

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8th May 2022

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

BLESSING PRAYER:

On this Mother's Day, we pray for blessings on all women who have loved and nurtured us throughout our lives. We give thanks for the mothers who have guided and protected us, who have taught and encouraged us. We give thanks for mothers who have passed away, birth mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and for all women who take on a motherly role. We ask your blessing, dear Lord, upon mothers who have lost children, that they may have your continuing strength and courage. We ask your blessing too, upon those who would like to be mothers. Pour your blessings upon all women here today. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care. Amen



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.***

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, Nadeses**. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Neil Fitzgerald, John Grady, Ambrosio Darroca, Denis, Violet Theresa, Alphonse Selvam Hart** and for all those who have died recently especially **Lancelot Pais, Stephanie Rust. Rest in Peace**



**The sheep that belong to me
listen to my voice;
I know them and they
follow me.**



Piety Stall

The Piety Stall has received some **statues** - St. Anne; Infant of Prague; Sacred Heart of Jesus and Sacred Heart of Mary. **Crucifixes** for hanging and standing. **Book** – Diary of St Faustina; The Way of the Cross by Fulton Sheen; **Booklet** – Sacrament of Reconciliation. First Communion Dresses for the big day in June & July.

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

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 14: 21-27
Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God.
2nd Reading: Rev 21: 1-5
Gospel: Jn 13: 31-35

Dear Parishioners,

This is an important weekend for us, being Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday. Both schools have reflected the importance of these two events during Mass. We are celebrating it throughout the weekend Masses. There will be special prayers and reflection about Mothers and from our parishioners. Let us specially pray for leaders also as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Please join us to celebrate and pray.

MASS COUNT

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

PARISH COUNCIL

We had our first parish council this week. We have almost set a framework on how to operate this important group in our parish are confident we can make our parish vibrant again.

FIRST EUCHARIST

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

This weekend will be the last enrolment Mass. The information evening is on 11th May (Wednesday) at 6:30 pm church. Grade 4 children need to collect the enrolment forms either from schools or parish during business hours if families have not done yet. 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 able guided to choose two options. The parish will allocate the date for the celebration.

CHILDREN'S MASS

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

FR MARTIN'S FIRST YEAR CELEBRATION

There will be a cuppa after each Mass on Sunday 15th May to celebrate Fr Martin's first year as our Parish Priest. It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate to share on this memorable occasion.



St. Anne's

Catholic Parish Primary School, Seaford

Pray Work Play

Enrolments are invited for 2023

St. Anne's is committed to giving your child the best education possible, within a Catholic Faith Community, so your child can be happy, safe and learn.

We will

- Provide a challenging learning environment for all our students
- Celebrate our Catholic Faith and instil in our children a spiritual framework for life



Enrolment Applications for Foundation 2023 close Friday 20th May due to very strong interest!



For information about enrolling your child please call the school office on (03) 9786 4736 or

Email: office@saseaford.catholic.edu.au

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 Molo-ney 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



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.

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College



Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians. Donate via:



<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

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.



Our Parish Prayer

We, the people of Seaford Parish strive to be followers of Jesus by being a welcoming and supportive community

in which the talents of all can grow and in which we live out our faith through word, sacrament and action.

May the Holy Family St Anne and St Joachim inspire and intercede for us that we may be followers of Jesus. Amen.



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.*