

Holy Family  
St. Joachim's  
St. Anne's

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Carrum Downs  
Seaford

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Annette White



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## PENTECOST—YEAR B

### A THOUGHT FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY FROM FR. BENNETH

Language is a great tool of communication. If you are in a country where you are unable to speak the language, you feel lost. How happy are you when you finally meet someone who understands your language. But for the most part it is through words that human beings express their needs, laws, transactions, intentions, thoughts, emotions, longings, hopes, creeds. Yet words are such elusive symbols; rarely a simple statement conveys the same meaning to two people. Language of itself is not enough to bring people together. Just because we use the same language doesn't mean we are one. There may still not be a meeting of minds and hearts.

But the opposite can happen. People may speak different languages, they may be strangers to one another, yet a bond can be created among them so they become not only comrades, but sisters and brothers. On days of joy, sorrow or danger facing a community or a country, differences of language are swept aside. We stand shoulder to shoulder. We have one mind and one heart. There are other ways of communicating besides words. So important are signs and symbols that perhaps only 20% of communication happens through words. Still, language is hugely important. We are told that on Pentecost Day everyone understood the apostles. It wasn't that they spoke a different language. It was a language we are familiar with but which we tend to forget or leave unused.

What was this new language? It was the language of peace rather than of war; the language of reconciliation rather than of conflict, the language of co-operation rather than competition; the language of forgiveness rather than vengeance; the language of hope rather than despair; the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry; the language of friendship rather than hostility; the language of unity rather than division; the language of love rather than hate. This *new language* gave rise to a new community, a community of those who believed in Jesus. According to the Acts of the Apostles, the first followers were "*one in mind and heart.*" Through the gifts of the Spirit, people of many languages learned to profess the one faith, to the praise and glory of God.

That is the real miracle of Pentecost. And it is a miracle which, thankfully, still happens.



## SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST—*Call to Commitment Masses*

This weekend all children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will make their commitment to this sacrament. We ask you to keep them all in your prayers during this special time of preparation. *Parents, please contact Anita on 0450 782 558 or [ahughes1002001@yahoo.com](mailto:ahughes1002001@yahoo.com) to finalise your stole order ASAP.*



## NEW PARISH ROSTERS

New rosters are available this weekend for all parish ministries to start during the first weekend in July. We would especially like to see our younger parishioners have more involvement to make a commitment to our parish. If you would like more information, please come to the office and have a chat. Our existing and new ministries will be:

Altar Flowers

Altar Linen

Altar Servers

Altar Server Robes  
(washing & ironing)

Collectors at Mass

Counting

Eucharistic Ministers at Mass

Eucharistic Ministers-Nursing Homes

After Mass Cuppa Team

Finance Group

(people to be appointed with  
financial experience)

Lectors (Readers)

Legion of Mary

IT Coordinators

(music and slide shows)

Gospel Book

Hospitality / Parish Celebrations

Emergency Assistance (ie drivers)

Offertory Procession

Piety Stall

St Vincent de Paul Society

Social Justice Group (SHAC)

Holy Family Cleaning/Maintenance

Gardening Group

Sacristans



*This weekend we warmly welcome the Children's Choir and St. Michael's Choir to St. Anne's and thank them for contributing to our Parish Masses.*

## COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Thanksgiving Income \$1,103.45 + Loose \$969.05 **Total = \$2,072.50**

*Thank you to all who help to support our parish each week.*



## MASS TIMES

### Monday 21st—Sunday 27th May

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| Monday 9.00am    | Feast Day Mass<br><b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b> |
| Tuesday 7.30pm   | Mass  |
| Wednesday 9.30am | Mass at Holy Family                                 |
| Wednesday 7.30pm | Mass  |
| Thursday 9.00am  | Mass at St. Joachim's School                        |
| Thursday 6.00pm  | Mass  |
| Friday 9.15am    | Mass at St. Anne's School                           |
| Friday 10.00am   | Expositions until Midday                            |
| Friday 7.30pm    | Mass  |
| Saturday 9.00am  | Mass  |
| Saturday 5.00pm  | Rosary Prayers                                      |
| Saturday 6.00pm  | Mass  |
| Sunday 8.30am    | Mass  |
| Sunday 10.00am   | Mass  |

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Benneth will be available on Saturday at the Church at 9.30am (after Mass) or speak directly to Fr. Benneth to request this at any time.

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK The Most Holy Trinity

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| 1st reading:        | Deuteronomy<br>4:32-34, 39-40 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22          |
| 2nd reading:        | Romans 8:14-17                |
| Gospel:             | Matthew 28:16-20              |

# SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 16th June at 6.00pm Mass

*Mass of Installation*

of Fr. Benneth as our new Parish Priest

Will be celebrated by the

Archbishop Denis J Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne

## HOMEWORK ANSWERS FROM OUR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THEIR SACRAMENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST OR CONFIRMATION

**Tell us about some of the qualities that you really like about your Mum or Dad. Do you think you have some of these qualities? If yes, then why? Can you give an example?**

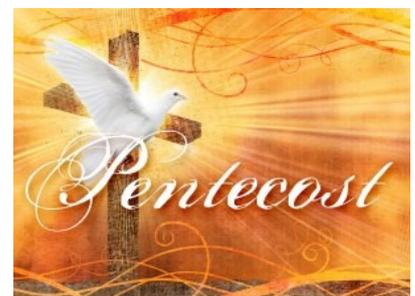
- ☆ Mum is kind and loving, she looks after everyone. She has a kind heart, she takes me shopping and pays.
- ☆ Dad is kind, lets me get away with things and helps take us to school.
- ☆ My mum is really kind and does my chores. My dad loves me so I love him.
- ☆ I like it when they help me with stuff I don't know or understand and they make me laugh.
- ☆ My mum has good qualities by caring for me. I do have these qualities by caring. An example is making my sister's lunch.
- ☆ My Mum has the quality of putting her clothes away and vacuuming the house. I think I have those qualities because my Mum taught me how to do it.
- ☆ Mum—Her cooking. Her creativity and her positivity. I think I do because I tend to do most of those things during my everyday life.
- ☆ My mum is amazing because she works very hard for the money! Dad is awesome because he makes: breakfast, lunch, snack, fruit break and other stuff for 5 whole people!!!

**Please tell us of a time when you got into trouble for doing something good.**

- ☆ When I was cutting the tree I thought I would surprise Dad but I didn't ask first.
- ☆ I tried to fix the couch cushions but I made a mess.
- ☆ People were hitting a tree and I said "Stop it" but I was the one who got in trouble.
- ☆ I told my best friend she was doing something wrong but I got in trouble for doing something to help her.
- ☆ When I was in school I turned the air conditioner off because I was cold and got into trouble.

**What is the most important thing on the Sanctuary?**

- ☆ The Eucharist which is the body and blood of Christ.
- ☆ I think the most important thing is the Bible.
- ☆ The Cross so we can remember Jesus.
- ☆ The Jesus sculpture.
- ☆ The bread and the wine.
- ☆ Candles and the altar and the cross.
- ☆ The crucifix because it shows Jesus dying on the cross for our sins.
- ☆ I think the Bible because it has prayers and what Jesus did, I think that is important.
- ☆ The most important thing is the Eucharist.
- ☆ The altar.
- ☆ The tabernacle and Jesus.



## PARISH SECURITY

There continues to be burglaries in parishes and the Archdiocese has asked Parishes to put measures in place to ensure the safety of all. Some of these are to install CCTV cameras in parishes, which we have in place, and also to stop publishing weekly Thanksgiving amounts. I would prefer to keep parishioners fully informed regarding our finances so that we will continue to publish this information. Most of our Thanksgiving is done via electronic banking and only about 20% of are paying via cash, which we safeguard and bank immediately. Again, we have been advised that the parish thefts have been done by people with "inside knowledge" of where to obtain keys and access to valuables and parish safes. We ask all our parishioners, counters and collectors to use extra caution whilst performing your ministries.

**Please report any suspicious behaviour immediately.**

Fr. Benneth

*Fr. Benneth has visited Alice Feeney this week along with our parishioners Mary & Rosemary. We all wish Alice a speedy recovery and keep her in our prayers.*



## NATIONAL SORRY DAY—Saturday May 26th

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26th each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Various National Sorry Day activities and events take place on this day. For more information on Melbourne events, log on to [www.onlymelbourne.com.au/national-sorry-day](http://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/national-sorry-day).

## Christmas Hamper Committee—Christmas In July Raffle

To assist families with hampers this Christmas, the Christmas Hamper Committee are asking for donations for our Christmas in July raffle. This enables us to raise enough funds to buy the necessary groceries.

Please contact Peter Vyverberg on [pgvyverberg@gmail.com](mailto:pgvyverberg@gmail.com) or 0432 120 704.

## ROTARY COMMUNITY RAFFLE 2018

Tickets will be on sale for the last time this weekend after all Masses. All raffle tickets (sold or unsold) must be returned to the office during office hours no later than next **Tuesday 22nd May**. Thanks for your support.

## LEGION OF MARY

Every Wednesday evening  
at 5.00pm.

Marian Month of May— Mass, Exposition and Holy Rosary and Benediction  
7.30pm each Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
**LET'S PRAY FOR PEACE!**

**Project Compassion:** Please return these ASAP.

***Lenten Donations currently total:***

Project Compassion = \$1,057.00

Parishioners' Crisis Fund & JPC Community Companion =  
\$2,692.60

## BBQ—THANK YOU

*Many thanks to Annabelle & Jeff Brown, Jeff Harvey and Peter Vyverberg for cooking and serving at our BBQ last weekend. Great job!!!*

## OUR PARISH PROJECT—OUR FUTURE OUR PARISH

Voting starts next week, please check the Voting Process flyer is available at our website to download for your reference:

<http://stannes.com.au/our-parish-project-our-future-our-parish/>