

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the

Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday 14th May 2023

- ☆ Sienna Van Vloten
- ☆ Ava Van Vloten
- ☆ Franco Romero Perez
- ☆ Quinn Josephine Reymers



### 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 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.***



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 7/5/2023 \$ 3183.00**

**“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 **Catalina Ahumada, Helen Wilson, Marie Nage Camille, Marjorie Wyles** and for all those who have died recently **Bernadette Mary McPhee, Rita Morris, Rosa Salce, Norma Hepworth, Francisco Gonzalez.** **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](mailto: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 we have received a **Large Print Prayer Book; Pocket Prayer books; First Prayer book for Little Catholics; Hospital Prayer Book** and **Prayers for Urgent Occasions.** We also have received **Car Visor clips** with St Christopher medal. We have in stock transfers/decals for car windows of Our Lady with Rosary and Fish Symbol. Call at the Piety Stall and see what is available for you or to be given as gifts.

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**20th/21th MAY**

**6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass**

Readers: M. John / I. Abraham  
 Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham  
 Altar Servers: Isaac / Eric

**8:30am Mass**

Readers: F. Antony / J. Antony  
 Eucharistic Minister: Joshua Reeve  
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

**10:00am Mass**

Readers: J. Camello / W. Zantvoort  
 Eucharistic Minister: Martin Michael  
 Altar Servers: Grazinia/ Alden

**READINGS FOR THIS 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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A  
 The Ascension of the Lord**

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1 - 11,  
 Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.  
 2nd Reading: Eph 1:17 - 23  
 Gospel: Mt 28: 16 - 20

## **Dear parishioners,**

Autumn weather has been different this year, we could consider its early winter. Keep warm and please check with elderly people in neighbourhood. We specially hold all women of our parish in prayer throughout weekend Masses. Happy Mother's day.

### **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**

This weekend and next are the enrolment form receiving Masses for the children of first Reconciliation. More details at the end of the newsletter.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE**

- At the parish council meeting we have decided to dedicate all first Weekends for birthday celebrations, second weekends for wedding anniversaries, and fourth weekends for the sacrament of anointing of the sick. We will start this from next month. If it falls on Easter or Christmas, it will be postponed to following weekend.
- Parish council felt the need for a proper sacristan at 10 am Mass, because it's the largest attended Mass and many activities happen at this Mass. Please let

us know if you can help. Training will be provided.

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

- Parish council team are wanting to form a subcommittee for fundraising. Talk to them or call the office if your interested.

### **WINTER APPEAL- VINNIES**

As part of our outreach to the wider community we are engaging all our parishioners with the following three programs. 1. New blankets, doonas and winter clothing, 2. Assist a foreign student, 3. Support Winter shelter program either through volunteering, or providing material help. More information to follow.

### **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.

### **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. More information on the notice board or check our website.

**For latest news please check our website.**

**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**

### **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**

Thanks to those who have volunteered. For those whom missed the training day, another is scheduled for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 6 – 8 pm at Peninsula City Church. This will be more hands-on, and include a 'dry run' of the different jobs and phases of the evenings. No need to register, just come along.

There are still many volunteer positions needing to be filled. And you can support the program in your own way. Maybe baking pastries for supper or desert is something you enjoy, or perhaps you are able to provide support through a donation, or a prayer. PCC has provided a list of food items to be offered to guests to take away in the morning:

1 litre long life milk, Juice Primas, Sustagen or Up & Go individual drinks, Soft fruit bars, such as K-Time Baked Twists or similar (some of the guests have dental issues and need softer food), Small tins of tuna, Small fruit cups (peaches, pears, two fruits etc), Crackers and cheese dips (not fresh cheese), Protein bars, Packets of sultanas etc, Small packets of chips, or biscuits (BBQ shapes etc)

A freezer to store meat is also needed if someone has one they are no longer using.

General inquiries or drop off of small food items to the parish Tuesdays to Fridays: 9401 6398. To inquire about volunteering contact Lara at PCC: [frankston@gmail.com](mailto:frankston@gmail.com) or David Moloney 0417 704 427.

### ***Blessings for Mothers***

Loving God, As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian witnesses. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen*



## 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 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.



Happy Mother's Day

*"Then the mother of the child said, 'As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I  
will not leave you.' So he arose and followed her."*  
- 2 Kings 4:30



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### ***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.*

HOLY LAND  
PILGRIMAGE



**Holy Land Pilgrimage in November with  
Fr. Chinua**

**Dates: 6-17 November.** Tour Guide: Fr  
Chinua.

**The Airfare with Qatar/Emirates is  
included in the price.**

Depending upon numbers, fares range from  
\$6,590-\$6,790. If single.

Accommodation is required, there is an extra  
charge of \$1,350.

There is an additional \$200/person guide/  
driver tip.

For a more detailed itinerary/info please call  
St Francis Xavier Parish on 9783 3484.