

Holy Family
St. Joachim's
St. Anne's

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Fourth Sunday of Easter—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK—GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

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 resident 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 from the 29th April 2021

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.

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>

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

The next residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021 in Wantirna South**

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

We are very grateful to all the Parishioners for their continued support and Thanksgiving donations.

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

Please pray for all those friends and family who are unwell including **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister & Diane Clark**. 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 **Pierre Lefebure, Huguette Etienne, Cam Ingram Tomasso tucci & Margaret Grant** & all recently departed souls **Lepou Petelo**. We pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.



A prayer request for Vocations

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

1st Friday 7th May 2021
Mass at 7pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 10pm. All are welcome.

"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 **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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 9: 26—31
Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: Jn 15: 1-8

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
Parish

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 – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation

'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.'

'The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'



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Support the training of priests for
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Your (tax deductible) donation will support
the living arrangements and education for the
Corpus Christi College seminarians.

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Thank You
Rev Fr Benneth Osuagwu

On behalf of St. Anne's Parish, we would like to sincerely thank Fr. Benneth for his faithful service to our parish since joining us in 2018.

We are grateful to Fr. Benneth for his dedication in building and steering a spiritual community to so many here, particularly with encouraging our youth ministry which has seen our youth groups thrive and develop. It is wonderful to see so many children sharing friendships and becoming dedicated and faithful servants to our Lord. We are also blessed for the spiritual guidance that Fr. Benneth has shown to our sacramental candidates and catechumens in our parish through receiving their holy sacraments. We have had the pleasure of hearing Fr. Benneth's beautiful voice during our Masses, and we have been truly inspired by his dedication to Our Lady. We pray to her to intercede for Fr. Benneth and his family.

Lord, help Fr. Benneth to continue to be strong in his vocation and inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom. We too will continue to keep him in our prayers, for his future.



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 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 Urgently required

We are looking for people who would like to operate our audio video system during Mass. You will need to be computer literate and interested in creating PowerPoint presentations. Some training provided. Please contact Parish Office.

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.*

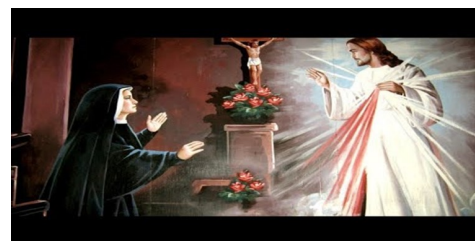
*May the Holy Family
St Anne and St Joachim
inspire and intercede for us
that we may be followers of
Jesus.
Amen.*



Novena prayer to 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**