Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 6th June 2021

Holy Family Frankston North St. Joachim's Carrum Downs St. Anne's Seaford



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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel's history. It celebrates God's deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today's Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus' own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus' own blood. Mark's Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

Parish Update

Please sign in at the door or use the QR code once you arrive. **Mask must be worn at all times.** Doing this is a simple way of showing that you care for yourself and your faith community.

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.



Episcopal Ordination

It has been great news to welcome the Holy Father's appointments of Msgr. Anthony Ireland and Fr Martin Ashe as our two new Auxiliaries for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I am now pleased to be able to share with you that the Episcopal Ordinations will take place on **Saturday 31 July at 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.**

We are still to work through Victorian Government COVID regulations as to how many will be able to be welcomed into the Cathedral, and will be sending further information and invitations when that is determined.

At this stage, Msgr. Tony and Fr Martin will continue their current appointments (and remain in their current residences) until Ordination. Once ordained, the plan is that Msgr. Tony will be appointed Episcopal Vicar of the Southern Region and Fr Martin as Episcopal Vicar of the Western region. Bishop Terry will remain Episcopal Vicar of the North and I will look to appoint a new Episcopal Vicar for the East.

Again, I ask for your prayers for our Bishops-elect as they prepare for this special day and for the roles they will take amongst us. May the Holy Spirit grace them both with the gifts of faithfulness, wisdom, strength, gentleness and compassion.

Yours fraternally in Christ Jesus,

Archbishop Peter

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

1st Reading: Ex 24: 3-8

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation,

and call on the name of the

Lord.

2nd Reading: Heb 9: 11-15

Gospel: Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezek 17: 22-24

Responsorial Psalm: Lord it is good to give thanks to

you.

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5: 6-10 Gospel: Mk 4: 26-34 Please pray for all those friends and family who are unwell including Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister & Diane Clark Mathew McCue, Roland Phillips .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 **Bertuldo Hinog, Policronio Hinog, Mateo Gallego** & all recently departed souls especially **Roy Alderson, Yvonne Barbara Pereira.** We pray for all who have died recently.

Rest in Peace.

Youth Group Retreat

Saturday14th August 9am - 5pm at
St Paul's Retreat Centre
Nortons Lane, Wantirna South VIC 3152
For Youth 11yrs and over
Persons interested please contact
Linda Davis (Youth Leader)
0422 990 127

"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).

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.





The Holy Family 2021 Magazine

The 2021 edition of our parish magazine is being planned for publication late this year.

We are now accepting your articles and original good quality digital photos. If you are interested in writing a piece, we suggest that you make some notes when your idea is fresh. These notes can then be developed into articles when you have time to do so.

You may find the previous edition - 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 would like to leave a voice message.

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

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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 <u>named as patron of the Universal Church</u>.

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

Job Vacancy

Alpha 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

Dear Parishioners,

As most of you will be aware by now, the Acting Premier has announced that Victoria will enter into a seven-day lockdown from 11.59pm last Thursday (which has been extended for another week) in order to contain the current spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, this means our Parishes and offices will be closed during this time and all staff (including parish office staff) must work from home until Thursday 10th June 2021, unless otherwise notified. Parish facilities, such as community halls, cannot be opened during the lockdown period.

Consistent with the last lockdown, restrictions apply for Ceremonies and Religious gatherings:

<u>Prayer and Religious Ceremonies</u>: No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

<u>Funerals</u>: (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

<u>Weddings:</u> (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).

Unfortunately, our church don't have technical facilities to stream Mass, so please find other live Masses from neighbouring parishes. Our church and office will also be closed please contact us in emergency, phone messages will be checked regularly. In this difficult time let us keep safe and keep connected with others especially elderly and vulnerable through phone calls.

Archbishop Peter offers his prayers of concern for us at this time, and once again asks that we seek the intercession of St Joseph – guardian of Jesus, and our own guardian.

We will be back on 11th of June unless otherwise notified. Whilst we will continue to keep everyone updated, let's pray this lockdown will be brief and that our Churches and offices will soon be open.

Take care and God bless,

Rev. Fr. Martin Jeramias



Mass Times and Prayer Events

Church & Office Closed:

As of 11:59pm, Thursday 27th May 2021,

'Circuit—breaker lockdown' measures will apply across Victoria and will be in place until 11:59pm, Thursday 10th June, 2021 unless otherwise notified.

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.



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.

All current restrictions within the government COVID Safe Plan apply when attending Mass. From 6pm on 25th May 2021, masks are mandatory in church.

- 1. You must always carry a face mask with you when you leave home unless you have a lawful reason not to.
- 2. It is strongly recommended you wear one whenever you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from others.
- 3.You are required to sanitise your hands upon entering and before receiving Holy Communion.4.If you are unwell, please do not visit our Church.5. If you test positive to COVID-19, you need to

notify the Parish Priest or the office asap.