Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 18th August 2024

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



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarrelled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ,

Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.



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 11/8/2024 \$ 3332.00



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, Kate Knox. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Lewis Wilson, Diana Tabone, Mary & Bridget Bartholomeusz and for all those who have died

recently Maureen Quigley, Maurice Hornbuckle, Jimmy Vissenjoux. Rest in

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. If you need anything that the piety stall does not have, please place any order and we will try to get it for you. **Stop by after Mass and have a look at the display of the items.**

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024 COME FOLLOW ME

This year we are streamlining our approach to fundraising in parishes across the Archdiocese. The Archbishop's Campaign begins this weekend. I know that times are tough at the moment, but I encourage you to think about what the future of a vital and vibrant faith community means for you and your family and consider making a personal gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese. These are critically important to the future of the Church and our faith Community, and I invite you to contribute to creating that. From this weekend you will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the Church. In the meantime, I encourage you to prayerfully begin discerning your gift. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

8:30am Mass

10:00am MassReaders: Wendy. Z / Beena. G
Eucharistic Minister: Jerome Hinog

Eucharistic Minister: Joshua Revee

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham

24th August & 25th August

Readers: Melanie. J / Rauiri. D

Altar Servers: Bertin / Alden

Readers: Jeanne. A / Dana. M

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Altar Servers: Mary / Johan

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.

2nd Reading: Eph 5: 15 - 20

Gospel: Jn 6: 51 - 58

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jos 24: 1 - 2, 15 -18

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness

of the Lord. (Ps 33)

2nd Reading: Eph 5: 21 - 32

Gospel: Jn 6: 60 - 69

Dear Parishioners,

A big thank you to schools, teachers, Religious education leaders in preparing the children in their spiritual journey for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Thank you to the volunteers and parish office for their time and support. We had 4 weeks of wonderful celebrations.

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!

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 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

Live Your Best Life in Love... A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

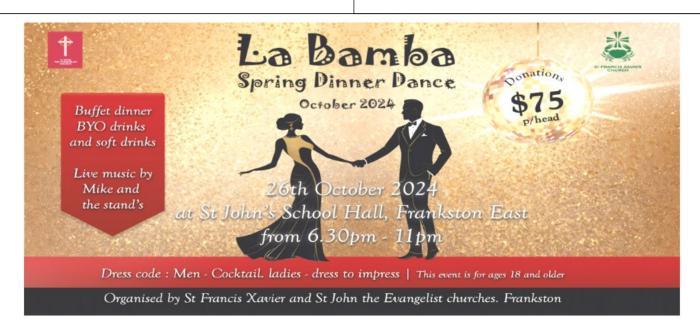
Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions.

The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm Information/Bookings:

Email: <u>vicbookings@wwme.org.au</u> Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass Wednesday & Friday 9:15am Mass **Friday** 6:30pm Rosary

5:25pm Rosary followed **Saturday**

by Divine Mercy Chaplet

5.30pm Reconciliation

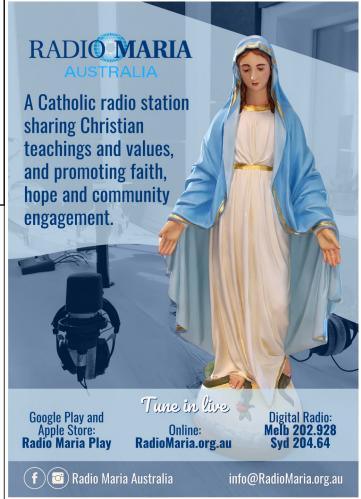
6:00pm Vigil Mass **Saturday** 8:30 & 10:00am Mass **Sunday**

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.



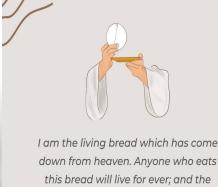
Please support **Walkers Donuts** in Karingal Hub.



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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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.

- JESUS, JOHN 6:51

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