

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21st March

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent—Year B

### REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

### 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.**

**There will be Choir practice at St Anne's church on Mondays at 6:30pm. Please help us to make the Easter season memorable.**

*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.***



Please pray for all those friends and family who are are unwell including Trish Falk and Jennie Beechey-Garden. 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 **Antonina, Camilo & Necefora.** & all recently departed souls. We pray for all who have died recently **Ines Luna & Leonie Handcock.**  
Rest in Peace.

## LEGION OF MARY

New meeting time:  
Thursdays from 12.45pm to 1.45pm  
In the parish centre meeting room.  
All welcome

**Fr Sam & Fr Francis are 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 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 me. Thanks, Sumitha (Safeguarding Officer).

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jer 31:31-34  
Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.  
2nd Reading: Heb 5:7-9  
Gospel: John 12:20-33

## **REFLECTIONS—5th Sunday of Lent**

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)*

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

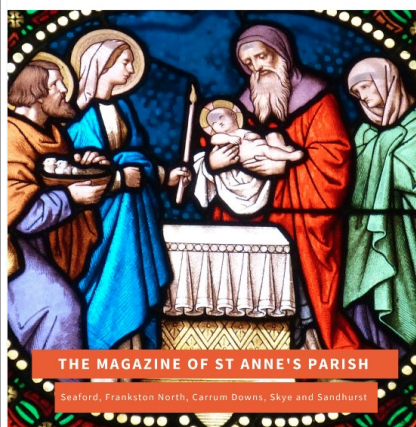
1st Reading: Is 50: 4-7  
Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.  
2nd Reading: Phil 2: 6-11  
Gospel: MK 14:1– 15:47

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

## The Holy Family

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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](mailto: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](#).

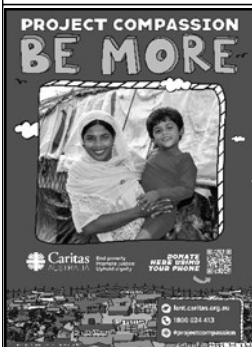
A Novena Prayer to St Joseph is in the last page of the Newsletter

## PALM SUNDAY—NEXT WEEKEND

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, a seven-day span that culminates the day before Easter Sunday. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphant arrival in the city of Jerusalem for Passover, where he was greeted by a crowd of people laying palm branches at his feet and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David," "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," "Blessed is the king of Israel," and other words of praise.



You are invited to bring along your own sprigs or branches for blessing at all Masses next weekend. Or parishioners are free to use the Palms & Olive branches kept in Church Foyer.



## Project Compassion Sunday 21st 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or Phoning 1800 024 413.



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.



## Mass Times and Prayer Events

Tuesday 6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6.00pm Mass

Friday 9.15am Mass. Station of the Cross at 7:30pm Preceded by the Rosary

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Reconciliation 5pm followed by Rosary at 5:30pm.

Divine Mercy devotion at **5:00pm** (effect from 20/03/2021)

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am (Antonina, Camilo & Necefora Death anniversary)  
(Ines Luna & Leonie Handcock Recently deceased)

- At present the restrictions will now allow 200 people indoors at St Anne's. This is the maximum amount and no more people are permitted.
- The easiest way to do this is to go to [www.stannes.com.au](http://www.stannes.com.au) Find the sentence: "All tickets are now available on Eventbrite for Masses." Click on Eventbrite.
- This is a link that will take you to the list of Masses that are available, and are accepting bookings.
- The link is: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230>

**Please take home a copy of the  
Holy week & Easter Services Schedule Leaflet**



### 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>