

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24th April 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.



Part of the mystery of Jesus? Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

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.

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.**



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/CDFpaySeaford>

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



Piety Stall

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"

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 **Dulcie Madeira, Evelyn Fernandes, Paul Fernandes Marianna & Anthony Mirabito, Cam Ingram, William Hart** and for all those who have died recently especially **Ian Manly, Mangalika Fernando.** Rest in Peace.



Piety Stall

Preloved First Communion Dresses.

Just received: 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.

"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).

You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those

who have not seen and yet believe.



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Jesus, Jn 20:29

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C

Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 5: 12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting
2nd Reading: Rev 1: 9-13, 17-19
Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31

READINGS FOR NEXT 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

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

It is a tradition in Catholic Church to bring communion to the sick and homebound. 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.

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,

What a wonderful way to celebrate Easter with the whole community this year. Thank God for allowing us to celebrate meaningfully this year.

We do take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who are vital part of our community life. We thank the sacristans who made sure things for liturgies are in place, decoration team who were at church very early every day during the Holy Week, church looks very beautiful. Choir leader and singers made a change in the liturgies. We would see them often for Mass. Our readers and special ministers were very excellent in their roles. We have set up an altar server groups recently; they have been helping hands for me. Those operated microphone system kept everything really well. PowerPoint slides maker and those operated then during the Holy Week did a good job. Many people helped to prepare the Station of the Cross at the school ground. Those who set up fire for the blessing were a good way to start the Easter Vigil. The ushers at the front table are there to address any questions that parishioners may have been terrific in welcoming everyone. Those who bought things to share after Easter Vigil was a nice way to welcome everyone. We thank parish secretary followed up with volunteers and made sure everyone on the same page. We also thank those who helped us in any way during the Holy week ceremonies. May the Risen Christ bless you abundantly.

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.

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 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.

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**

ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a new online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Classes start April 27. For further information see our website <http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training> or contact the Centre on (02)9701 4751 or CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

Collections for the Holy Week

Holy Thursday \$ 491.70

Good Friday \$ 1533.95

Candles Money \$ 137.60



To,
All the Volunteers for their love support and dedication towards St Anne's Parish. It is greatly appreciated.
God bless you all.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6pm 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.



**CATHOLIC
THEOLOGICAL
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Catholic Theological College

Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Engaging Your Faith

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session, running 3 to 28 May 2022.

Booking, payment & more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Parish Pastoral Council

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

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.



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

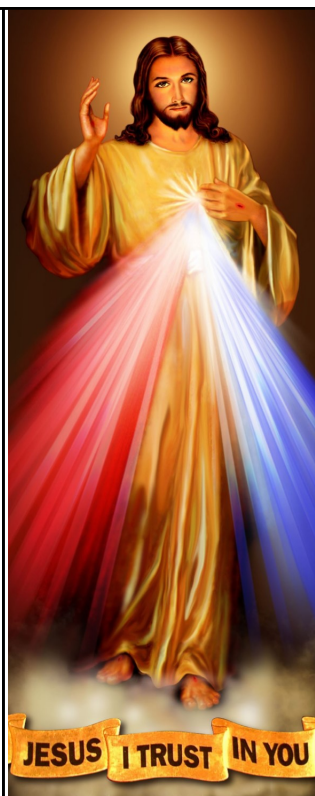
John Baker

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