a valid Check. Heavy penalties apply.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the safety of our community.

AN IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone involved in our church, we are inviting you to join online safeguarding module. This module is designed to provide you with essential knowledge and skills to help protect and support those we work with especially children and vulnerable adult.

We strongly encourage all volunteers to participate in this important training on July 31 (Wednesday) at 7 pm. This is the last session the parish will be running. Your participation is crucial in maintaining a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Working with Children check or VIT ID is needed to participate in this session.

The module is accessible online and can be completed at your own pace also, you can start and pause and continue anytime you like. To access the safeguarding module, please visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

Please complete this by the end of the month. The office will follow-up with those who have not completed the requirement from this week. Thank you to those who have already done it.

THANKSGIVING STATEMENTS

Thanksgiving contribution statements will come out soon. Do you like a digital copy of statement sent to your email? Please contact the parish.

JOIN COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER GROUP

Please help us bring our parishioners closer by joining our community get together group. We organize events, gatherings, and activities that foster friendship, connection, and a sense of belonging within our church community. Your creative ideas and organizational skills are most welcome.

PARISH FETE: BUILDING COMMUNITY HARMONY AND INTERACTION

We are excited to invite everyone to our Parish Fete at the school grounds on 25th August 2024. Please Join us with your family and friends for a day of fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrate our community and build stronger bonds of harmony and interaction. There will be games, activities, stalls, delicious food, and entertainment for all ages. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with familiar faces.

Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends!

We need your help to make our parish fete a success! We are looking for:

Volunteers: To help with setting up, running stalls, and cleaning up after the event. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of the Church.

Stalls: Do you have a small business or a craft you'd like to showcase? We have spaces available for stalls for a small donation.

Bric-a-Brac Items: Donations of gently used items for our bric-a-brac stall are needed. This is a great way to declutter and support our parish.

Plants: We are also seeking donations of plants for our plant stall. Whether you have potted plants, seedlings, or cuttings, all contributions are welcome.

Glass Bottles- We are in need of glass bottles for making jam. *Cake Stall:* We would like to request all who can bake cake for our cake stall, please contact the office

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

SICK LIST: As the Sick list is growing every week, could you please contact the office to let us know if you would like to keep the person's name on the list.

ROSTERS: The Reading, Eucharist and Altar Server Rosters are sent to all the volunteer's. Some printed copy of the roster is placed in the Sacristy, if you need a copy.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass
Tuesday Funeral Mass 10:00am
Wednesday 9:15am Mass
First Friday 7:00pm Mass
Saturday 5:25pm Rosary followed
by Divine Mercy
5.30pm Reconciliation
Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00am Mass

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

We thank all the volunteers and donors for their extra time and ongoing support, it is greatly appreciated.



Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs – supervising, setting up, driving, serving food, welcoming guests, overnight shift (3 volunteers do this together), packing up beds. If you are available for any of these please let Jamie know on 0431622155. If you are unable to help us directly, you might be able to support the program in many other ways. Maybe baking pastries for supper or dessert is something you could do, or providing an evening meal for 20 people might even be an option for some. Or perhaps a financial donation, or a prayer. We thank all of those who have donated financially and those who are donating their time, and offering prayers. Also currently required stock items are Up & Go's, Prima Drinks, Snack chips, Le Snacks
Fruit Cups, Bath Towels, King single sheets, King single mattress protectors.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

An invitation for Young men over 18

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 10 August**. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the Archbishop, students, and staff.

For any enquiries please contact
vocations@cam.org.au

Prayer to Sts. Anne and Joachim



Heavenly Father, we thank You for the example of Saints Anne and Joachim, who remained faithful in the face of difficulties and trusted in Your divine plan. Grant us the grace to be faithful in our own lives, to nurture faith within our families, and to trust in Your loving providence. May we always seek to do Your will and grow in holiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glorious Lives

We are pleased to inform you about our upcoming program, "Glorious Lives," which features the inspiring life stories of Catholic saints. The premiering of the life story of Australia's beloved saint, St. Mary MacKillop, scheduled for August 8th at 7:00 PM on Shalom World TV,



aligning with the saint's feast day. The film not only showcases St. Mary MacKillop's remarkable achievements and contributions but also features interviews with historians, educators, and individuals inspired by her legacy. Viewers will experience the challenges she overcame and the steadfast faith that drove her mission. This compelling film, produced over six months, combines dramatic e-enactments with expert interviews to delve into her extraordinary life.

Please spread this news among your and fellow Catholics, encouraging them to tune in to Shalom World TV for the premiere of this exceptional film and explore the enduring legacy of a woman whose influence continues to inspire today. The channel is accessible for free download on all smart TVs and devices, allowing unlimited viewing. Let us take this opportunity to celebrate and reflect upon the beauty and inspiration of our Catholic saints, particularly St. Mary MacKillop, the patron saint of Australia.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

There is apparently an email scam going around to Parishioners asking for gift cards. Please be assured its not from Fr. Martin or from St. Anne's church (Parish office).

Please do not respond to any such emails. Please alert fellow parishioners also.

Parish has one active email that is seaford@cam.org.au