

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 16th May

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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The Ascension of the Lord—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(In places where the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is not designated as a Holy Day of Obligation, the feast is moved to the following Sunday.)

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

PARISH UPDATE:

We extend our warm welcome to Fr Martin Jeramias, our new Parish Priest.

The last year has been a very challenging time for everyone associated with St Anne's. Our parishioners have been yearning for the spiritual and liturgical guidance that a resident priest can provide. Therefore, we truly appreciate Fr Martin's presence amongst us with heartfelt gratitude.

We are confident that our wonderful people will be able to work with dedication and commitment to assist Fr Martin in any way that is required.

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**

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

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.

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 **Ann Cooper, Alilia Navarro** & all recently departed souls especially **Roy Alderson**. We pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.



**HOLY FATHER,
KEEP THOSE YOU HAVE
GIVEN ME TRUE TO YOUR
NAME, SO THAT THEY MAY
BE ONE LIKE US.**

JESUS, JOHN 20:21

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READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
2nd Reading: Eph 1: 17-23
Gospel: MK 16: 15-20

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
2nd Reading: Gal 5: 16-25
Gospel: Jn 15: 26-27

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

"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).

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.

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.



Chaplaincy Appeal 2021

Chaplaincy Appeal 2021 This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



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

Job Vacancy

Powder coating factory in Dandenong is looking for a Casual/full time person to work as a process worker/ powder coater (needs to be a Permanent Resident).

Please contact Jeff on 0417 211 787

A Message from Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

I'm very excited but nervous to join the Parish of Seaford. I was born in India, came to Australia in 2014. My first five years of priestly service included teaching in our own seminaries and later in a parish in India. My first parish in Australia was St. Peters' Church Epping and Epping North. After more than 2 and half years I was sent to substitute a priest in Royal Melbourne and Peter Mac Hospitals as Chaplin. Then I was sent to St. Anthony's Noble Park and Resurrection Keysborough. After finishing three years and seven months of service I am here with you.

Over the years I have learned a lot and still learning because each community is unique and gifted. I don't know anyone in the parish here. I have visited our schools and getting to know more about them. I wish to be with you in everything. But wait, there is more! looking forward to see you all over the coming weeks.

Fr. Martin Jeramias.

Mass Times and Prayer Events

Tuesday 6pm Mass

Wednesday 9:30am Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6pm Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass

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>

St Anne's Choir needs more members to join them for the weekend Masses. Parishioners interested in singing and would like to join the choir, Please contact the parish office for more information.



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.*

Marian Month of May at St Anne's Parish

There will be Holy Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm & Friday at 7:00pm in May.



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.