Seaford Parish Newsletter

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St. Joachim's Carrum Downs
St. Anne's Seaford



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in <u>John 6</u>.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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

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 CDF Pay: https://bit.ly/CDFpaySeaford



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

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



"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).

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk**, **Jenny Beechhey-**

Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Mathew McCue, Hortance Bouchereau, Florita, Nadeges. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Terence Redden, Celeste & Philip Luther, Therese & Felix Ranasinghe, Jayantha & Indrani Fernando, Fidel Ollada, Lourdes Alo, Neil Fitzgerald and for all those who have died recently especially Mangalika Fernando, Lancelot Pais, Stephanie Rust. Rest in Peace



Throw the net out to starboard and youll find something

Piety Stall

Preloved First Communion Dresses.

<u>Just received</u>: Decade Rosary; Rosary Bracelet;
Reconciliation commemoration pin; Small
standing crucifixes; Statue of St Anne; Mass
book for children; Family Prayer book; Bibles
and various books of prayer.

We have received the following stock from *Divine Mercy Publications*:

Diary of St Maria Faustina Kowalska; Booklet "The Sacrament of Reconciliation"; Bookmarks – Angelus and Chaplet; Picture "Stella Matutina"

Piety stall open for all weekend Masses.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you

have rescued me.

2nd Reading: Rev 5:11-14 Gospel: Jn 21: 1—19

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: We are His people, the sheep

of His flock.

2nd Reading: Rev 7:9, 14-17 Gospel: Jn 10: 27-30

Dear Parishioners,

May is the month of head count of the worshippers which is important as these counts are taken to planning for the year to come. There will be volunteers to count the heads over the four weeks.

First Eucharist

Now that the First reconciliation is finished, we are beginning our preparation for the first Eucharist sacrament.

Apr30/1 and 7/8 May will be the enrolment Masses. Information evening is on 11 May (Wednesday) at 6:30 pm church. Grade 4 children need to get the enrolment forms either from schools or parish during business hours. Copies are available at the foyer of the church.

Celebration dates are June 25/26, July 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 with the weekend Masses. At the information evening families will be guided to choose two options. The parish will allocate the date for the celebration. Make preparation when you have a celebration date.

Children's Mass

We have seen children sing well at the Sunday 10am Mass. We are now organising every second Sunday for children to organise Mass. Zeeta Andrew and Andrew Holland will organise this with children.

First Friday Mass

I am making one change to the Frist Friday morning Mass, since we have evening first Friday devotion and Mass there will be no morning Mass on first Fridays.

Tea and Coffee

Now that there is not much restriction in gathering, we are resuming our tea and coffee after all weekend Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate to share at the Mass you are joining. Let us make our community vibrant again.

Volunteers Needed.

We Urgently need Religious Education team to liaise with school and help ease the work of parish secretary. Find more in our website for role description.

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 14 May. If interested call parish.

Check our website for more information under latest news

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

An Invitation for young adults

Do you hunger for something more?
Re-Generation is excited to announce its next event: 'Be Filled: A night of food, faith and fellowship'. Our culture promises love and happiness but often leaves us feeling empty and alone. We invite young adults to come and taste the food that truly satisfies: the eternal love of God. Be inspired by sound teaching, uplifting music and meaningful connections. An evening not to be missed! Saturday April 30, 7pm-9pm Our Lady Help of Christians Hall, (entrance off Barkly Street) East Brunswick

Audition for an Australian grown

Catholic musical that has gone around Australia & overseas or help backstage show coming in November.

Great opportunity to develop your skills in performing arts Also Learn how to act, sing or help backstage with FREE Classes Drama & singing Classes in Burwood & Chelsea area For more info cogtheatre.org or call Geraldine 0413398528.

Golf Club Available

The Parish has been donated a second hand set of right hand Golf clubs and bags that are in reasonable condition. We would like to hope that they would go to a person who cannot afford to buy a set. For more information please contact Jeff 0412 550 740

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6pm Mass

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

Thursday 6pm Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass First Friday evening Mass 7pm

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.

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College



Good Shepherd Sunday
Appeal
Your (tax deductable) donation
will support the living
arrangements and education
for the Corpus Christi College
seminarians. Donate via:



https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sundayappeal/

Good Shepherd Sunday

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FRANKSTON INC.

PAF is running the Mothers' Day envelope drive again this year, to provide support for disadvantaged pregnant women and their babies and families, we would be very grateful for any donation you are able to give towards this collection. You may also donate at the PAF Centre; by cheque or by a direct payment into our account at **WESTPAC BSB: 033 272 ACC: 318726.**



If you would like a receipt, then please provide your name and contact details in an email to pafcares@gmail.com. All donations above \$2.00 are tax deductible.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTH & AGED CARE WORKERS

Sunday 1 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. A Memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. If you cannot attend, please be encouraged to submit the names of those you wish remembered to your Parish, or by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.



HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have given us the model of 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.