# **Seaford Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 29th May 2022

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



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#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—YEAR C

#### **REFLECTIONS OF THIS WEEK**

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

#### **FEAST OF OUR LADY**

May is dedicated to our lady through the prayers of rosary and other devotions. On Tuesday at 6:30pm we will celebrate the feast with rosary, solemn Mass and procession inside the church.

All are welcome.



#### **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.

#### 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



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

BSB: 063-000 Acc no: 1031-7778 Account name: St Anne's Seaford 304

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, Hortance Bouchereau, Nadeges, Juana Adones. We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Leonora Bejerana, Joseph & Mary Bartholomew, Denis McCue, Victor Stephen, Catalina Ahumada, Derek Randall, Maximo Domingo, Ricarda Domingo and for all those who have died recently especially Fr Eric John Hodgens, Constance Benoiton.



Rest in Peace

ather has promised.

I am sending down to you what



#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFU-GEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MEL-BOURNE/ Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and



Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July.

Email:somml@bigpond.com (preferred for con-

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Tel: 9326 1895

#### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year C** The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to

shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Eph 1: 17-23 2nd Reading: Lk 24: 46-53 Gospel:

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year C Pentecost Sunday**

Gen 11: 1-9 1st Reading:

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit

and renew the face of the

earth.

Rom 8: 22-27 2nd Reading: Jn 7: 37-39 Gospel:

# Dear parishioners,

We have a new federal government. Congratulations to our new Prime Minister and his leadership team. Let us pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit and may they uphold Australian values.

Our hearts goes to the bereaved families of Texas Elementary school incident. May the U S governments do whatever in their power to stop repeating these incidents in future.

#### 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.

#### **FIRST EUCHARIST**

We had 32 families joined the information evening on 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Parish has received preference date for first communion. All families will be contacted by the middle of next week with the allocated dates. Any question with completing the workbook please contact your Religious Education leader of the school or parish office.

#### **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE**

Thank you to all volunteers who had supplied their Working With Children Check to the parish and added St Anne's parish as their work place. Those who have not done it yet please contact the parish office. This is very important requirement from all volunteers because the data will be audited by the government bodies (Commission for Children and Young people) and the Archdiocesan team. So we are setting 22nd June as the last date to finish this. Parish secretary is happy to help you if you call or come in person to do during business hours.

#### **NEW VOLUNTEERS**

Pentecost Sunday is our volunteer recruitment day for the celebration of Mass. We are in need of a sacristan for 10 am Mass.

Check our website for more information under latest news

**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias** 

#### ST STEPHEN'S GUILD MEDAL

On Friday 20th May 2022 Fina Anthony received her Guild Medal at St Patrick Cathedral, She was proud and happy to be inducted into the program. We thank Shane & John for their continual work put into the altar server Programme. We look forward to many new recruits and Guild members in the future. St Stephen (Patron Saint of Altar Server's) Pray for us.

#### **GOLF CLUBS AVAILABLE**

The Parish has been donated a second hand set of right hand Golf clubs and bag 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

#### PIETY STALL

First Holy Communion Dresses available for the big day in June & July.

# Tending Our Winter Heart: Live-in Weekend Retreat', Friday 10 June, 4pm - Sun 12 June, 4pm. We invite you to a contemplative retreat where you will have the opportunity to spend some personal, quality time with yourself in the quiet and beautiful sur-

rounds of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Chelten-



ham VIC. Time is offered for personal space and reflection, within a supportive environment, as well as spiritual direction if you wish. Limited rooms for couples are available. Led by Heart of Life supervisors and spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$300 including accommodation and catering. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral For-

mation, email <u>secretary@heartoflife.melbourne</u>, or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne

'Taster Session', Tuesday 14 June 2022, 7.30pm-9pm (AEST), via Zoom. Are you called to be a spiritual director? A pastoral supervisor? A spiritual leader? Would you like to participate in spiritual formation that develops a compassionate, contemplative, listening heart? We invite you to join our Taster Session for a facilitated reflection and more information about Heart of Life's courses. Led by the formation team at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via <a href="www.trybooking.com/BZAWV">www.trybooking.com/BZAWV</a>, or email <a href="secretary@heartoflife.melbourne">secretary@heartoflife.melbourne</a> for more details.

### MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:30pm Mass

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

Thursday 6:00pm Mass First Friday 7pm 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

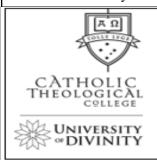
Please Note: It is not mandatory to wear the mask inside the Church. For more information please refer to the relevant government rules.

#### "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.

All Volunteer will be issued St Anne's Parish Entity Statement of Commitment, the Policy, the code of conduct and a Code of Conduct declaration form which needs to signed and returned back to the parish office this will be valid for 3 years. For more information please contact stannespsu@gmail.com



#### Catholic Theological College

Online unit via Zoom

## Teaching Meditation and Prayer

Four Saturdays: 18, 25 June; 8, 15 October To enrol or for further information: Undergraduate: dean@ctc.edu.au Postgraduate: postgrad@ctc.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.



#### 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