

Holy Family  
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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK



Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending

the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

**We are very grateful to all the Parishioners for their continued support and thanksgiving donations.**

**THANKSGIVING OPTIONS**

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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 2/4/2023 \$ 2526.00**

**“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 **Paul & Evelyn Fernandes** and for all those who have died recently **Fr Salvatore Dimattina, Fr John Toolan.**  
**Rest in Peace**



**St Anne’s Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration**

Celebrant – Fr Martin Jeramias  
**15th April Saturday 6:00PM Holy Mass**  
**1<sup>st</sup> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
 celebration.  
**16th April Sunday**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> celebration 8:30AM Holy Mass**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> celebration 10:00AM Holy Mass**



**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 15th/16th APRIL**

**6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass**  
 Readers: J. Reymers / R. Doherty  
 Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Burke  
 Altar Servers: Isaac / Eric  
**8:30am Mass**  
 Readers: C. Long / C. O’Toole  
 Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton  
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne  
**10:00am Mass**  
 Readers: A. William / A . Hood  
 Eucharistic Minister: Grace Edwards  
 Altar Servers: Grazinia / Alden

**Thank You** : A big thank you to all the Volunteer for their love, support and hard word for the parish, it is greatly appreciated. We thank God for the amazing volunteers of our parish.



**Sacramental update:** Children of the Grade 3, 4 and 6 of the state school or private school, if you wish to enrol for sacraments this year, please call the office.

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A  
 Easter Sunday**

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43  
 Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord as made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
 2nd Reading: Col 3: 1- 4  
 Gospel: Jn 20: 1-9

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A  
 Divine Mercy 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