

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 28th March

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Palm Sunday—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.



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.



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

Rite of Election

We congratulate and Welcome

Iona Jean Wingate

Emily Kai Ling Ma

**To the Rite of Election at St Anne's Parish on Saturday
27th March 2021**

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad.
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

Please pray for all those friends and family who 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 & all recently departed souls. We pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.

"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).

REFLECTIONS—Palm Sunday

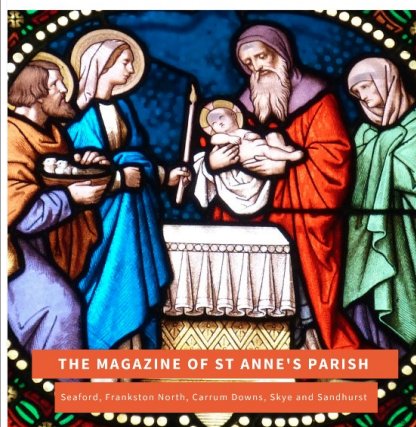
"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.

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 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](#).

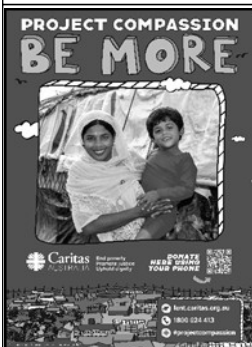
A Novena Prayer to St Joseph is in the last page of the Newsletter

PALM SUNDAY

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 28th 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.



This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion.

As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

2021 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, 29 March	6.00pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday, 30 March	6pm 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Mass at the Church Individual Reconciliation
Wednesday, 31 March	9.30am 10.00am - 10.45 am	Mass at Holy Family Church Individual Reconciliation
Thursday, 1 April	The Three Sacred Days (Triduum) <i>Holy Thursday</i> (No Mass at School / the Church until the 7.30pm Holy Thursday Mass) 4.00 pm-5.00 pm Individual Reconciliation 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by Adoration up to 10pm)	
Friday, 2 April	<i>Good Friday</i> The Way of the Cross in the Church 10.00 am Individual Reconciliation 11.00 am – 11.45 am Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 5.30 pm	
Saturday, 3 April	<i>Holy Saturday</i> 10.00 am - 11.00 am Individual Reconciliation 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Individual Reconciliation 7.30 pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	
Sunday, 4 April	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 8.30 am & 10.00 am Easter Masses	



Divine Mercy Prayer for the whole world

O Great Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy – to Your compassion, O God; and it

is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming – that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. Amen. Diary 1570



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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Government restrictions allow no more than 200 people indoors at St Anne's.

Unfortunately, we will have to lock the doors until Mass is finished once that limit is reached.

Masks are required to worn if 1.5m social distance between people cannot be maintained.

Eventbrite should be used for all Mass bookings. Simply go to www.stannes.com.au and click on the Eventbrite link.