Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 15th May 2022

Holy Family Frankston North
St. Joachim's Carrum Downs
St. Anne's Seaford



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

Mother of all individuals and peoples, you know all their sufferings and hopes. In your motherly heart you feel all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, that convulse the world: accept the plea which we make in the Holy Spirit directly to your heart, and embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord those who most await this embrace, and also those whose act of entrustment you too await in a particular way. Take under your motherly protection the whole human family, which with affectionate love we entrust to you, O Mother. May there dawn for everyone the time of peace and freedom, the time of truth, of justice and of hope. Amen.





Baptism Welcome

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish on this Sunday 15th May 2022

- ☆ Aiyana Carole Kenny & Daniel Jordan Kenny
- ☆ Aria Kaylene Thomas
- ★ Willow Wood
- ★ Leo Caia
- **☆** Cameron Beverly Hurle

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.

VINNIES DONATIONS

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

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All donations will be used towards local families in need.



Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk**, **Jenny Beechhey-Garden**, **Christina Toleafoa**, **Mathew McCue**, **Hortance Bouchereau**, **Florita**, **Nadeges**. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Nell Fitzgerald**, **Annie Pais**, **Gilbert Pais**, **Marie Rnage Camille**, **Allan Bartholomeus** and for all those who have died recently especially **Lancelot Pais**, **Stephanie Rust**. **Rest in Peace**





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

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.



Congratulation to Fr Martin on this first anniversary of becoming our Parish Priest. Thank you for all your hard work! Your ongoing presence in our parish is much appreciated!

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: O God, Let all the nations

praise you.

2nd Reading: Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel: Jn 14: 23-29

Statement on My first Anniversary at St. Anne's Church

Dear parishioners,

First year- Year of Learning

The body is one, although it has many parts; and all the parts, though many, form one body. So, it is with Christ.(1 Corinthians 12:12–14)

Time has flown by quickly. I remember the day I came to St. Anne's parish on 12th May, 2021. Sumitha, our secretary, welcomed me to the parish. We had our first Mass on the following Sunday. Sadly, on the following week we went into lockdown. Then it was on and off. Almost four months of lockdown. However, You have welcomed me during the most difficult and hard time of the year. I thank you all for that!

Now I am happy to say we are well into the new normal where we can gather as community to celebrate.

Looking back at the past year, I am pleased that we have grown in many areas and understand our need to grow in others. I hear from parishioners during covid and after, we are a new community. We see , and welcome, new faces in the church. Sadly, we may not see some of our former parishioners.

My hopes and wishes for the last year were to form important groups like parish pastoral council to deal with the matters concerning the worshipping community and the building committee to oversee the maintenance of our church building. These two committees are doing well and they have advance well. I hope to form a finance committee soon. I need your support in this. This year my focus would be to strengthen community, each ministry and volunteers.

I always believe the Church belongs to the Holy Spirit, we are all parts of this body and have individual mission to enhance the community life. I envision a community where everyone is respected and is thriving including our young parishioner's. May St Anne and Joachim help us in this big task.

I would like a sincere feedback from your perspective on the celebration of the Mass, Homily, my way of talk or any other thing you want to let me know? Will you please email or call the office or write a letter and leave it at the letter box.

We are all on and together in this.

Thank you all.

TRADE DIRECTORY

We are looking into a new initiative of forming trade directory. Anyone in the parish who is doing trade in any form can join this directory. Both our school families will also be invited. Parish may advertise them and parishioners can approach them for any work. More information to follow.

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 coming weeks.

FIRST EUCHARIST

We had 32 families joined the information evening on 11th May. Parents will now help children understand Eucharist and help them to finish workbook. Celebration dates are June 25/26, July 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 with the weekend Masses. Any question with completing the workbook please contact your Religious Education leader of the school or parish office.

TEA AND COFFEE

We thank all who had brought food to share last week and this week. Please stay back and enjoy the community feeling.

FEAST OF OUR LADY

May is dedicated to our lady through the prayers of Rosary and other devotions. At the last day of the month we will celebrate this occasion with special Mass. All are welcome.

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 14 May. If interested call parish.

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF. The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

CATHOLIC MISSION-PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

There will be a special collection on the 21st & 22nd May 2022

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.

"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).

Safeguarding Committee members are working hard to collect the details of volunteers in order to comply with the requirements of the Professional Standard Unit. Letters will be sent to volunteers if any Working with Children Check details are in need of being updated.



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



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

Email: office@saseaford.catholic.edu.au



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,

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.