

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th April 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD—YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

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



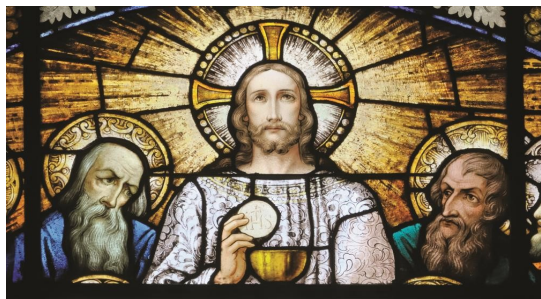
'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers 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 **Eleuteria & Nilcolas Tobes, Peter Dickinson, Raymond Ramanadu Achayah** and for all those who have died recently especially **Ian Monger, Michelle Monger, Ian Manly.** 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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C

Sunday of the Resurrection

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
2nd Reading: Col 3: 1-4
Gospel: Lk Jn 20: 1-9

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. We would kindly request all the volunteer to arrive 15mins early to the service.

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**

Dear Parishioners,

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

We had 41 children out of 46 for the First Reconciliation on the 5th of April at 7pm. We thank both our school RE team and teachers and parish RE team for organising a wonderful ceremony. A second ceremony is planned for those missed on 28th April, at 7pm.

FIRST EUCHARIST

First Communion Candidates will be able to enrol for the sacrament on the weekends of the 23/ 24 April and the 30 Apr/1 May. The enrolment form can be picked up from the Parish office during their Office Hours: Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am—3.30pm or from the Church on weekend Masses over the school holidays.

The school will send the form home to Candidates who have not enrolled on Tuesday 26th April.

Please put Wednesday 11th May in your diary as the Information evening for the sacrament.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

At the meeting we discussed the following: Possums are present in the church. Jeff had discussions with a tradesman regarding the removal of possums, but little interest is shown due to the difficulty in locating the animals and reaching the uppermost parts of the building.

Possum removal options to be investigated. After possums permanently removed and all entry points sealed with shields on roof cables and metal covers over the outside of the bricks that are laid in a 'criss cross' pattern at the corners of the building,

When possums are permanently removed, cleaning options of internal roof lining and walls to be investigated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES.

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. 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

Singers needed for Holy Week celebrations. Irene will lead this ministry. Please contact worldmusic128@gmail.com or the parish office if you can join.

- 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 Masses, bring your own container.
- After the Easter Vigil, there will be a tea and coffee party to meet our RCIA candidates and to share the Easter joy. Please bring a plate.

EASTER VIGIL CANDLES

Our parishioner Nirmala Alphonse has made fresh candles from the left over candles. We thank her for making this. We will use these candles for Easter vigil procession. These candles will be available for a gold coin donation.

Check our website for more information under latest news

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2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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
Thursday, 14 April	7.30 pm	The Three Sacred Days (Triduum) <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 9th & 10th of April

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal.



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Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. 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.*