

Holy Family
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St. Anne's

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EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD—YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6pm **No Mass**

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

Thursday 6pm Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass

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.

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**

Office Closure

The office will be closed from 15th—18th April 2022. Wishing all Parishioners a Happy Easter.

Parish Pastoral Council

As you may know, our Parish Pastoral Council has recently been formed. Members are Chris Long, Frank Bartosy, Irene Levangie and Marylin Villemin. We look forward to working to revitalise our parish so that it will be the best in the Archdiocese.

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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.



Divine Mercy Prayer for the whole world

O Great Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy – to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming – that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. Amen. Diary 1570