

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

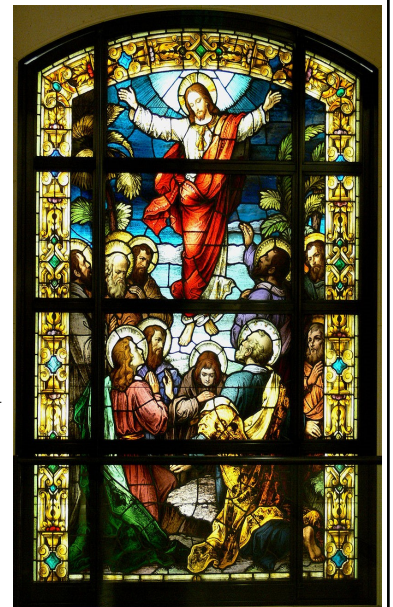
Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf.

Matthew 10:1-15).

However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.



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 14/5/2023 \$ 750.50

"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 **Alan Batholomeusz, Anania Cabral, Eleuteria Tobes, Remedios Pedrosa, Domingo Gaza, Ann Cooper & Kathleen Barry, Alilia Navarro** and for all those who have died recently **Norma Hepworth, Francisco Gonzalez, Barbara Sheehan, Stuart Andrew Rollo.**
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

Call at the Piety Stall after Mass and see what is available in the line of rosaries and prayer books. Gifts for Baptism; First Communion and Confirmation; moving into a new house or for a young person gaining their driving licence – a St Christopher.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **27th/28th MAY**

6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Readers: L. Doherty / M. Lim
Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Burke
Altar Servers: Luke / Eric

8:30am Mass

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

10:00am Mass

Readers: W. Zaatvoort / J. Camello
Eucharistic Minister: Timothy Wright
Altar Servers: Anthony / Johan

READINGS FOR THIS 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A **Pentecost Sunday**

1st Reading: Gen 11: 1 - 9
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, sent out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.
2nd Reading: Rom 8:22 - 27
Gospel: Jn 7: 37 - 39

Dear parishioners,

We had a wonderful Mother's Day last weekend. Thank you to all who brought a plate to share. There was a lot of food to share.

FEAST OF OUR LADY

Month of May has been a time dedicated to Our Lady 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 (30th May, Tuesday, please see change of date) 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.

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 you are 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 (please see more information on the newsletter, flyers are at the foyer of the Church), 3. Support Winter shelter program either through volunteering, or providing material help. More information to follow.

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

Thanks to those who have volunteered. For those whom missed the training day, another is scheduled for Tuesday 30th 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 dessert 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 or David Moloney 0417 704 427.

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.

REMINDER

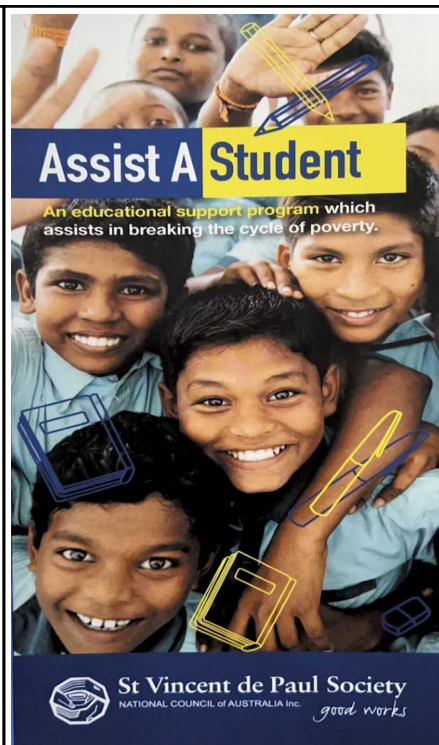
As part of Parish Feast please remember we have organised a day retreat on 29th June at St. Anne's School hall.

2023 Propagation of the Faith Appeal

Tuberculosis, malnutrition, and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention. **You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.** This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

For latest news please check our website.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias



Assist A Student

An educational support program which assists in breaking the cycle of poverty.

St Vincent de Paul Society
NATIONAL COUNCIL of AUSTRALIA Inc. *good works*

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 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.



Passion on the Big Screen – A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc' (in-person event), Saturday 17 June 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)

We often refer to Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But Colossians 1 proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality. The 20th century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina. Here we respond to Visio Divina, movie clips, their challenge. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc ~ author, lecturer, founding member of The Film Critics Association and priest. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne.

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 HOLY FATHER,
 KEEP THOSE YOU
 HAVE GIVEN ME TRUE
 TO YOUR NAME, SO
 THAT THEY MAY BE
 ONE LIKE US.

Jesus, John 17:11

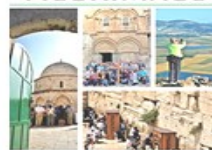
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Our Parish Prayer

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.