Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd April 2023

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



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but

they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

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

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

Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 16/4/2023 \$ 948.00

"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, Nadeges, Anna Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, , Natalie Fowler, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Bernadette O'Shea, Tony & Gerda Small, Margaret Keating We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Cam Ingram, Margaret Grant, Delma Padua and for all those who have died recently Fr Bob Maguire, Gregorio Leal, Joe Soaris, Philomena Ellis. Rest in Peace



PLEASE 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.

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 WEEKEND 29th/30th APRIL

6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Readers: M. Lim / J. Reymers

Eucharistic Minister: Liam Doherty

Altar Servers: Luke / Isaac

8:30am Mass

Readers: P. Vyverberg / C. Long Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: M. Villemin / M. Crees Eucharistic Minister: Sheldon Heldt Altar Servers: Grazinia / Alden

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36 - 41

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd,

there is nothing I shall

want.

2nd Reading: 1 Pet 2: 20 - 25 Gospel: Jn 10: 1 - 10

Dear parishioners,

It has been sad news to hear of the death of Fr Bob Maguire earlier today.

Bob has been a faithful priest of the Catholic Church in Melbourne since his Ordination in 1960, and a fierce friend of the downhearted, the broken and the lost throughout his whole life." Archbishop notes in his statement. May he rest in peace.

UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE

• A new signage

We looked at the location of our church and thought to increase our physical presence of the church by installing a new signage at the corner of our church (close to the elevated pathway). Our aim is to welcome everyone in our community.

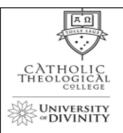
• New dedicated disabled car park

The committee felt the need for one more dedicated disabled car park close to the office. We are changing one slot in front of the garage as the new car park for disabled people. As always if you have any disabled or challenged person with you, drive through the church driveway and drop them off and park your car outside. This applies for picking up too.

We have noted the church premised are dark at night and working to brighten up the area soon.

If you have any concern, speak to building renovation committee or call the office.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias



Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church

Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.

https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/



Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FRANKSTON INC;

**Run entirely by volunteers No government funding Everything supplied via donations

Supported by the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Join our 100From1000 club (where you pledge to donate \$100 every year, see website) or Become a Benefactor or Volunteer at the centre. Check out our website at:

www.pregnancyassistancefrankston.org.au

Call the centre on 9770 6226 or drop in to 14 Young St Frankston. Everyone welcome.



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.

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

Last year the trial Frankston Winter Shelter offered us the opportunity to encounter the plight and bravery of local homeless people. (See SHAC article in the 2022 Parish Magazine: https://stannes.com.au/newsletters/)...

This local ecumenical project aims to offer a bed and meal to rough sleepers from June to August, and this year for the first time the guests will be welcomed at Holy Family church-hall for one or two nights each week.

We need parishioners and friends to volunteer for a job of their liking, eg co-ordinating, setting up, driving guests, preparing meals, overnight supervision, washing sheets, or simply talking with guests. Availability to work at other venues would be appreciated.

More information, including a volunteer handbook, is available from the parish office, or David Moloney: dmo74189@bigpond.net.au (0417 704 427)

As part of the program's support, a training day will be held for all volunteers next Saturday 29th April starting from 9:00am and finish at 2:00pm, at Peninsula City Church, 252 Frankston – Flinders Road, Frankston. Please contact Lara Waldron at PCC sign up as a volunteer, and attend the training day: lwaldron@pencc.org/

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

Preparation evening Wednesday 26th April 6:30 pm at church.

Mass attendance weeks May 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28, June 3/4,

10/11

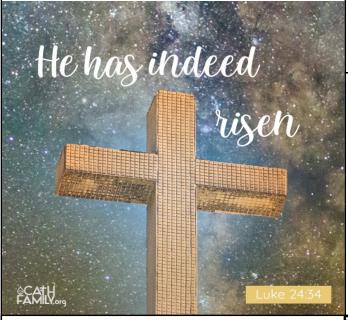
Workbooks return
Celebration dates

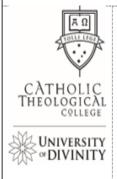
June 12 (Monday)
July 22/23, 29/30
Aug 5/6, 12/13

Other sacramental dates are available on our

website.







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.



$\frac{\text{HOLY FAMILY}}{\text{PRAYER}}$

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.