Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 29th September 2024

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



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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in firstcentury Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown

exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

Please note: Day light saving starts next weekend DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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 22/9/2024 \$4379 .00



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

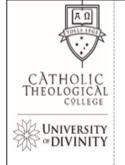
"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

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, Sylvia Arendze, Jacqueline Ware, Alfred & Maryann Zammit. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Will Howe, Joseph McCready, Vincent Lonappan and for all those who have died recently Judy Bartosy, Margaret McCartney, Michael D'Souza.



Rest in Peace. Amen.



Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one or more online presentations.

Engaging Your Faith October 2024

Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith. From \$25 per session.

For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

PIETY STALL

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, Stickers, 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.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Num 11: 25 - 29

Responsorial Psalm: The Precepts of the Lord

give joy to the heart.

2nd Reading: Jam 5:1 - 6

Gospel: Mk 9: 38 - 43,45,47-48

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

5th & 6th October

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Jarvis. J / Peter. M

Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham

Altar Servers: Alden / Luke

8:30am Mass

Readers: Sofia. A / Marita.W Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: Varuna. A / Zeeta. A Eucharistic Minister: Sharan Ryan Altar Servers: Mary / Shenoli

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Gen 2: 18 - 24

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all

days of our lives.

2nd Reading: Heb 2: 9 - 11 Gospel: Mk 10: 2 - 16

Dear Parishioners, PASTORAL VISITATION

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Tony Ireland will be conducting a pastoral visitation to our parish on Thursday 10th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th of October. This important visit is a time for our community to come together in faith as the Bishop leads us in the celebration of Mass and shares his pastoral guidance. The visitation will also include opportunities for the Bishop to meet with parishioners, staff, schools and listen to their experiences, and offer his guidance and blessings. We invite all members of our parish to join us for this special occasion as we welcome Bishop Tony Ireland and strengthen our bonds of faith and community. Bishop will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates at this weekend.

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.

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.

NEARBY PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

St Jude's Church, Langwarrin

Tuesday 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday – Saturday 9:30am Mass

St Francis Xavier Church, Frankston.

Monday - Saturday 9: 15am Mass

For more information please visit our website. Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza invites you to join them in a day of prayer and supplication, to pray for peace in the world and in our hearts.

On Monday the 7th October 2024 from 9:00am—4:00pm there will be prayer, recollection, meditation and fellowship. Opportunity for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, the Rosary, Divine Mercy as well as time for reflection and fellowship.

All are welcome.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

will be holding their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12th October from 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the Benedictine brothers in Daresalaam, Tanzania to assist them in their work among the poor' Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.



<u>This week Feast Days</u>: The Archangels on the 29th September (St Michael, St Gabriel And St Raphael) & the Guardian angel on the 2nd October.





O Angel of God

My Guardian dear
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide

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Father's Day Appeal Collection amounted to \$120.00 Thank you so much for you generosity and Support.



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass Wednesday Silent Adoration

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday 6:00pm Communion Service

Friday 6:30pm Rosary

Saturday 5:25pm Rosary followed

by Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am Mass

MARCH FOR BABIES 2024, 12TH OCTOBER AT 1:00 PM

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest

against the horrors of fullterm abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life!

Meeting at 12:30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Corner Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink.

Catch the train to parliament station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens.

Belonging in Our Sexuality Saturday, 12 October 2024, 10 am – 3.30pm (in person)

Sexuality is one of the most sensitive and challenging issues and aspects of human life to talk about, let alone pray about. This reflection day will be a reminder, if not a journey of discovering, that sexuality is spirituality, and as Ronald Rolheiser omi describes, spirituality is the way that we channel our sexual energy in everyday life encounters and experience. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Register and pay at https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/belonging-in-our-sexuality-reflection-day/?

Waiting at the Well (4 weeks)

This in person series, starting on Thursday, 17 October between 1-3 pm, offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Cost \$120. Register and pay at https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well/?

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.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:
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: Phone Mercy & Jam

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: <u>vicbookings@wwme.org.au</u> Website: wwme.org.au

Our Parish Prayer



We, the people of Seaford Parish strive to be followers of Jesus by being a welcoming and supportive community in which the talents of all can grow and in which we live out our faith through word, sacrament and action.

May the Holy Family St Anne and St Joachim inspire and intercede for us that we may be followers of Jesus.

Amen.

