Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 5th March 2023

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



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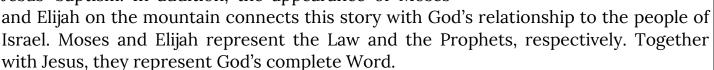
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses

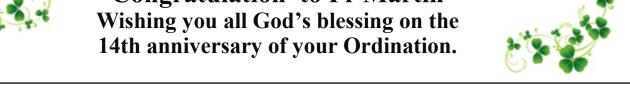


The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.



Congratulation to Fr Martin





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 26/2/2023 \$ 1719.80.00

"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, Jenny Beechhey-Garden, Christina Toleafoa, Hortance Bouchereau, Nadeges, Anna Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, Loreto Hermosa, Natalie Fowler, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Bernadette O'Shea, Tony & Gerda Small, We pray for all those anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Josephine Lim— Cabalan, Natividad Pacubas, Leonora Marquez, Rolando dela Cerna, and for all those who have died recently, Brendan Eouchereau, Valerie Uy.

Rest in Peace



Window Glass Cleaners wanted

Are you in the business of Window cleaning? We are looking for a window cleaning company to clean windows in church and parish office. Let us know immediately.

<u>Syrian Earthquake Appeal</u>

The Melkite Catholic Eparchy with Bishop Robert Rabbat's is inviting donation to help Syrian Earthquake victims.

For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to:

MCF DGR Account Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email: mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514

for more information.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A 2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 12: 1 - 4

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on

us, as we place our trust in

you.

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1: 8 -10

Gospel: Mt 17: 1 - 9

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 11th/12th MARCH

READING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & ALTAR SERVERS

6:00pm Mass

Readers: K. Burke / M. John

Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Middleton

Altar Servers: Luke / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: F. Antony / C. Long

Eucharistic Minister: Christina O'Toole

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: J. Fernandez / G. Martin Eucharistic Minister: Timothy Wright Altar Servers: Anthony / Girazinia

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A 3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ex 17: 3 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his

voice, harden not your

hearts.

2nd Reading: Rom 5: 1 - 2, 5 - 8

Gospel: Jn 4: 5 - 42



A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two inperson sessions), 2^{nd} Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am - 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger.

An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.

Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing (inperson event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am - 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc.

Our graced selves, praying, communicating...
This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.







Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options

For more information contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au

Religious Education Institutions and Anti-Discrimination Laws Inquiry

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) current Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti-Discrimination Legislation has produced a Consultation Paper which proposes severe limits on the ability for religious schools to appoint staff who support their mission other than roles in which 'the teaching, observance or practice of the religion is a genuine requirement of the role. 'For every other role it would become unlawful for the school to give preference to teachers who share, or who are willing, to support the religious beliefs of the institution. This would effectively remove the right of faith-based schools to express their religious identity and culture. Archbishop Comensoli, along with other faith leaders, encourages you, as well as parents and other members of the Catholic community, to complete the following survey with an expression of hope to protect faith-based schools from further obstacles that will impede their ability to express our Catholic faith: https://www.alrc.gov.au/inquiry/antidiscrimination-laws/submission/survey/

You can find this link, Archbishops and other faith leaders statement and ALRC's Consultation paper on our website.



Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March





Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u>, or by calling 1800 024 413.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass Wednesday 9:15am No Mass

Friday 9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Station

of the Cross

Saturday 5:30pm Reconciliation,

5:25pm Rosary

followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00pm Vigil Mass **Saturday** 8:30am Mass Sunday 10:00am Mass Sunday



Sacramental schedule- First Communion

Enrolment form go out March 5/6 **Enrolment Mass 1** March 25/26 **Enrolment Mass 2** 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)

Workbooks correcting June 13-16 Celebration dates July 22/23, 29/30

Aug 5/6, 12/13

Other sacramental dates are available on our

website.

LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23 .Go to BruceDownes.org for more info

Business for Sale

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



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 Amen.