

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

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First Sunday of Lent—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

PARISH UPDATE:

ASH's will be distributed for all weekend Masses.

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:30pm with Rosary before the service.

Please sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive. As of Thursday, 4th February, **Mask is Mandatory in public indoor settings, and therefore mandatory in church during Mass**

Please return the blessed Palm of the previous year and leave them in the basket in the foyer of the church

Volunteer required

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.

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.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

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>

We are very grateful to all the Parishioners for their continued support and Thanksgiving donations.



Fr Sam is happy to offer

Mass Intentions during all Masses

Please fill in your Mass offering envelope which is kept in the foyer of the Church and give it directly to Fr Sam Or drop in during office hours for Mass 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 specially **Denis McCue** & all recently departed souls. We pray for all who have died recently. *Rest in peace.*



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/>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 9:8-15
Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant
2nd Reading: 1 Pet 3 18-22
Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18
Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the Land of the Living.
2nd Reading: Rom 8:31 –34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday
21th February 2021

☆ **Easton Bradley Kolasa**
☆ **Mila Alexandra Gilmour**
☆ **Ariah O'Connell**
☆ **Amy Sanoya Dasanakaye**

REFLECTIONS—1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

The Holy Family 2020 Magazine



The editorial team is very pleased to announce that our parish magazine for 2020 is completed and available on our website. As we have been dealing with COVID restrictions, we made a decision to publish only an online version which is contactless and safest for all.

Find—2020 The Holy Family Issue 3 here at:
<https://stannes.com.au/newsletters/>

Please contact Frank at fbartosy@gmail.com or on **0490 358 121** if you need any help with downloading it.

VINNIES DONATIONS

If you would like to assist our Vinnies Seaford Conference with Your donations Please use the below bank account details.

BSB: 063-000

Acc no: 1031-7778

Account name: St Anne's Seaford 304

All donations will be used towards local families in need.



Pope Francis has named December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021 as a year honouring St Joseph as the earthly father of Jesus and husband of Mary. This Year of St Joseph is the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being [named as patron of the Universal Church](#).

A Novena Prayer to St Joseph is in the last page of the Newsletter

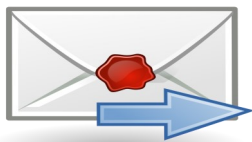
Copy of the Lenten Regulation 2021 is available in the Church foyer



Project Compassion Sunday 21st February 2021

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “Be More”. Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world’s most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or Phoning 1800 024 413.



Have you changed your address, email or phone number recently?
Please email the office so that we can update our database records!

PARISH UPDATES & MASS TIMES 2021

From Saturday 1st February 2021, our Mass times at St. Anne's Church will be celebrated by Rev Fr Sam Kono CSsR and will be :

Tuesday 6.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6.00pm

Friday 9.15am & Station of the cross at 7:30pm with Rosary before the service

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Plus Reconciliation 5pm /Rosary at 5:30pm / Divine Mercy 7.00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am Mass intention for Denis McCue for the Soul.

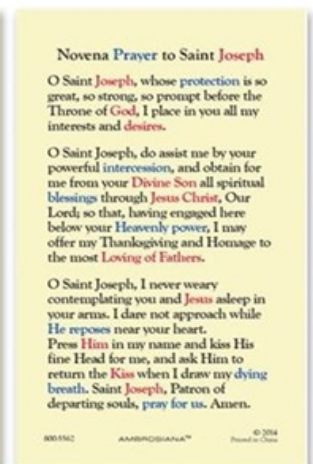
- At present the 2sqm restrictions will now 200 people indoors plus a priest and our volunteers.
- Bookings for will be available on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230) from **9.00am each Tuesday morning and are not released earlier**. The [two square metre rule](#) applies only if electronic record keeping is used so you must continue to book online (preferred) or use the QR code when you arrive. our helpers will assist if you don't have a QR reader).
- **Please book with each family member's name along with a contact number.**
- The link to book is: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230>



Our Parish Prayer

*We, the people of Seaford Parish
strive to be followers of Jesus
by being a welcoming and
supportive community
in which the talents
of all can grow
and in which we live out
our faith through word,
sacrament and action.*

*May the Holy Family
St Anne and St Joachim
inspire and intercede for us
that we may be followers of Jesus.
Amen.*



All current restrictions within the government COVID Safe Plan apply when attending Mass. From 11:59pm on 3 February 2021, masks are mandatory in church.

- 1. You must always carry a face mask with you when you leave home unless you have a lawful reason not to.**
- 2. It is strongly recommended you wear one whenever you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from others.**
- 3. You are required to sanitise your hands upon entering and before receiving Holy Communion.**
- 4. If you are unwell, please do not visit the Church.**
- 5. If you test positive to COVID-19, you need to notify the supply priest or the office asap.**