

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean.

Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmask a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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 25/8/2024 \$ 2307.00



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

“Every Conversation Matters” Safeguarding Sunday 8th September 2024



The Parish of St Anne’s, Seaford and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

You can find out more about the Church’s work in this area at:
<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Bernadette O’Shea, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Catherine Britt, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Stanley Fernandez, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Kate Knox.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Jesunayagam, Madeline and Joseph Fernando, Bridget and Francis Silva, Therese and Felix Ranasinghe, Virginia Mararan, Janina Surma, Gregoria & Gregorio Dela Cerna** and for all those who have died recently **Isidora Cabingatan, Vilhem Vrtik, Denzil Denetto.** Rest in Peace. Amen.



LIMITED VACANCIES AT ST ANNE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR 2025

Due to changed family circumstances we have some limited vacancies in Foundation for 2025 which we would welcome applications for. If you know of someone who is currently undecided about where to begin their child’s education, please make them aware of this potential opportunity. We have some extremely limited vacancies at other levels for applications.

All inquiries are welcome.

Please contact Debbie at the office on 9786 4736

PIETY STALL

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, Stickers, Chains, Locketts, Prayer cards and more. If you need anything that the piety stall does not have, please place any order and we will try to get it for you.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 7th & 8th September

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Jarvis. J / Amelia. H
 Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Middleton
 Altar Servers: Alden / Bertin

8:30am Mass

Readers: Peter. V / Jeanne. A
 Eucharistic Minister: Antony Simon
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: Marylin. V / Robert. H
 Eucharistic Minister: Grace Edwards
 Altar Servers: Gabrina / Grazinia

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deut 4: 1 - 2, 6 - 8
 Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
 2nd Reading: Jam 1:17-18,21-22, 27
 Gospel: Mk 7: 1-8,14-15,21- 23

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 35: 4 - 7
 Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!
 2nd Reading: Jam 2:1 - 5
 Gospel: Mk 7: 31 - 37

Dear Parishioners,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every one of you for your incredible support and involvement in parish fete. The event was a resounding success, and it would not have been possible without the dedication, generosity, and hard work of our entire parish community.

From those who helped in the planning and organization, to the volunteers who gave their time and energy on the day, and everyone who attended and contributed in any way—your commitment to our parish is truly inspiring. We have profited \$2860.00. The funds raised will go a long way in supporting our parish ministries and outreach programs, and the sense of fellowship and joy shared among us was a beautiful testament to the strength of our community.

Thank you for making this event not only a successful fundraiser but also a wonderful celebration of coming together as a parish family. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

One of the raffle prizes to be claimed. Ticket details are **Black F 50**. Please bring with you the copy of the raffle ticket and collect your gift as soon as possible.

ANNUAL LEAVE

I am on holidays and visiting home from 2nd September to 4th October. During my absence Fr Geoff Baron and Fr Joseph O'Shea will Celebrate all weekend Masses. For any hospital visits and anointing please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic Chaplain.

St Jude's Church, Langwarrin

Tuesday 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday– Saturday 9:30am Mass

St Francis Xavier Church, Frankston.

Monday –Saturday 9: 15am Mass

INVITATION TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE

We are reaching out to you with a special invitation to join two vital committees within our parish community: the Finance Committee and the Building Maintenance Committee

Finance Committee:

We are seeking parishioners with experience in finance, accounting, or business management to help guide the financial decisions of our parish. This committee plays a crucial role in ensuring our resources are used wisely to support the mission and ministries of our church.

Building Maintenance Committee:

If you have experience in construction, maintenance, or project management, we would greatly value your input on our Building Maintenance Committee. This

group is responsible for the upkeep and improvement of our church facilities, ensuring that our spaces remain safe, welcoming, and functional for all who enter.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve. Please call the office.

YOUTH GROUP

We're excited to announce the vibrant youth group at our parish! Our youth group offers a welcoming and supportive community for young people to grow in their faith, forge friendships, and engage in meaningful service and activities. From dynamic discussions to fun events and service projects, there's something for everyone. We invite all youth to join us on this journey of faith and fellowship. Stay tuned for upcoming events and opportunities to get involved!

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.

THANKSGIVING STATEMENTS

Thanksgiving contribution statements have been sent by post. If you don't receive them this week, please call the Parish office. We thank you for your continuous love, support and generosity.



Holy Hour every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join at the chapel.

For more information please visit our website.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024

COME FOLLOW ME

This is a final reminder to complete your pledges to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign and play your part in supporting the vital ministries that serve all in our faith community in



the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The campaign calls on all the faithful to support our seminary, our retired priests, and important care and evangelisation ministries of the Archdiocese. More details about the campaign and how to make a gift are in the brochures in the pews and foyer today. I know that times are challenging but encourage you to consider giving generously to the extent you are able.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	6:00pm Mass
Thursday	6:00pm Communion Service
Wednesday & Friday	9:15am Communion service
Friday	6:30pm Rosary
Saturday	5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30 & 10:00am Mass

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

As the season concludes the team at Frankston Winter Shelter would like to thank all those who donated food, goods, and money. A special thank you to all the volunteers who have selflessly given their own time to be key to the successful operation of the Shelter. Thank you also to those who prayed for the guests and volunteers. Your prayers were heard. Without the sacrifices of so many the program would not have been a much-needed support in the harsh winter months. Thank you all and many blessings. Over the months some have found permanent housing, some work, and some reunited with estranged family. The Frankston Winter Shelter program has undoubtedly changed lives and you were a part of that. We will be able to share more over the coming months as we finalise details and plan for its return in 2025 when we hope you'll respond in kind again.



Upcoming CTC Events

- Information Session for Educators
- Information Session for Prospective Students
- Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions

For more information:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/>
<https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>



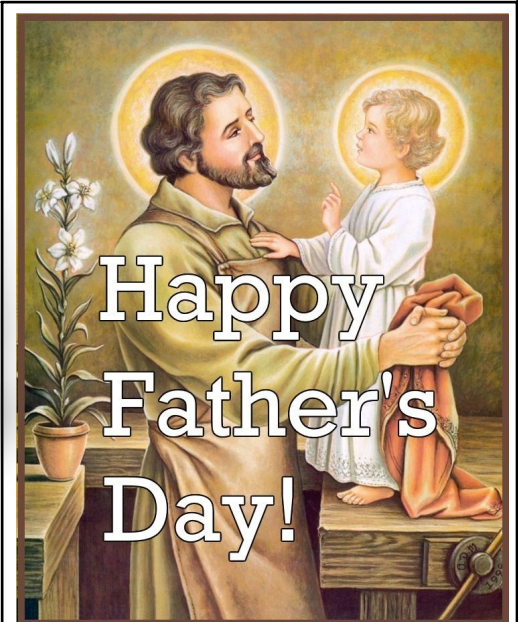
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Novena to our Lady of Good Health, Velankanni.

1	Thursday, 29 August	6.00 pm Mass followed by Novena
2	Friday, 30 August	6.30 pm
3	Saturday, 31 August	11.00 am
4	Sunday, 1 September	11.00 am
5	Monday, 2 September	6.30 pm
6	Tuesday, 3 September	6.30 pm
7	Wednesday, 4 September	6.30 pm
8	Thursday, 5 September	6.30 pm
9	Friday, 6 September	6.30 pm followed by Feast Mass at 7.00 pm

Please Bring a plate to share after the Feast Mass.



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VOCATIONS ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 Location: via ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au