

Seaford Parish Christmas Edition

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Peace to the world

Dear Parish Family,

At Christmas we celebrate the wonderful truth that God engages fully with our human story. In the birth of Jesus, God does not remain distant, but enters our world, our joys and struggles, our questions and hopes. Emmanuel—*God with us*—is the deepest meaning of Christmas.

This mystery invites us to reflect on our own engagement as a parish community. Christmas is not only something we observe; it is something we are called to live. God's engagement with us calls for a response—an engagement of heart, faith, and action.

I am deeply grateful for the many ways you engage with parish life: through faithful participation in the Eucharist, service in ministries, care for one another, and outreach to those in need. Every act of involvement, however small it may seem, helps make our parish a living sign of Christ's presence.

May this Christmas renew our sense of belonging and shared mission. May the Lord who comes among us inspire us to walk together with greater faith, generosity, and commitment.

Wishing you and your families a blessed, joyful, and grace-filled Christmas, and every blessing in the New Year.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr Martin & Sumitha.



Our parish respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong people, who are the custodians of the Boon Wurrung land on which we worship. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Elders; past, present and future.

We are very grateful to all the parishioners for your continued support and donations.

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Report on the Jubilee Year of Hope: Parish Activities

In response to the Holy Father's invitation to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, our parish has undertaken a number of spiritual, liturgical, and communal initiatives aimed at deepening faith, nurturing hope, and fostering a sense of unity within the parish community. The following report outlines the activities implemented to date and those currently in progress.

1. Visual and Liturgical Integration of the Jubilee

To ensure that the Jubilee Year of Hope is visibly and spiritually present in parish life, several steps have been taken:

- At the beginning of year, a special newsletter including all the relevant information of the Jubilee year was supplied to the parishioners.

A Jubilee Year banner has been prominently displayed in the church, serving as a constant visual reminder of the theme of hope and renewal.

- The official Jubilee logo has been incorporated into the parish Mass PowerPoint slides, ensuring consistency and reinforcing the Jubilee identity during liturgical celebrations.

- The Jubilee Prayer is being recited at every weekend Mass, inviting the whole congregation to unite in prayer and reflection on the meaning of hope.

- Jubilee Prayer cards have been printed and distributed to all Mass-goers, encouraging personal prayer and reflection beyond the liturgy.



In addition, the Jubilee anthem has been played during parish liturgies and special celebrations.

2. Parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

As part of the Jubilee emphasis on pilgrimage and communal faith, a parish pilgrimage to the Cathedral has been a success.

On Saturday, 5 April, all those interested caught the train and other means of travel to the St. Patricks Cathedral and gathered at 11:30 am for Eucharist and Reconciliation.

3. Involvement of Parish School community

The Jubilee Year of Hope has also been reflected in the life of our parish schools. Notably:

- Children's Confirmation celebrations were held at the Cathedral, allowing students and their families to experience the wider diocesan Church and connect their sacramental life with the Jubilee theme. These celebrations helped reinforce the message of hope, faith, and belonging among young people and their families.



Through visible symbols, communal prayer, pilgrimage, and school involvement, the parish has actively embraced the Jubilee Year of Hope. These initiatives have helped create a shared spiritual focus and encouraged parishioners of all ages to journey together in faith.

The parish thanks you for your participation various programs during this year.

