

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK



The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

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 9/4/2023 \$ 4929.00

“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, Nadesges, 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 Paul & Evelyn Fernandes, Anthony and Marianna Mirabito** and for all those who have died recently.



Rest in Peace

PIETY STALL

New items – Various books or booklets on ‘Lives of the Saints’ for children and adults; St Christopher key rings; Prayer cards with medals - on St Peregrine (for those suffering from cancer) and St Benedict to ward off evil. Holy water bottles. If you are looking for something specific please ask the person on duty, and we will try to obtain it for you.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
22nd/23rd APRIL

6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
 Readers: R. Doherty / A. Brown
 Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Middleton
 Altar Servers: Isaac / Annet

8:30am Mass
 Readers: M. Wilson / S. Antony
 Eucharistic Minister: Joshua Reeve
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass
 Readers: A. Duff / R. Hepworth
 Eucharistic Minister: Adelen Hood
 Altar Servers: Anthony / 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
Second Sunday of Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:42 - 47
 Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting
 2nd Reading: 1 Pet 1: 3 - 9
 Gospel: Jn 20: 19 - 31

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A
Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22 - 33
 Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You will show us the path of life.
 2nd Reading: 1 Pet 1: 17 - 21
 Gospel: Lk 24: 13 - 35

Dear Parishioners,

The Second Sunday of Easter came to be known as Divine Mercy Sunday recently. We celebrate this weekend and ask God to be merciful to us and in turn we be merciful to others.

A NOTE OF THANKS

What a great way to celebrate Easter with the whole community this year. We thank God for allowing us to celebrate this year.

We are blessed to have a great bunch of volunteers in our community. We do take this opportunity to thank all. We thank the sacristans who made sure things for liturgies are in place for the whole week, decoration team who were at church very early every day during the Holy Week, church looks very beautiful. Choir leader and singers made a difference in the liturgies. Our readers and special ministers were very excellent in their roles. Altar servers blend in with the celebrations. Those operated microphone system kept everything really well. PowerPoint slides maker and those operated then during the Holy Week did a good job. We thank many people helped to prepare the Station of the Cross at the school ground. Those who set up fire for the blessing, those who sponsored Easter eggs which made Easter egg hunt for children enjoyable. Family who sponsored flowers for Easter decoration. We thank parish secretary who followed up with volunteers and made sure everyone on the same page. Parish Pastoral council who are to help anything in need. We also thank all those who helped us in any way during the Holy week ceremonies. May the Risen Christ continue to bless you abundantly.

TAKE HOME YOUR THINGS.

We have found some things of parishioners left back after Mass and not collected. Sunglasses, scarf, umbrella are some of them. Please take them with you.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS

The collection for Good Friday amounted to \$1190.30
Thank you for your generosity.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

Here is my homily notes for the Easter Triduum

On Holy Thursday we learned three important lessons;

1. The hallmark of a Christian is love and service
2. Jesus did not abandon anyone from his company, so with us
3. If we want to experience love, put love first.

On Good Friday we discussed three important symbols;

1. Cross is the symbol of love
2. Cross is the symbol of healing
3. Cross is the symbol of salvation

On Easter we learnt two important things

1. Empty tomb asks us to learn how to love
2. Empty tomb asks us this important question: Did I resurrect with Christ?

LEGION OF MARY

Senior and Junior Legion of Mary will be taking a small break and will resume their meetings from the 29th April 2023.

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.**



Thank You!



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday & Friday 9:15am Mass
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 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.



We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday, 16th April 2023

- ☆ Saiden Axel Barker
- ☆ Stellar Sriskandan
- ☆ Emilie Charlotte Wall
- ☆ Oscar Eric Wall
- ☆ Brooklyn Eve Bartolomei
- ☆ Billie Liza Bartolomei
- ☆ Summer Rose Bartolomei



Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 18 online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith—May 2023

*Theology, Vatican II, Scripture,
Spirituality, Science & Faith.*

Choose what interests you from \$25 per
session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



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.*

Divine Mercy Prayer for the whole world

O Great Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy – to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming – that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. Amen. Sr Faustina's Diary 1570