

Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 2nd April 2023

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."



While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

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

BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.

Please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your name, 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.

Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 26/3/2023 \$ 1795.00

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

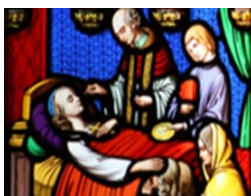
Welcome to St Anne's Parish ,where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk, Christina Toleafoa, Hortance Bouchereau, Nadege, Anna Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, , Natalie Fowler, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Bernadette O'Shea, Tony & Gerda Small, We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Wilfred Nicholas Perera, Nunziata Fonti and for all those who have died recently David Hall, Amanda Travaglia, Fr Salvatore Dimattina, Fr John Toolan. Rest in Peace**



HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 8th/9th

APRIL

READING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & ALTAR SERVERS

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Readers: L. Doherty, I. Abraham, B. George, M. John, M. Morris
Eucharistic Minister: Ashley, Ignatius, John

Altar Servers: Fina, Jeanne, Grazinia, Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: C. Long / C. O'Toole
Eucharistic Minister: Joshua Reeve
Altar Servers: Volunteer

10:00am Mass

Readers: W. Zawzoort / Volunteer
Eucharistic Minister: Robert Hepworth
Altar Servers: Anthony/ Luke

PARISH MAGAZINE 2023

Hi everyone, we will begin planning for the publication of the 2023 edition of our parish magazine shortly and we are now accepting your contributions. If you have written anything that could be of interest to parishioners, you can email it to the editor at fbartosy@gmail.com.

Alternatively, if you have any questions or comments please contact Frank at the table in the foyer of the church after Masses on Sunday.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

1st Reading: Is 50: 4 -7
Responsorial Psalm: My God, My God, why have you abandoned Me?
2nd Reading: Phil 2: 6 -11
Gospel: Mt 26: 14 - 27:66

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A **Easter Sunday**

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord as made; let us rejoice and be glad.
2nd Reading: Col 3: 1- 4
Gospel: Jn 20: 1-9

Dear Parishioners,

We are into Holy Week, holiest season of the year. Let us make extra time in prayer and reflection throughout this week. Let us also pray for Pope Francis.

HOLY WEEK REMINDERS

Holy week celebrations are peak time in Christian's life of faith. Our celebration during this time goes more than an hour. There will be more visitors and families coming to church during this time. Please welcome everyone.

If you have a custom of taking new water from church after the Vigil Mass, bring container. Please make use of the reconciliation opportunities during this time. Please find Holy Week schedule in the newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help pick up and drop off three elderly parishioners for 10 am Mass? Two are in Scott street and one in Seaford Rd. Heading towards Belvedere. If you can help contact parish office.

WANT TO LEARN TO PRAY ROSARY?

Legion of Mary of our parish are organising a teaching session 'how to pray the rosary'. If you are interested call or email the office.

PARISH FEAST

As part of the Parish Feast of St. Anne's and Joachim we are organising a retreat. Please make note in your diary, Saturday July 30th at St. Anne's school hall. More information will follow. We will also have community feast Mass on the 26th of July evening.

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS

On Holy Thursday with the collection, you can bring the Project Compassion boxes. On Good Friday collection is taken to support Holy Places. On Easter Vigil there will be two collections as normal.

WORKING BEE

A big thank you to all who have joined the working bee.

LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN With Easter Egg for children.

ADVANCE NOTICE: After the Easter Vigil, there will be tea & coffee to meet our RCIA candidate and to share the Easter Joy.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

PIETY STALL

The Diary by St Faustina is available at the Piety Stall. A spiritually uplifting book written at the request of Our Lord. Rosaries suitable for children and adults as gifts. Holy water bottles to contain the Easter blessed water. Many small prayer books. Bibles for children of various ages. Call at the Piety Stall on your way home and browse to see what is available for you.

NURSE WANTED:

Nurse needed to give insulin to a Parishioner every day in the evening, anyone interested please contact the Parish Office.

INVITATION FROM LEGION OF MARY

After the Vigil Mass, the Legion of Mary invite you to supper in the narthex. Come and enjoy a cuppa, a slice of cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners to start off this Passion week. Bless you all.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Weekend "Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are Welcome. **28 – 30 April 2023** in Melbourne
Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James** 0409 183 676.



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1 & 2 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday 9:15am Mass
 Please check the Holy Week Schedule below.

Business for Sale

Garden Landscape & Maintenance Business for sale Braeside, Mulgrave, Cheltenham, Sandringham areas. Contact Allan Sleddon 0403016869

Experienced Gardener required for 4 days a week please contact the Parishoffice.

St Anne's Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Celebrant – Fr Martin Jeramias

15th April Saturday 6:00PM Holy Mass

1st **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** celebration.

16th April Sunday

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

2nd celebration 8:30AM Holy Mass

3rd celebration 10:00AM Holy Mass



Sacramental schedule- First Communion

Enrolment Form Return at Mass April 22/23
 Preparation evening April 26(Wednesday) 6:30 pm at church.
 Mass attendance weeks May 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28, June 3/4, 10/11
 Workbooks return June 12 (Monday)
 Celebration dates July 22/23, 29/30 Aug 5/6, 12/13
 Other sacramental dates are available on our website.



Take this and eat,
 this is my body
Drink from this,
 for this is my blood



Jesus, Matthew 26:26-28



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The Caritas Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned on Holy Thursday.



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2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 4 th April	6pm- 7pm	Mass followed by Individual Reconciliation
Wednesday, 5 th April	9.15am -10.00 am 6.30 pm – 8:00 pm	Mass followed by Individual Reconciliation Penitential Service followed by Individual Reconciliation
Thursday, 6 th April	7.30 pm	The Three Sacred Days (Triduum) <i>Holy Thursday</i> Mass of the Lord's Supper (Followed by silent Adoration up to 10pm)
Friday, 7 th April	10.30 am 3.00 pm	<i>Good Friday</i> The Stations of the Cross at St. Anne's School ground (Begins at the church) Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday, 8 th April	7.30 pm	<i>Holy Saturday</i> The Easter Vigil with RCIA Sacraments
Sunday, 9 th April	8.30 am & 10.00 am	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Masses