

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 20th March 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at
St Anne's Parish this Sunday 20th March 2022

Pia Marlee Horler

Jake Ethan Lai Sang

Samantha Avery Lane

Samarah Evans

Spencer Richard Rees

Edison Alexander Rees



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.**



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

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/CDFpaySeafood>

VOLUNTEER'S REQUIRED FOR VINNIES

St Vincent de Paul would like to invite parishioner's who could offer 2hr of their time every fortnight to help the needy of our parish

For more information please contact Peter on 0432 120 704



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

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk, Jenny Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Mathew McCue, Hortance Bouchereau,**. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Pedro & Josefa Parinas, Gregorio & Florante Delacerna, Peter Oliver,** and for all those who have died recently especially **Simone Valadon, Monique Colleie.**

Rest in Peace.



"SIR, THE MAN REPLIED,

leave it one more year and
give me time

TO DIG ROUND IT AND MANURE IT:

it may bear fruit next year."



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Jesus, Lk 13:8-9

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12
Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5: 17-21
Gospel: Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

FLOOD APPEAL - SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

www.vinnies.org.au - Flood appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works (vinnies.org.au) or by calling - Queensland - (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales - (02) 9568 0262

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/graine/> or contact 1800 024 413

Call for Guadalupe Musical Production at St Joseph's Hall

St Joseph's Youth Group, supported by a group of parents, is working on the musical production "Call of Guadalupe", to be performed in November at St Joseph's Hall, Chelsea.

[Auditions for main roles and chorus will be held on Saturday 26 March at St Joseph's Hall.](#) Kids over 10 years old are welcome to attend the auditions.

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
- Emergency Relief to aid Refugees in Ukraine
- Caritas Australia, Project Compassion

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.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

We had a meeting with Archdiocesan planning and building infrastructure team and maintenance committee. The meeting was positive and now have a way to move ahead.

Our immediate focus will be making our church compliant with the health and safety requirement, fit for purpose which will include sealing exterior points through which possums enter and attending to the inner layer of the roof.

We will also be developing a master plan for the future of our church building. We will not be moving to the Carrum Downs property as was proposed some years ago and the land had been sold by the archdiocese.

To meet the cost of proposed refurbishment, we will rely on the property at Holy Family Hall, Frankston North and the goodwill of our parishioners. We have expert advice on the mould sightings on the wall of the church, saying no mould growth found in church but are possum's claws.

LITURGY MEETING

We are holding a meeting for all sacristans and decoration ministry to plan Holy Week celebration on 22nd Tuesday 6:30 pm in the Parish office. Those interested please join.

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.

SEAFORD HOUSING ACTION COALITION

We have decided with SHAC to provide the Holy Family Hall, Frankston North to winter shelter for homeless, as long as the hall stays. **Frankston Winter shelter team** are looking for volunteers to help this satisfying volunteering work. Contact David Moloney dmo74189@bigpond.net.au or check our website for more information. Training for volunteers on Saturday 7 May. If interested call parish.

Check our website for more information under latest news.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6pm Mass

Wednesday 9:30am **NO Mass**

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 19th & 20th of March

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

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.



Celebrating Harmony Week (21-27 March) 2022

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's exciting and diverse cultural reality. Harmony Week is also an opportunity to reflect on working with all families within the parish from the diverse cultural backgrounds present and how inclusive we really are when it comes to child safeguarding.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is committed to honouring the trust that has been placed in our parishes, agencies and entities and to supporting the crucial partnership with parents and guardians that serves to strengthen the safety of children and young people. For more information, please visit the CAM Website

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/harmony-week-everyone-belongs> or www.harmony.gov.au



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.*