

Holy Family
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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

Parish Update

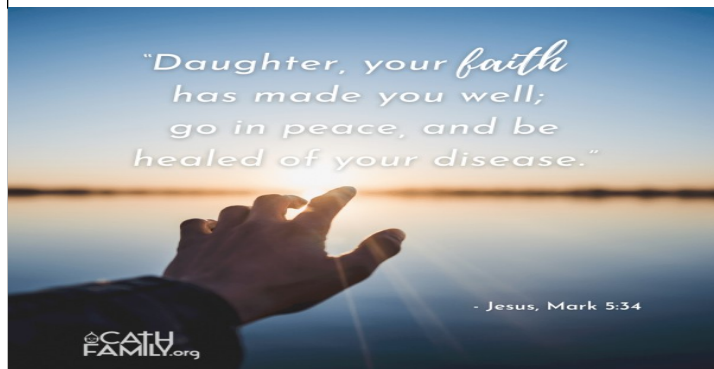
Please use the QR code once you arrive. **Masks must be worn inside the Church at all times.** Doing this is a simple way of showing that you care for yourself and your faith community.

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.



Parish update

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last Thursday we had children from St. Anne's school make their first reconciliation. We congratulate them. For the children who are in the non-Catholic school, we will celebrate their first reconciliation on 15th of July at 5pm. We thank Maureen who is preparing them.

Thanksgiving Envelop

The new Stewardship/ Thanksgiving envelop sets are ready in the Church foyer. As usual the yearly statements will be issued after the end of the June 2021. Please note, there will be a new envelope number for you this year. If you cannot find your envelop please contact the office.

Sign-up sheet

We would like more volunteers for our ministries. Please sign up for Readers, Special Minister at Mass, Piety Stall, Altar servers, Sacristans, Children's liturgy, RCIA. You are all welcome to be part of parish community.

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezek 2: 2-5
 Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 12: 7-10
 Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

Please pray for all those friends and family who are unwell including **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Sister & Diane Clark Mathew McCue.** 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 & all recently departed souls especially **Sr Jancitha, Roland Phillip.** We pray for all who have died recently. Rest in Peace.



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.

BSB: 063-000

Acc no: 1031-7778

Account name: St Anne's

Seaford 304

All donations will be used towards local families in need.



The Mission Parishes

I hope you are now familiar with the archdiocesan plan to make parishes into missions. The archbishop's letter clearly outlines that we are moving forward. All priests of the archdiocese had a meeting with the leadership team of the archdiocese end of April, the same content was introduced to the representatives of the parishes in May. Christopher (Chris) Long was our representative to this meeting. Our next phase is letting the wider community know of this plan. Chris will speak to us during weekend Masses on 10/11 of July. Let ask Holy Spirit to guide us.

Restrictions

Dear Parishioners,

Below are the latest Covid Liturgical Guidelines for Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies

Permitted for up to 300 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. We have measured our church to accommodate 120 parishioners keeping the lasted guidelines.

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.

From next week onwards, you don't need to book for Mass. But 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. **Person's unable to use the QR Code please ask the greeting volunteers for help.**

This week being school holidays, please take all measures to be safe if you are travelling.

Let us look hopefully towards the bright future and pray for everyone suffering from the effects of virus. 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).

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