

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 13th March 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.



Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at
St Anne's Parish on this Sunday 13th March 2022

Adele Kristina Govic &

Adalyn Susan Foster who was Baptised last week on 06/03/2022

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>

Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & follow the prompts.

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.

Volunteer's required Please contact Peter on 0432 120 704



Piety Stall -News from St Anne's Kiosk

New stock received – items for Mementos for Baptism; Guardian Angel Plaque; Standing Plaque Baptism gift; Babies first Rosary.

Rosaries – white/pearl/wooden or Mother of Pearl; Stand Crucifix 16cm high; Standing message cross.

Volunteer's required to help in the piety stall. Please contact Patricia on 8759 3887

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk, Jenniev Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Mathew McCue, Hortance Bouchereau,**. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Ismael Salih** and for all those who have died recently especially **Michael John Flanagan, Fr Kevin Melville Mogg, Gina Tucci, Simone Valadon.**

Rest in Peace.



"Jesus went up the mountain to pray...
as he prayed, the aspect of his face changed
and his clothing became
brilliant as lightning."

Lk 9:28-29

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



"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 C Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
2nd Reading: Phil 3: 17- 4:1
Gospel: Lk 9: 28 – 36

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Lk 13: 1-9



It has been decided that the publication of the parish magazine will be delayed until sufficient articles are received. If you wish to submit an article, please contact the editor at fbartosy@gmail.com or you can leave a message on 0490 358 121.

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a wonderful season in the Church calendar - time set aside to renew and prepare ourselves to receive the fullness of life in the resurrection. It's a time for a bit of a spiritual 'spring-clean'.

SEASON OF LENT — GOOD WORKS — CHARITY

Over the past 12 years we have supported various charities during Lent. This year as a parish we have decided to support the following 3 groups:

- Parishioners Crisis Support Fund
- Caritas Australia, Project Compassion
- Emergency Relief to aid Refugees in Ukraine

The Lenten display in the foyer has Project Compassion envelopes and boxes plus donation envelopes for Parishioners Crisis Support Fund. There is provision on the back of the envelope for you to request a receipt for taxation purposes. Please note that donations to the Parishioners Crisis Support Fund is not tax deductible. Project compassion boxes can stay with you until Holy Week. Envelopes can be placed in the collection bags at weekend Masses or left at the Parish Centre.

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an Emergency Appeal to aid our Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB's) in Ukraine and surrounding communities to bring aid to refugees. Please visit our website for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL

We have received 4 nominations. Thank you. We will soon commence our meetings.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next meeting is on 17th March 2022.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

ALTAR SERVERS REQUIRED

Additional altar servers are now required! If you or anyone you know might be interested in assisting the priest at Mass, we would really like to hear from you. Please email Shane Reeve

at sreeve1275@gmail.com or ring the parish office. **Training is on Sunday 27th March at 11:30am.** Light refreshments provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES.

We urgently need -**Sacramental coordinator** to liaise with school and help ease the work of parish secretary. Find more in our website for role description. If interested call parish office.

SACRAMENT ENROLMENT FOR THE STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NOW OPEN: Please complete the enrolment form that is placed in the foyer of the church and hand it over to the priest or drop it off at the parish office.

SACRAMENTS

On March 8th, we had Sacramental information evening for parents and children at St. Joachim School. Our record shows 43 families are preparing their children. Those who missed out of this preparation please contact your school immediately. Families of non-Catholic school contact parish office or Maureen Lim. Hope all families started to do the workbook. Failure to complete those requirements means your child is not ready to receive the sacrament this year.

Check our website for more information under latest news.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6pm Mass

Wednesday 9:30am Mass Holy Family Hall, Frankston North

Thursday 6pm Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday Divine Mercy devotion at 5:00pm followed by Rosary

Reconciliation 5:30pm

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:30am Mass

Sunday 10:00am Mass

Please Note: It is not mandatory to wear the mask inside the Church. For more information please refer to the relevant government rules.

Second Sunday of Lent 12th & 13th of March

Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas

Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way **For All Future Generations**.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



VOLUNTAS DEI FEAST DAY

Some of you are aware that I belong to a Secular Order of priests founded in Canada. We are six priests in the Melbourne Archdiocese and three in the Sale diocese. Four families in Melbourne. IVD is a Secular Institute of Pontifical Right and members include priests, celibate laymen, married couples and spiritually affiliated persons. The institute was founded by Fr. Louis-Marie Parent, O.M.I in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, Canada on 2nd July 1958, and now has its presence in 22 countries including Australia. Our annual feast day is celebrated on the Feast of the Annunciation; when the archangel Gabriel appeared to Our Lady with the message that she would be the mother of Jesus. This year, our IVD Feast Day will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, 102 Commercial Road, Yarram, Vic. On Monday 14th March. 11.00am. Mass with Bishop Greg Bennet. You are most welcome. If you would like more information on The Voluntas Dei Institute, please visit www.voluntasdei.org



HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,
You have given us the model of
life
in the holy family of Nazareth.
Help us make our family
another Nazareth
Where love, peace and joy reign.
Teach us to see Jesus
in the members of our families,
especially in their distress
disguise.
May we love one another
as God loves each of us,
more and more each day,
and forgive each other's faults
as you forgive our sins.
Help us take whatever you give
and give whatever you take
with a big smile
Amen.*