

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign

that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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 28/7/2024 \$2660 .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 **Bernadette O’Shea, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Catherine Britt**. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Patricio Ollada, Teodoro Deiz, Danuta & Wally Drozd, Zofia & Tadeusz Kucharski, Grzegorz Polec, Jan Polec, Evelyn Fernandes** and for all those who have died recently **Elizabeth Anne Morton, Alice Winifred Dullard**. **Rest in Peace. Amen.**



RADIO MARIA AUSTRALIA

Radio Maria Australia is a Catholic radio station bringing Christ into your every day! Our station broadcasts 24/7, with interesting and inspiring shows and podcasts, daily masses and Rosary prayers, and a variety of positive music - all to foster faith, hope and God's love.

PIETY STALL

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, stickers, Car cross, Chains, Locketts, Prayer cards and more. There are also religious gift items available for First holy communion and many other occasions.
Stop by after Mass and have a look at the display of items.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
10th August & 11th August

6:00pm Vigil Mass
 Readers: Rihann. R / Melanie. J
 Eucharistic Minister: Liam Doherty
 Altar Servers: Bertin / Alden

8:30am Mass
 Readers: Marita. W / Sofia. A
 Eucharistic Minister: Shane Reeve
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass
 Readers: Zeeta. A / Varuna. A
 Eucharistic Minister: Martin Michael
 Altar Servers: Eric / Johan

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.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kg 19: 4 - 8
 Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Ps 33)
 2nd Reading: Eph 4: 30 – 5:2
 Gospel: Jn 6: 41 - 51

Dear Parishioners,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making our parish feast day a wonderful celebration. Your time, effort, and dedication were truly appreciated. Whether you helped with the preparations, volunteered during the event, or supported us in other ways, your contributions made the day special for everyone. Children who organised for Mass at 10 am were marvellous.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our parish.

A NEW DONATION TAP POINT

A new donation tap point has arrived at our parish! This convenient, multi-tasking device allows you to make donations of any amount between \$ 1– 99 with just a tap. It accepts all types cashless transactions. Please select the amount you want to donate, by default you will see 5, 15, 25, 50. If you wish to enter a custom amount, tap custom button (at the bottom of the screen) and enter the amount and tap the card or device. When the payment is successful it provides you the option to receive a receipt through a QR code, making the process quick and efficient. For this you need a smart phone with internet connection.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

SICK LIST POLICY

Our parish community is dedicated to supporting and praying for those who are ill. To ensure the sick list is managed respectfully and effectively, we have established the following policy:

1. Submission of Names

- To add a name to the sick list, please contact the parish office directly or via email.
- Please provide the full name of the person who is ill and your contact information if possible, for any follow-up questions.

2. Consent and Privacy

- Ensure that the person who is ill, or their immediate family, has given consent to have their name published on the sick list. We respect privacy and confidentiality and require explicit permission to share names in the newsletter.

3. Duration of Listing

- Names will be kept on the sick list for one month. If continued prayers are needed, please notify the parish office to extend the duration.
- To update the status of a person on the sick list or to remove a name, please contact the parish office. We aim to keep the list current and accurate.

4. Confidential Requests

- For those who wish to remain anonymous but still

seek the community's prayers, contact the parish office to submit these requests. We are here to offer spiritual and emotional support during difficult times. Our parish is committed to praying for and supporting all members of our community, especially in times of illness.

AN IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who have completed the requirements. A few volunteers are yet to complete. The office will follow up with them.

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!

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.

NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS WEEK (5-11 August)

National Homelessness Week raises awareness of homelessness in Australia and the importance of social housing as a long term solution. Let us as Seaford parish community try to help those in need.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday & Friday 9:15am Mass
Saturday 5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
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.

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

National Vocations Awareness Week

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

As we are in August, we have two significant celebrations coming up in our parish.

1. Feast of Mary MacKillop (August 8th)

We honour Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, known for her dedication to education and the marginalised. She inspires us with her commitment to compassion and social justice.
Mass at 6 pm.



2. Feast of the Assumption (August 15th)

This day commemorates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is a celebration of Mary's faith and her unique role in salvation history. Mass at 9:15 am, with St. Anne's School Community.
We invite everyone to join us in these special celebrations.



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.



Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Anne's for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$250.00 has been most gratefully received. Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo from Mongolia can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education, as well as spiritual and physical well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in need. Many thanks!