Seaford Parish Newsletter

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



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the <u>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

$\frac{\text{MASS OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF}}{\text{NOVEMBER}}$

As we are a few weeks away for the month of November, we encourage all parishioners who would like to offer Mass for their loved ones' to send us an email with all the names of the deceased. This sheet will be printed and placed on the altar to be prayed for at all Masses during the month of November. The Remembrance Folder is kept in the foyer of the

Church, names could be registered in the sheets as well. The names of the funerals held in our Church has already been registered in the folder. If you have entered the names last year the Mass will be offered this year as well.



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 13/10/2024 \$ 3035.00



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, Allyson Joel. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Therese & Reggie Ranasinghe, Grace Bartholomeusz, Tyson Daniels and for all those who have died recently Christine Mercer, Gina Pecciaro, Emma Mendez, Margaret Sinelait, Hercules Pillay. Rest in Peace. Amen.



<u>PIETY STALL</u> We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, Stickers, Chains, Lockets, Prayer cards and more gift items for the Sacraments. 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.

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

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 26th & 27th October

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: Liam. D / Rhiann. R

Eucharistic Minister: Kerry Marshall

Altar Servers: Annet / Luke

8:30am Mass

Readers: Dana. M / Brett. H

Eucharistic Minister: Timothy Wright

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: Shyla. M / Anthony. W

Eucharistic Minister: Marylin Vellemin

Altar Servers: Shenoli / Gabrina

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 31: 7 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great

things for us; we are filled

with joy

2nd Reading: Heb 5: 1 - 6 Gospel: Mk 10: 46 - 52

Dear Parishioners,

PASTORAL VISITATION

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to each one of you for your involvement in the pastoral visitation of our Bishop Tony, regional bishop. Your dedication, warm welcome, and joyful participation made the visit a truly memorable and spiritually enriching experience for our entire parish community. From the preparations to the celebrations, your commitment was evident. Whether you assisted with organizing events, participated in the liturgies, or welcoming the Bishop, you showcased the strong faith and unity of our parish. The Bishop's visit was a blessing, and it is through your efforts that we were able to demonstrate the vibrant spirit of our community.

Thank you for your prayers, your time, and your service.

THE ALL-SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY All Saints' Day Mass Friday, November 1st at 7:00pm.

All Saints' Day, also known as the Feast of All Saints, is a day when we honour all the saints, known and

unknown. It's a time to remember and celebrate the exemplary lives and devotion of these holy men and women who have lived throughout history. The saints serve as role models



of faith and virtue for the Christian community.

<u>ALL SOULS' DAY MASS: SATURDAY, 2ND</u>

<u>NOVEMBER AT 9:15AM</u>

All Souls' Day is a time to pray for the souls of the departed, particularly those who are believed to be in purgatory. It's a day of remembrance and reflection on the souls of deceased loved ones, and it's an opportunity to offer prayers and Mass for their souls. These Masses are important moments in the liturgical calendar, allowing the faithful to connect with the spiritual realm and to honour the saints who have been recognized by the Church, as well as to remember and pray for their departed relatives and friends on All Souls' Day.

We encourage you to bring the photos of your loved ones who have passed away this year.

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

CATHOLIC MISSION

There will be a special collection this weekend for the Catholic Mission. We invite the parishioners to support the church in Mongolia and provide critical assistance to our brothers and sisters in need.



FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER 2024 REPORT SUMMARY

This past winter, the parishioners of St Anne's have contributed to and supported the Frankston Winter Shelter in providing time, food and shelter to those sleeping rough in the Frankston area. This important service to a much-needed part of the community provided the "guests" comfort and warmth amid the cold 7.1°C average overnight minimum. The program ran for a total of 65 nights, 26 of which were hosted by this parish at the Holy Family Hall. In total over 2600 meals were provided across both venues, including feeding some volunteers. Hosting an average of 8 guests per night, up to 10 volunteers are required for each evening shift alone. All up there were over 160 volunteers from multiple churches and this year was the first to have occupational therapy students from Monash whose volunteered time contributed to their placement hours. Whilst over the season there were only 30 individual guests, beds had to made and unmade approximately 200 times and washed every week.

There were of course many groups and individual contributors to help support the FWS, many of whom were anonymous. To each and every one of you, we thank you. The food, the many goods, the generous cash donations, and your innumerable prayers have gone a long way in supporting the Shelter. A very special thank you for those who donated their valuable time to volunteer and to be an integral part of the program; we honestly could not have done it without you. It has truly been a whole parish contribution. Thank you.

The guests we have met this year are wonderful people. They are intelligent people with dreams, hopes and a deep desire to connect and to belong; who showed care and compassion towards the volunteers and each other. They expressed gratitude and a desire to give back. People sleeping rough are valuable and worthy of our focus. The wider community needs to do better in caring for our vulnerable as a whole: we thank you for your contribution to support these worthy people when many do not give them a second thought. We will be asking for the members of the parish to dig deep again next year as the need shows no sign of abating any time soon. (For the full report see the Parish Website)

"Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" Matt 25:40



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.