Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 28th February 2021

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

Seaford

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Second Sunday of Lent—Year B

Important Notice: Fr Sam Kono (CSsR)

Happy to inform that Fr Sam has been appointed to stay to serve the Parish for the month of March & leading upto Easter...

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

PARISH UPDATE:

We are very grateful to Fr Sam for his service during the month of February. FRIDAY 9.15AM MASS

It has recently been decided that our Friday morning Mass will now be held at 9.15am. This will include students and teachers from St Anne's school. Everyone is most welcome to attend. It is hoped that this Mass will be an important step in allowing the school community to once again feel part of our parish.

Please sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive., Mask is Mandatory in public indoor settings, and therefore mandatory in church during Mass

Volunteers required

Invite volunteers for different Ministries to sign up the sheet that is placed in the fover of the church. We Appreciate and thank all the volunteers for their continued support in our Parish. Masses cannot run without people assisting, we also need people to clean after all 3 Masses in line with COVID health requirements.





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

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 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ex 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of

everlasting life..

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25 Gospel: John 2:13-25 Please pray for all those friends and family who are 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 Frederick Lethorn, Catalina Ahumada, Rodol Fo Ahumada & Josefina Yanez & all recently departed souls we pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.

Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday 27th & 28th February 2021

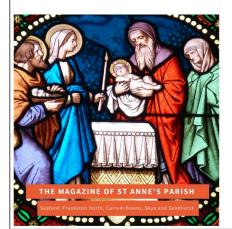
- **☆** Riley McKenzie Quay
- **★** Stella Carmelina Gold
- Nixon Clark

REFLECTIONS—2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."





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 <u>named as patron of the Universal Church</u>.

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

Pope Francis Lenten Message 2021

During this season of conversion, Let us renew :our Faith, draw from the Living Water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Season of Lent - a time of prayer, almsgiving and fasting

The three– fold, inter-related practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting have their foundation in scripture. They are a rich dimension of the Christian life and also that of other religious traditions

A journey of Trust and Hope

Jesus said that He no longer calls us slaves but friends and that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. The shape of love is not the heart but the Cross.

A reflection on the Three Pillars of Lent

Praying fasting and almsgiving: the three words that gave me meaningful and substantial insights in missionary Journey.

Project Compassion Sunday 28th 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 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.

BE MORE

Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

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 Mass. Station of the Cross at 7:30pm Preceded by the Rosary

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Plus Reconciliation 5pm /Rosary at 5:30pm / Divine Mercy 7.00pm Sunday 8.30am Mass intention for Catalina Ahumada, Rodol Fo Ahumada & Josefina Yanez Anniversary.

Sunday 10.00am Mass intention for Frederick Lethorn Anniversary.

- At present the 2sqm restrictions will now 200 people indoors plus a priest and our volunteers.
- Bookings will be available on <u>Eventbrite</u> from 9.00am each Tuesday morning and are not released earlier. The <u>two square metre rule</u> 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 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.



Novena Prayer to Saint Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your Heavenly power, I may offer my Thankogiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in runy name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

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Promise C

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.