

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

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Seaford



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

NURSE WANTED

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

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 12/3/2023 \$1776.10

"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 Ian & Michelle Monger, Nellie Co, Denzil Bartholomeusz** for all those who have died recently, **June Maureen Mannion, Loreto Hermosa, Ratnam, Mary Jefferies, Corazon Pangan, David Chrystie Hall.** **Rest in Peace**



PIETY STALL

The Piety has received more supplies of Crucifixes, both hanging and stand; St Christopher key rings and medals. Keepsakes for babies Baptism. Variety of Rosary beads. Greetings cards for various occasions. Do not forget to save your used postage stamps. Fundraising for Mary McKillop work. Bring them to the Piety Stall and they will be sent on.

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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 25th/26th

MARCH

READING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & ALTAR SERVERS

6:00pm Mass

Readers: L. Doherty / M. Lim
Eucharistic Minister: R. Doherty
Altar Servers: Luke / Isaac

8:30am Mass

Readers: D. Morison / B. Hicks
Eucharistic Minister: Joshua Reeve
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: G. Martin / A . Duff
Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Villemmin
Altar Servers: Anthony / Alden

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A **5th Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ezek 37: 12 - 14
Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
2nd Reading: Rom 8: 8 -11
Gospel: Jn 11: 1 - 45

Dear Parishioners,

There is a lot happening in our Archdiocese as we make our way towards Easter.

- This weekend, Corpus Christi College celebrates an important milestone: for a hundred years the seminary has been forming and training priests to serve the people of God in Melbourne.
 - Last Friday was the feast day of our patron, St Patrick. Happy Feast.
 - Last weekend, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Stephen Fernando and Hoa Tran were ordained to the permanent diaconate, bringing the number of permanent deacons in our Archdiocese to 22.
 - This week, we also celebrated the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' elevation to the papacy.
- This week was also the Catholic Education week.
Let us praise and thank God.

COMMISSIONING MASS

Please welcome the teachers and staff of our two schools this 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 and adults.

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.

PICK UP 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. Robert Hepworth was 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.

PAINTING OF THE ROOMS

As part of maintenance of the church we have asked a company to paint toilets, kitchen and sacristy from this Monday. So we need your help to organise and clean sacristy and kitchen after 10 am Mass this Sunday. Please stay back and help us.

WORKING BEE

We need your help to clean our church premises and get ready to welcome parishioners and visitors for Holy week ceremonies.

Date is Saturday 1st April from 9 am. Tea and coffee will be provided.

LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN

- 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

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

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| Tuesday & Thursday | 6:00pm No 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 |
| Saturday | 6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 8:30am Mass |
| Sunday | 10:00am Mass |

*I was blind
but now I see*

John 9:25

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Sacramental schedule- First Communion

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| 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. | |



WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE

14 fun-filled days will see you visit the Shrine of Fatima before participating alongside other young people from Melbourne in the major events of World Youth Day, including the Papal Welcome, catechesis, and youth festivals, as well as the final pilgrim walk and vigil with Pope Francis and millions of other young Catholics. From 28 July – 9 August 2023 (13 days) A\$5900 per person A\$8600 (twin share)
More information on pilgrimages is available online at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>.

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.
Amen.*



Novena Prayer to Saint Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

"A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who ... raise their mind with humble confidence to God."

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