

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

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

UPDATED MASS TIMES FROM THIS WEEKEND

Rev Fr Sam Cono will continue to celebrate our Masses during February. Mass times will be:

Tuesday 6.00pm Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday 9.30am at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am St Agatha Virgin Martyr

Saturday 6.00pm

plus Reconciliation 5.00pm / Rosary at 5.30pm / Divine Mercy 7.00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am

Please sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive. **Please keep a mask with you at all times.**

We would like to invite volunteers for different Ministries to sign up the sheet that is placed in the foyer of the church. **We appreciate and thank all the volunteers for their continued support in our Parish.** Masses cannot run without people assisting. Each week we also need people to clean after all 3 Masses in line with COVID health requirements.

**We thank Fr Francis for the time he has offered during January to our parish.
May God bless him for his faithful ministry.**

We welcome Fr Sam Cono into our Parish from this weekend.

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.

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Find—2020 The Holy Family Issue 3 here online at:

<https://stannes.com.au/newsletters/>

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to: St. Anne's Church, National Australia Bank/CDF Account, **BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.**

Please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your name, also your banking reference marked as "Col1" (Collection 1) for parish expenses and "Col2" (Collection 2) for our parish priest/and retired priests in the Archdiocese. Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through CDFPay (**NEW LINK**): <https://bit.ly/CDFpaySeaford>

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

These are available to be collected from the foyer.

Please advise if no longer needed so that we can update our database system.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support and Thanksgiving donations.



**Fr. Francis is happy to offer
Mass Intentions during all Masses**

Please fill in your Mass offering envelope and give directly to Fr. Francis or Fr. Sam or please drop in during office hours for the bookings. We encourage Parishioners to offer Mass as Thanksgiving or for Anniversary of their loved ones.

Please pray for all those friends and family who are unwell including Trish Falk, Jennie Beechey-Garden and Jim Cooper. We pray for those who are sick and in our aged care facilities and nursing homes, and those suffering from the COVID-19 virus.

We pray for the anniversaries of our loved ones & all recently departed souls. We pray for all who have died recently. *Rest in peace.*



TAP AND GO

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)**
All adult volunteers who will be assisting at future Masses must have a WWCC and sign a [Code of Conduct Declaration](#). If you have not yet provided these to the parish, please do so ASAP. If you need to apply for a WWCC, go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

The Tap and Go machine has been reactivated in the parish for cashless COVID-safe donations in place of loose donations. This assists the parish by increasing both our security and COVID-safe compliance for money being handled by our collectors each week as well as speeding up the banking process for our counters.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deut 18:15-20
Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28



Have you changed your address, email or phone number recently?

Please email the office so that we can update our database records!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

ROSARY GROUP

5.30pm each Saturday before 6.00pm Mass.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Saturdays after 6.00pm Mass.