

# Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 18th April

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St. Anne's

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## Third Sunday of Easter—Year B

### REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

### PARISH UPDATE:

**We are happy to welcome Rev Fr Martin Jeramias from St Anthony's Catholic Church, Noble Park who has been appointed as the New Administrator of St Anne's Parish Seaford.**

**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 unwell including **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden & Christina Toleafoa**. 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 especially **Anthony Mirabito, Marianna Mirabito, Evelyn Fernandes, Dulcine Rebello & all recently departed souls**. 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

## Aid to the Church in Need

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister?  
Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/sisters](http://www.aidtochurch.org/sisters)

## **"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** **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

**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** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 4: 8-12  
Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.  
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2  
Gospel: Jn 10: 11-18

## **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  
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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

## Pope: “Having received mercy, Let us now become merciful”

Pope urges Christians to open themselves to Christ’s mercy, which He grants through peace, forgiveness and His wounds. In turn, they are asked to share this mercy with others.

**“Ask Jesus for the gift of mercy”**

The Holy Father encourages the faithful to “ask Christ for the gift of mercy,” to allow Christ’s mercy “to embrace us and penetrate us,” to have “the courage to return to Jesus, to encounter His love and mercy in the Sacraments,” and to “feel His closeness and tenderness,” so that we “might be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love.”

He notes that his predecessor, St John Paul II, whom he calls “the Apostle of Mercy,” “wanted the message of God’s merciful love to reach everyone in the world.”

In 2002, during a [visit to the Divine Mercy Shrine](#) in Krakow, the Polish Pope said, “This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!”

Pope Francis in his turn insists, “This is a special challenge for the Church of Płock, marked by this revelation”; for Sister Faustina’s community, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy; for the city of Płock, “and for each one of you.”

**“Pass on the fire of Jesus’ merciful love,” Pope Francis writes in conclusion. “Be for everyone a sign of His presence among you.”**



## Thank you!

Caritas Australia would like to **Thank You** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your project compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.



Through your generosity you will be empowering the world’s most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

#projectcompassion 1800 024 413





## 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, government rules allow no more than 200 people indoors at St Anne's.

The easiest way to make a booking 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.

You may access the booking page directly by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230>

### Volunteers required

Invite volunteers for different Ministries to contact the parish office. **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

### Top Gun Pest Control

**Trevor Rebello Mob 0488 333 178 Email: [trevor@topgunpestcontrol.com.au](mailto: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.*

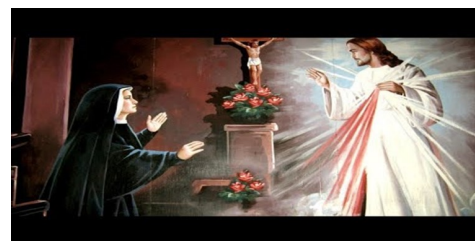
*May the Holy Family  
St Anne and St Joachim  
inspire and intercede for us  
that we may be followers of  
Jesus.  
Amen.*



### **Novena prayer to St 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 contemplate 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.



### **Saint Faustina,**

you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to who you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions just mentioned. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. **Amen**