

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have travelled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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.*



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & follow the prompts.

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>

Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 5/3/2023 \$ 3997.00

“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, Nadeses, 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 **Patricia Waterland, Rene Rafols, Daisy Hart** 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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 18th/19th

MARCH
READING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & ALTAR SERVERS

6:00pm Mass

Readers: M. John / K. Burke
 Eucharistic Minister: Liam Doherty
 Altar Servers: Isaac / Eric

8:30am Mass

Readers: J. Antony / D. Morrison
 Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: M. Crees / M. Villemin
 Eucharistic Minister: Lloyd Hazelman
 Altar Servers: Girazinia / Johan

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne’s Parish on this Sunday 12th March 2023

- ☆ **Jaxon Dennison**
- ☆ **Georgia Dennison**
- ☆ **Liliana Dennison**
- ☆ **Madison Dennison**
- ☆ **Lucas Saber**
- ☆ **Oliver Saber**
- ☆ **Lillian Gould**
- ☆ **Claire Gould**



READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A
4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7,10 - 13
 Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
 2nd Reading: Eph 5: 8 - 14
 Gospel: Jn 9: 1 - 41

Dear Parishioners,

We are now in the “full swing” of the Lenten Season. Lent can also be a time of personal growth, when we can give ourselves over to being “creative” – to create things. A time when we can join together with God’s creative power by letting God use us - “imperfect” as we are - as instruments – to utilise our God-given gifts and talents in ways which build up creation by serving others or even taking care of our natural environment – our common home.

COMMISSIONING MASS

Please welcome the teachers of our two schools next weekend at 10 am Mass as they are joining us and being commissioned by the community to teach and be an example of faith to the children.

ALLAN SLEDDON TURNED 82.

Let us appreciate Allan for the many years of volunteering in our parish in many areas of parish life. There will be a special morning tea in church after 8:30 am Mass this weekend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

We need volunteers as Readers, Special ministers, PowerPoint operators, Sacristans, Washing of the feet, for the Holy week ceremonies. Please find sign-up sheets in the foyer.

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. Robert Hepworth was doing volunteering for many years, and he can’t do it now. We thank Rob. If you can help, contact parish office.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHRISM MASS

Archbishop is inviting a small group of parishioners to join the Chrism Mass. This year the Chrism Mass on Saturday 1 April at 10.00am at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Let us know if you are joining.

IVD FEAST

My order’s feast day is the Annunciation of our Lord. This year, our IVD Feast Day will be celebrated in St. Mary's McKillop Church in Bannockburn, Vic, on Monday 13th March. 11.00am. Mass will be celebrated by our Superior from India Fr. Johny Puthenveetil, who is currently visiting us. You are most welcome. If you would like more information on the Voluntas Dei Institute, please visit www.voluntasdei.org

LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP

Organise palm branches for Palm Sunday for our community, Easter Egg for children.

Check our website for more information under latest news

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

THE PIETY STALL has a variety of booklets of prayers; prayer cards also cards to be sent for Easter. If you require some special item and we do not have it in stock, please ask the person on duty with as much information as possible so that we can try to obtain it for you.”

SPAM EMAIL

It has come to our notice that there is a **Spam email** going around to our parishioner from Fr Martin Jeramias asking for help, which is not true. Please do not respond to this email and delete it immediately. All correspondence from the Parish office or Fr Martin will only be sent from Seaford@cam.org.au



**Third Sunday of Lent
12 March**



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and the two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren’s school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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

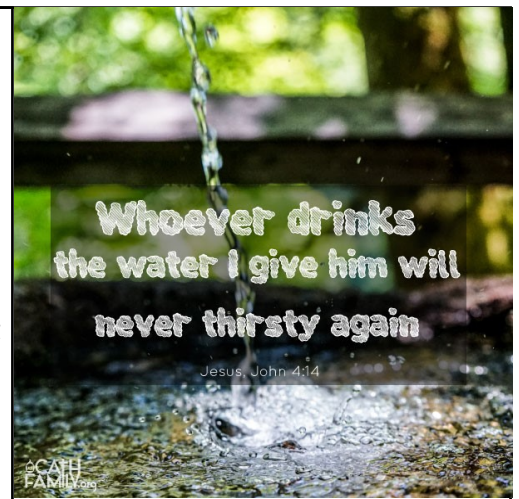
You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413



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MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday	6:00pm Mass
Wednesday	9:15am Mass
Friday	9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Station of the Cross
Saturday	5:30pm Reconciliation, 5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass



Sacramental schedule- First Communion

Enrolment Form Issue	March 5/6
Enrolment Form Return	March 25/26
Enrolment Form Return	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.



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.*

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

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