

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

NURSE WANTED:

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

**Daylight
Savings
Ends**



**Next
Weekend
April 2nd
2023**

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 19/3/2023 \$ 3171.00

"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 Therese Ranasinghe, Francis Silva and for all those who have died recently Loreto Hermosa, Ratnam, Mary Jefferies, Corazon Pangan, David Hall, Amanda Travaglia.**
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 1st/2nd

APRIL

READING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & ALTAR SERVERS

6:00pm Mass

Readers: A. Brown / I. Abraham
Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Lim
Altar Servers: Annet / Eric

8:30am Mass

Readers: B. Hicks/ D. Morison
Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: A. Hood / A. William
Eucharistic Minister: Robert Hepworth
Altar Servers: Grazinia / Johan

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 **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

READINGS FOR NEXT 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

Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Week is fast approaching and let us get ready to celebrate Easter.

HOLY WEEK REMINDERS

Holy week celebrations are peak time in Christian's life of faith. Our celebration during this time go 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

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 year and he can't do it now. We thank Rob. If you can help contact parish office.

PORTABLE MICROPHONE SYSTEM

We are looking for a portable microphone system to use for the Stations of the Cross on good Friday morning. Could you please find one for us to use for one hour.

PAINTING OF THE ROOMS

Painting of the toilets, kitchen and sacristy has been done. We thank our building committee who organised this. We also thank those parishioners who helped to keep things away and put them back. We pray blessings on you.

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.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHRISM MASS

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

WORKING BEE

We need your help to clean our church premises and get ready to welcome parishioners and visitors for Holy week ceremonies. On Saturday 1st April from 9 am. Tea and coffee will be provided.

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.

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 two collections as normal.

LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN

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

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**.



Fifth Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 March



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.



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.

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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




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www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey

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Sacramental schedule- First Communion

Enrolment Form Return at Mass	March 25/26
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.	



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

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



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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