

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3rd April 2022

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

Frankston North
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Seaford



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in [Mark 12:13-17](#). Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See [Luke 18:9-14](#)).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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 : <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



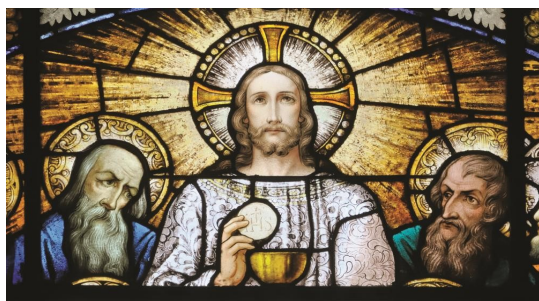
'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator *Linda Espie*, this reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

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 **Joseph & Pansy Bartholomew, Nunziata Fonti** and for all those who have died recently especially **Fr Josip Vranjes, Ian Monger, Michelle Monger.** **Rest in Peace.**



HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

It is a tradition in Catholic Church to bring communion to the sick and homebound during Easter. If you have elderly parishioners at home or if you know someone needs communion please contact parish to organise a time for the priest to visit them.



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Is 43: 16-21
 Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with Joy.
 2nd Reading: Phil 3: 8-14
 Gospel: Jn 8: 1-11

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C

Palm Sunday

Procession: Lk 19: 28-40
 1st Reading: Is 50: 4-7
 Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God why have you abandoned me?
 2nd Reading: Phil 2: 6-11
 Gospel: Lk 22:14 –23:56

News from the Piety Stall the following are now available:
 Preloved First Communion Dresses.
 Booklets-Celebrating your Child's First Reconciliation
 Celebrating your Child's First Communion
 Children's Bible; Illustrated Children's Bible.
 Sunday Missal; Everyday Bible and New Community Bible.
 All of the above are available after Mass from the Piety Stall.

St Anne's Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration
 Celebrant – Fr Martin Jeramias
23 April Saturday 6:00PM Holy Mass
 1st **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** celebration.
24 April Sunday
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 2nd celebration **8:30AM Holy Mass**
 3rd celebration **10:00AM Holy Mass**

Sign Up Sheet

We need volunteers to sign up for Power Point Presentation, Reading and Eucharistic Minister during Holy week celebrations. Please find sign- up sheets in the foyer of the Church. If you would like the readings for the day please be free to email the parish office.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

All first Reconciliation children's workbook can now come back to school or to church by this weekend with Mass attendance form and profile page. Our celebration of the First Reconciliation is on Tuesday, 5th of April at 7pm.

No Mass on Tuesday, 5th of April

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting is on 7th April.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES.

We urgently need **-Sacramental Coordinators & Religious Education Team** 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.

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.

HOLY WEEK ADVANCE NOTICE

- Please bring your own palm branches for Palm Sunday, as it has been the custom.
- Bass Drum and a drummer needed for Good Friday Passion service. Please contact the parish office.
- Project compassion boxes and envelopes can come back on Maundy Thursday.
- There will be a special collection on Good Friday.

If you wish to take Holy water home after Easter Mass, bring your own container.

Check our website for more information under latest news

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS WANTED FOR CHOIR DURING EASTER MASSES AND TRIDUUM

All welcome! The more the merrier!

Choir practice will begin after 3rd April

Please contact Irene at 0452218863 or email worldmusic128@gmail.com or leave your name at the greeter's desk after mass.



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2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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| Tuesday, 12 April | 6pm | Mass at the Church |
| Wednesday, 13 April | 9.30am 10.00am - 10.30 am 6.30 pm - 7 pm | Mass at Holy Family Church Individual Reconciliation Penitential Service followed by Individual Reconciliation at the Church |
| The Three Sacred Days (Triduum) | | |
| Thursday, 14 April | 7.30 pm | <i>Holy Thursday</i> Mass of the Lord's Supper (Followed by silent Adoration up to 10pm) |
| Friday, 15 April | 10.30 am 11.30 am - 12.30 pm 3.00 pm | <i>Good Friday</i> The Way of the Cross at St. Anne's School ground Individual Reconciliation Commemoration of the Lord's Passion |
| Saturday, 16 April | 7.30 pm | <i>Holy Saturday</i> The Easter Vigil with RCIA Sacraments |
| Sunday, 17 April | 8.30 am & 10.00 am | <i>Easter Sunday</i> Easter Masses |

Second Sunday of Lent 2nd & 3rd of April

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities 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.

Affordable Housing - Forum

The St. Thomas More Social Group is holding a Forum - **Affordable Housing for People on very low incomes**, on **April 28th at 7.30pm** in the St. Thomas More Primary School Gym, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mt. Eliza.

This topic as you would be aware has implications here on the Mornington Peninsula and surrounding suburbs. We have invited the following guest speakers who will provide insight into the issues surrounding housing affordability for people on very low incomes in our region-

Russell Joseph

President, Peninsula Community Housing Inc
Chair Mornington Peninsula Shire Housing Community Reference Group

John Baker

Chief Executive Officer, Mornington Peninsula Shire

John McKenzie

S.H.A.C. - Seaford Housing Action Coalition

There will be opportunities for questions from the floor after the speakers have finished, which will likely continue over supper.



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.*