

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 11th April

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St. Anne's

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Second Sunday of Easter—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.



Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

PARISH UPDATE:

We welcome Fr Kevin Burke to serve St Anne's Parish for the next 6 weeks. He will be serving all weekend masses.

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

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 & all recently departed souls especially **Leony**. We pray for all who have died recently.
Rest in Peace.

LEGION OF MARY

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

Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2021

In his message for Easter for this year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reminds us that in his death and resurrection, the Lord offers us the gifts of peace, life and love. 'All of us come under the love of Jesus Christ on the Cross,' says Archbishop Comensoli. 'And in the midst of our own struggles, Jesus comes to us, just as he came to Mary Magdalen on the day of the Resurrection to offer us hope and a pathway forward.'

"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 THIS SUNDAY—Year B Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.
2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6
Gospel: Jn 20: 19 -31

Mass Intentions offered during all Masses
Please fill in your Mass offering envelope which is kept in the foyer of the Church and give it directly to the priest or drop in during office hours for Mass bookings.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Let your face shine on us.
2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5
Gospel: Lk 24: 35-48

Piety Stall Re-opens

Piety Stall will be open after 6pm mass on Saturdays and 8:30am mass on Sundays. If there is any item you are looking for that is not available, Please let the person on duty know and we will see if we can get it for you.

We need more people to staff the stall after all masses. Please leave your name and telephone number at the parish office if you can help. No experience needed.

The Holy Family

Seaford

Issue 3 - 2020



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



Junior Legion of Mary Easter Celebration at St Anne's



Image Blessing on Mercy Sunday

Almighty and Eternal Father, in your goodness, bless and sanctify this Image of The Divine Mercy, Your dearly beloved Son, which has been fashioned to reveal to us the great love of our Crucified and Risen Savior, The Divine Mercy Personified. Help us recall to our minds the streams of Blood and Water that had gushed forth from His pierced Heart to be for us a continuous fount of mercy. Grant to all who invoke Your Mercy with this Image before their eyes, the grace of true repentance, pardon and peace. Shield them from every danger to soul and body in this life.

Jesus, our loving Savior, establish in this Image the Throne of Your Mercy. Pour out upon all of us, who approach it with faith and trust, the purifying, healing and sanctifying rays of grace ever emanating from it as a blazing star. Gaze upon us as you did from the Cross with your great love and mercy so that we may be filled with your grace.

Through this Image, may Your Divine Mercy triumph over all the powers of evil. May all who venerate this Image never perish. May it be their joy in life, their hope in death, and their glory in eternity for ever and ever.

This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!

Mass Times and Prayer Events

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

Divine Mercy devotion at 5:00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am

- 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 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>

Top Gun Pest Control

Trevor Rebello Mob 0488 333 178 Email: trevor@topgunpestcontrol.com.au

We are very grateful to Trevor Rebello for his generosity to provide free pest control spraying outside the Church premises before the Easter Celebration.



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 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.