# **Seaford Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 11th August 2024

Holy Family Frankston North St. Joachim's Carrum Downs St. Anne's Seaford



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# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

# REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse" found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.



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

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 4/8/2024 \$ 3365.00



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, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Stanley Fernandez, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Prescilla Leila Smith and for all those who have died recently Iona Yosuf, Maureen Quigley, Maurice Henry Hornbuckle.

Rest in Peace. Amen.



#### **PIETY STALL**

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, Stickers, Car cross, Chains, Lockets, Prayer cards and more. There are also religious gift items available for First holy communion and many other occasions. If you need anything that the piety stall does not have, please place any order.

#### **BAPTISM**

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday 11th August 2024

- ★ Tayla May Carroll



# ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

#### 17th August & 18th August

#### 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Josephine. R / Liam. D Eucharistic Minister: Kerry Marshall

Altar Servers: Luke / Annet

#### 8:30am Mass

Readers: Sofia. A / Christina. O Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

#### 10:00am Mass

Readers: Shyla. M / Grazinia. M Eucharistic Minister: Lloyd Hazelman

Altar Servers: Shenoli / Emily

## 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.

2nd Reading: Eph 4: 30 - 5:2

Gospel: Jn 6: 41 - 51

# READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Prov 9: 1 - 6

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness

of the Lord. (Ps 33)

2nd Reading: Eph 5: 15 - 20

Gospel: Jn 6: 51 - 58

#### Dear Parishioners,

The last First Eucharist session will be this weekend, we thank all those who helped us to celebrate these special days. Congratulations to all the families who had their children receive First Holy Communion.

#### 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.

# 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

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!

#### 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

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Thanksgiving contribution statements are available in the foyer of the church. We thank you for your continuous love, support and generosity.



For more information please visit our website Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

# MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass Wednesday 7:00pm Mass Thursday & Friday9:15am Mass

Saturday 5:25pm Rosary followed

by Divine Mercy Chaplet
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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.



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



## 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, 4September	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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# I AM THE LIVING BREAD WHICH HAS COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. ANYONE WHO EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOR EVER; AND THE BREAD THAT I SHALL GIVE IS MY FLESH, FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

## **CATHOLIC CARE THANK YOU NOTE**

Your generosity and compassion servers as a beacon of hope for Victorian Families and individuals in need. Thank you for your supporting our mission, so that we can continue to provide care and support to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you for helping to build thriving inclusive communities.

