

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY- YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are

the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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 23/4/2023 \$ 2457.00

“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, Margaret Keating** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Lancy Pais, Ellen Marie Fitzgerald** and for all those who have died recently **Fr Bob Maguire, Gregorio Leal, Joe Soaris, Philomena Ellis, Leonardo Bejerana.**
Rest in Peace



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.

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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 6th/7th MAY

6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Readers: I. Abraham / L. Doherty
 Eucharistic Minister: Ruairi Doherty
 Altar Servers: Annet / Eric

8:30am Mass

Readers: S. Antony / B. Hicks
 Eucharistic Minister: Christina O’Toole
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: R. Hepworth / J. Fernandez
 Eucharistic Minister: Jerome Hinog
 Altar Servers: Anthony / Johan

**READINGS FOR THIS 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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A
 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 6: 1 - 7
 Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
 2nd Reading: 1 Pet 2: 4 - 9
 Gospel: Jn 14: 1 - 12

Dear parishioners,

This weekend is the Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for vocations, Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. We are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who comes after his lost sheep. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood. Let us continue to pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life.

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 premises 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.

INFORMATION SESSION - PERMANENT DIACONATE

On Saturday 3 June at 10.00am at the University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College, (278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne), there will be an information session on the Permanent Diaconate. Male, married or single, between the age of 30 to 60 years are welcome to explore this opportunity.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

	<p>Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College</p> <p>Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal</p> <p><i>Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church</i></p> <p>Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.</p> <p>https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/</p>	 <p>Piety Stall</p> <p>This week there are a few new items for the Piety Stall: Pocket Prayer Book; Desk plaques of Sacred Heart Jesus and Sacred Heart of Mary; Box set Lives of the Saints-suitable for Communion or Confirmation gifts; Oxide medals of St Christopher and Miraculous.</p>
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www.pregnancyassistancefrankston.org.au

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



PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE CARES

Mass intentions during all Masses

Please fill in your Mass offering envelope which is kept in the foyer of the Church and give it directly to Fr Martin or drop it in the office during working hours. We encourage parishioners to offer Mass as

Thanksgiving or for Anniversary of their loved ones.



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)

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 Reconciliation

Enrolment Form Mass 1 May 13/14
Enrolment Form Mass 2 May 20/21
Preparation evening May 31
(Wednesday) 6:30 pm at church.
Mass attendance weeks June 3/4, 10/11,
17/18, 24/25, July 1/2, 8/9, 15/16,
Workbooks return July 17
Workbooks correcting July 19-21
Celebration day Aug 2 at 6:30 pm at
church.

Other sacramental dates are
available on our website.



I HAVE COME SO
THAT THEY MAY
HAVE LIFE AND HAVE
IT TO THE FULL.

JESUS, JOHN 10:10

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session.

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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.*

Prayer For Vocations

*O God, who chose the apostles to
make disciples
of all nations, and who by Baptism
and Confirmation has called us to
build up your Holy Church, we
implore you to choose from among
us, your children, many priests and
religious who will love you with
their whole hearts and will gladly
spend their lives to make you better
known and loved by all.*

***Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen***