Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th May 2023

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



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Next Weekend 13th & 14th May, There will be special prayers and blessings for all the females in our Parish, please bring a plate to share with your fellow parishioners after each Mass.

MARIAN MONTH OF MAY AT ST ANNE'S PARISH

There will be Holy Rosary & exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday at 6:30 pm & Friday at 7:00 pm



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 30/4/2023 \$ 1383.00

"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, Norma Hepworth We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Violet Theresa, William Hart and for all those who have died recently Bernadette Mary McPhee, Rita Morris.



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.

Piety Stall

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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13th/14th MAY

6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Readers: K. Burke / M. John

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Lim

Altar Servers: Luke / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: C. O'Toole / D. Morison Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: Z. Andrew / S. Martin

Eucharistic Minister: Franklyn William

Altar Servers: Anthony / Grazinia

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to

God with joy.

2nd Reading: 1 Pet 3: 15 - 18

Gospel: Jn 14: 15 - 21

Dear parishioners,

At the last weekend I explained the need for permanent deacons in our Archdioceses. A few parishioners are thinking about it. A good start, and it is not late. Let us continue to pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life.

FEAST OF OUR LADY

Month of May has been a time dedicated to Our Lay because of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. We encourage you to pray Rosary and other devotion to Mary. At the end of the month (31 May, Wednesday) we will have a special celebration at 7 pm. Beginning with Rosary, Eucharist, procession and finish with tea and coffee. We invite all of you to join.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The next two weekends are the enrolment form receiving Masses for the children of first Reconciliation. More details at the end of the newsletter.

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.

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

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FRANKSTON INC;

The only Pro-Life Centre in the South-Eastern suburbs & Mornington Peninsula. Now in our 15th year!

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.

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

The volunteers training day last Saturday went off extremely well, with a substantial number of people being gently guided through what they might expect when they volunteer for the program.

While there was an unfortunate shortage of St Annes representatives it is still possible to join in.

A lot of work is going on behind the scenes and we are confident Council will approve the opening and use of Holy Family hall. At this stage it is likely to be the venue on Thursday evenings. If we get enough volunteers we will be able to operate on Friday nights as well.

We need parishioners, and friends, to volunteer for a job of their liking, eg co-ordinating, setting up, driving guests, preparing or serving dinner or breakfast, overnight supervision, washing sheets, or simply talking with guests. If you are available to work at Peninsula City Church, Frankston South, at other times (Mondays to Wednesdays) let us know.

To sign up, or to receive more information about the program and volunteer jobs, email Lara at FWS: frankstonws@gmail.com. Or contact the parish office, or David at dmo74189@bigpond.net.au (0417 704 427) with any questions.

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.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass Wednesday & Friday 9:15am Mass 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 Return at Mass May 13/14 Enrolment Form Return at Mass May 20/21 Preparation evening (for parents & child) 31st May (Wednesday) 6:30 to 8:00pm 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.



Do not let your hearts be troubled.

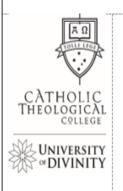
Trust in God, trust also in me

JESUS - JOHN 14:1

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FAMILY...



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.

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