

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 07th March

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St. Joachim's
St. Anne's

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Third Sunday of Lent—Year B

Important Notice: Fr Francis will be assisting the parish during weekdays and Fr Sam in the weekends

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see [2 Samuel 7:12–13](#); Psalm 89; 132:11–12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see [2 Kings 15:29](#); [1 Chronicles 5:26](#)).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. It finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see [2 Kings 24:14](#)).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfils that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His Gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men"—gathering people from the ends of the earth. They are to preach the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God. By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed. And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

PARISH UPDATE:

Sacrament enrolments are now open for state school students. Classes are on Thursdays from 4pm—5pm. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Parishioner willing to join the choir for the Holy week and Easter. Practise commences at St Anne's church on Monday 8th March at 6:30pm.

There will be a second rite of reconciliation for St Anne's parish on Wednesday 17th March at 7pm.

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 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 **Valma Weckesser** & 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/>

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

Welcome to St Anne's Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the safe guarding officer.

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

REFLECTIONS—3rd Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Fourth Sunday of Lent

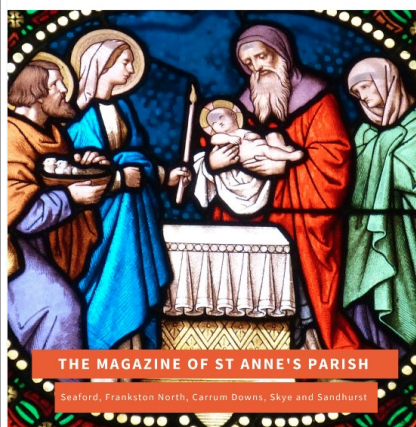
1st Reading: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you..
2nd Reading: Eph 2: 4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

The Holy Family

Seaford
Parish

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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

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 7th March 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.



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

PARISH UPDATES & MASS TIMES 2021

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 (Mass intention for Valma Weckesser)

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

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am

- At present the 2sqm restrictions will now allow 200 people indoors at St Anne's including a priest and our volunteers.
- Bookings will be available on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230). The [two square metre rule](#) applies only if electronic record keeping is used so you must continue to book online (preferred). When you arrive please check in or use the QR code. 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>

Catholic Vocation News from the director of Vocations - Fr Jerome Santamaria
Click [Here](#) to read more



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.*



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 Thanksgiving 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 my 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.

"A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who ... raise their mind with humble confidence to God."

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All current restrictions within the government COVID Safe Plan apply

when attending Mass. From 11:59pm on 17th February 2021, face masks are optional in church.

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

• For more information see

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/victoria-return-covidsafe-settings>