

Holy Family
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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or “sleeping.” We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

Parish Update

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

At present, government rules allow no more than 75 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.

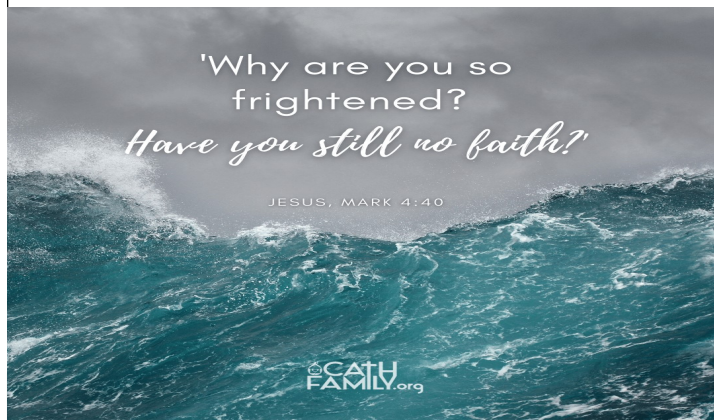
You may access the booking page directly by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230>

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>



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, 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 **Dennis Patrick O'Brien** & all recently departed souls especially **Sr Jancitha, Yvonne Barbara Pereira**. We pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.



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,

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Job 38: 1, 8-11
Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17
Gospel: Mk 4: 35-41

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24
Responsorial Psalm: I will Praise you, Lord, for you have recued me.
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15
Gospel: Mk 5: 21-43

Youth Group Retreat

Saturday 14th 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).

Mass Times and Prayer Events

Tuesday 6.00pm Mass
Wednesday 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North
Thursday 6.00pm 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

The Holy Family

Seaford

Issue 3 - 2020



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.

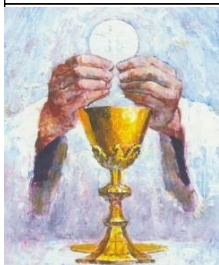
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All donations will be used towards local families in need.



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.*

Dear Parishioners,

Below are the latest Covid Liturgical Guidelines

Face Coverings

- Must be carried at all times
- Must be worn indoors except if at home, or if an exception applies
- Recommended to be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained

Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies

Permitted for up to 75 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

While we welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering, but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious and anxious, and that density quotients will prevent our full communities gathering as they would wish.

For the time being, all Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading Holy Scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully watching an online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

So we welcome you to use our 'Eventbrite' booking system to ensure your place on weekend Masses. Please check our website to book. At this weekend, only 75 parishioners would be allowed to attend each Mass. Any issues with booking via Eventbrite – please email Frank Bartosy on fbartosy@gmail.com or email or call the office. While you book for Mass, please be mindful of other parishioners who were not able to join Mass last weekend because of limitation of number. Upon entering the church please check in with the Service Victoria Q R code provided at the entrance. Please have your smart phone ready with internet connection. This is a government regulation that all public venues must implement the Q R code system.

For those who didn't get a spot on weekend Masses, please join our weekday Masses.

As we understand these regulations will be revised weekly by the government, let us look hopefully towards the bright future and pray for everyone suffering from the effects of the virus.

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Have patience and keep safe. Your safety and wellbeing is important to us.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

THE CHOSEN

Spread Jesus, share the Word

During the last lockdown, I was speaking to one of my friends, who told me about this project called 'The Chosen'. It is the first multi-season series about the life of Christ, and the most successful crowdfunded media project of all time. It's a TV series already watched by millions of people. A good thing about this show is, it's free to watch. If you already know about it, please disregard the following.

About the director

Dallas Jenkins is an American film and television director, writer and film producer. At some point in time, he was shattered with problems in his life. One day, his friend sends a message to him and asks why are you bothered to feed 5000. Focus on your five loaves and two fish. That changed his whole perspective, there he started to write and direct this show.

Jenkins's career is focused on faith-based media. In an interview with the *Chicago Sun Times*, Jenkins said, "We feel like if people can binge watch and have watch parties all over the world for shows like *Game of Thrones* and *Stranger Things*, there's no reason not to binge watch a show about Jesus.

This went on to create this excellent show. I started watching during lockdown and finished on the third day. It's really addictive and you will love the show.

How to watch

You only need internet enabled device like, mobile phone. There are couple of ways to watch with mobile phone. YouTube and Facebook had it live streamed around Easter, but be mindful of the advertisement these companies insert during the show, it's a nuisance. Search them and start to watch from season one and episode one onwards. There are two seasons so far and 17 episodes, with the next episode due this week.

Another easy way to watch is download the app on your phone. It's available in the iPhone and Android app store; search 'The Chosen'. It only takes less than a minute to set things up. It doesn't ask you anything, not even to sign up with your email address or even your name. It's that simple. You can even share it with your favourite streaming devices.

Another way to watch is go straight to Google or Safari, type <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>. Remember to watch interviews and behind the scenes videos. This will give you more insight into the show. It has 7 different audios in the prominent languages of the world and has subtitles in almost 70 languages. So, nothing will stop you from watching the show. You can even invite friends to watch party with you.

About the show

The chosen is the first-ever multi -season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, the chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus, this TV show is for you. It has a user rating of 9.8/ 10 IMDb (16,610 users).

The characters

All prominent characters in the New Testament play an important role in this show. The liberated Mary Magdalene, struggling Nikodemus, rejected Mathew, and many more in the show are not acting but just living. You can identify with many of them as you watch the show.

How is this free

The whole show is crowd funded. People who watch it pay it forward. That's why it has no proper producer. People are producers. You can be a producer. The website shows how to become one. Many common people have financially contributed to the show. Remember, you don't have to contribute to watch it.

So may I request you to watch it and share the news with your family and friends both here and overseas. You don't have to be a Christian; you don't have to know the whole story of Jesus to watch this show. Be yourself and start.

This show is doing what a priest or a missionary can't do in the whole life. A priest or a missionary is appointed in a parish for a specific time only. It's impossible to reach a whole state. But this show is doing much more than that. It's evangelising the world. "And this is eternal life, to know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (John 17:3).