## **Seaford Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 12th October 2024

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



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## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

## REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one

from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

### 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 6/10/2024 \$ 4764.00



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 Hilda Rebello, Bridget & Francis Silva and for all those who have died recently Christine Mercer, Gina Pecciaro, Emma Mendez.

Rest in Peace. Amen.



### **BREAK OPEN OF THE WORD**

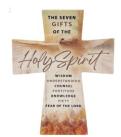
It is the time of the year to order the book. Readers who would like to have Break open of the Word, please call or email your request to the Parish Office by 20th October 2024.

#### PIETY STALL

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, Stickers, Chains, Lockets, Prayer and Confirmation cards and more gift items for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.





## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19th & 20th October

### 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Ignatius. A / Alden. M Eucharistic Minister: Allan Sleddon

Altar Servers: Luke / Alden

## 8:30am Mass

Readers: Marita. W / Christina. O Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: Anthony. W / Sandra. P Eucharistic Minister: Martin Michael

Altar Servers: Mary / Eric

## READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 7: 7 - 11

Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with your love, O

Lord and we will sing for

joy.

2nd Reading: Heb 4: 12 - 13 Gospel: Mk 10: 17 - 27

# READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 53: 10 - 11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on

us, as we place our trust in

you.

2nd Reading: Heb 4: 14 - 16 Gospel: Mk 10: 35 - 45

# Dear Parishioners, CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

We have prepared our young parishioners over the last three months for their sacrament of confirmation. They will be confirmed this weekend. This special occasion marks an important step in the faith journey of our young candidates as they receive the Holy Spirit and affirm their commitment to Christ and His Church.

Please join us in praying for all those being confirmed, that they may be filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and continue to grow in their faith. May this be a day of joy and renewal for our entire parish community.

The parish would like to thank all those involved in the preparation of this sacrament and pray for God's blessing.

#### **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 weekend.

#### **PARISH FORUM**

You are warmly invited to a special parish forum where we will have the honour of welcoming our bishop for an open discussion. This is a unique opportunity to share your thoughts, ask questions, and engage in meaningful dialogue with our spiritual leader.

Please mark in your calendar Saturday 12/10/2024 at 11:00-12:30 followed by lunch at the parish office. Please sign up with your dietary requirement at the foyer of the parish.

We encourage everyone to attend, as your participation is vital in shaping the future of our parish. Let us come together as a community to reflect, listen, and grow in faith.

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

### **CATHOLIC MISSION**

There will be a special collection next weekend for the catholic mission. We Invite



the catholic mission. We Invite the parishioners to support the church in Mongolia and provide critical assistance to our brothers and

## St. Anne's Legion of Mary Public Square Rosary

Saturday October 19th at 4:00pm-5:30pm at Broughton Reserve Station Street, Seaford.

All are welcome.



## St. Anne's Vinnies Christmas Hamper Sausage Sizzle Can you help for an hour?

At Bunnings Carrum Downs

Saturday November 9

from 8am - 5 pm

sisters in need.

Everyone is invited to help raise money for our Christmas Hampers

By cooking, serving, cashier, tin shaking, promoting

Just one hour to enjoy the company of other helpers.

Donations of bread, sausages, onions greatly appreciated.

Please text your available time to Peter V on 0432 120 704 Or Email: pgvyverberg@gmail.com



## **MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK**

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday 9:15am Mass
Silent Adoration 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday 6:00pm Mass
Friday 9:15am Mass

Rosary 6:30pm

Saturday 5:25pm Rosary followed

by Divine Mercy Chaplet

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

**Sunday** 8:30am & 10:00am Mass

# **Pope Francis Appoints 21 New Cardinals in Historic Consistory**

On October 5, 2024, Pope Francis presided over a special consistory in St. Peter's Basilica, where he appointed 21 new cardinals. This significant event marks another step in the Pope's ongoing mission to shape a more diverse and inclusive leadership for the Catholic Church. The new appointments highlight the global nature of the Church, with cardinals being chosen from across various continents and cultural backgrounds.

### **A Global Representation**

The new cardinals hail from diverse regions, emphasizing Pope Francis' vision of a Church that serves people from every corner of the world. The appointments include:

- Archbishop Stephen Brislin from Cape Town, South Africa, who has been a strong voice for social justice and peace in Africa.
- Bishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, who oversees the Church's mission in the Holy Land, an area of deep historical and spiritual significance.
- Archbishop Sebastian Francis from Malaysia, underscoring the growing importance of the Church in Asia, a region with increasing Catholic communities.
- Archbishop Victor Fernández of Buenos Aires, Argentina, a long-time theological advisor to Pope Francis and an important figure in South American Catholicism.
- **Bishop Mykola Bychok** <u>CSsR</u> will be the youngest cardinal in the Catholic Church, and the eighth cardinal in both the history of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church and of Australia.

He was appointed to the Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul Melbourne in 2020, aged only 41, but was prevented from taking his episcopal seat for almost a year by COVID-19. His first experience of

Australia was a month of hotel quarantine during the pandemic. He now lives in Melbourne.

Added to their ranks on Sunday were two Vatican officials with positions that do not usually carry with them a cardinal's rank: the official in charge of the migration section of the Vatican development office, the Rev Fabio Baggio, and the official who organises the Pope's foreign travels, the Rev George Jacob Koovakad.

This diverse group includes cardinals from countries such as Tanzania, Poland, Colombia, and Venezuela, reflecting the Pope's desire for the leadership to reflect the vastness of the global Catholic community.

### **Key Themes in the Appointments**

Pope Francis continues to appoint cardinals from areas that have been historically underrepresented in the College of Cardinals. By choosing leaders from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and regions in conflict, he signals his ongoing focus on pastoral care for marginalized communities, social justice, and peace-building efforts around the world.

Many of the newly appointed cardinals are known for their work with the poor and vulnerable, as well as for promoting dialogue and peace in divided or troubled regions. This follows the Pope's consistent message that the Church should be a "Church of the poor," actively working to address global inequality, climate change, and other pressing issues of our time.

#### The Role of a Cardinal

The cardinals play a critical role in the governance of the Catholic Church. As senior church officials, they are key advisors to the Pope and members of the body that will elect future popes. Their duties extend to offering spiritual and pastoral guidance to their dioceses and the broader Church. As the new cardinals take on their roles, they are entrusted with the responsibility of helping shape the direction of the Church in the coming years, especially in light of contemporary challenges.

#### A Call to Prayer

We invite all members of our community to pray for the newly appointed cardinals, that they may serve with humility, wisdom, and a deep sense of responsibility. May they continue to embody the spirit of Christ and lead the Church in spreading the Gospel message to all corners of the world.

Let us also pray for Pope Francis as he continues to shepherd the global Church, promoting unity, justice, and love for all God's people.