

Holy Family  
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St. Anne's

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the

Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In

fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.



***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 21/5/2023 \$ 2475.00**

### **"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, Nadege, Anna Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, , Natalie Fowler, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Bernadette O'Shea, Tony & Gerda Small, Margaret Keating, Kate Knox,** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Sr Jacinta Morris, Derek Paul Randall, Maximo Domingo, Ricarda Domingo, Gregoriadela Cerna, Esperanza Laranjo, Carol Babasa** and for all those who have died recently **Stuart Andrew Rollo, Ignace Sevathian, Diana Antonina Fepuleai.**



**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**

The Piety Stall is open after all weekend Masses, please call by and peruse what we have in stock for you or a gift for a relation or friend. Besides prayer books and prayer cards there are rosaries of various sizes colours and materials; statues; medals and crucifixes. We are looking for someone to help in the Piety Stall when there are Baptisms at the church, please contact the office if you are interested in helping.

### **ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND** **3rd/4th JUNE**

#### **6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass**

Readers: A. Brown / K. Burke

Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Middleton

Altar Servers: Isaac / Annet

#### **8:30am Mass**

Readers: B. Hicks / P.Vyverberg

Eucharistic Minister: Christina O'Toole

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

#### **10:00am Mass**

Readers: S. Martin / Z. Andrew

Eucharistic Minister: Lloyd Hazelman

Altar Servers: Grazinia / Alden

### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year A** **Pentecost Sunday**

1st Reading: Gen 11: 1 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: Rom 8:22 - 27

Gospel: Jn 7: 37 - 39

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year A** **The Most Holy Trinity**

1st Reading: Ex 34: 4-6, 8 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: Of you are told glorious things, O city of God.

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 13:11 - 13

Gospel: Jn 3: 16 - 18

## **Dear parishioners,**

The feast of Pentecost is an important Feast as it celebrates the outpouring of the Spirit and birth of the Church. Spirit is the helper we all need.

### **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. **On 30th May 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, Please bring a plate to share.

### **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.
- 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 the two parishioners who offered freezers, another who has knitted beanies and scarfs, and to those who have donated money and many small items to be offered to guests to eat, drink or use during the day. Items needed include: individual fruit snack tubs, long life milk, soft snack bars, individual fruit juice boxes (such as Primas). And warm socks are always popular.

Thanks too to those who have volunteered. A reminder that for those who couldn't make the first one that another training day will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 6 – 8 pm at Peninsula City Church, 252 Frankston Flinders Road Frankston South. Volunteers are still desperately needed for the Monday night shift (or two half-shifts).

We are still working to get Council approval for the Holy Family Hall. With electrical etc works to be completed, the hall won't be ready for the opening of the program on 1<sup>st</sup> June, and we are now looking at July. In the meantime we are volunteering at Peninsula City Church. General inquiries or drop-off of 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.

## **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.

### **RCIA**

We are inviting inquiry from people wanting to become Catholic. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This involves one or two meetings per month to learn about catholic doctrines and faith. Call or email the office.

### **NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR READING AND COMMUNION MINISTRIES**

As part of half yearly call to new volunteers for Readers and Communion ministers please put your details on the sheet provided at the foyer of the church. The new roster begins at the end of June. If any existing volunteers needs a break call the office.

### **REMINDER**

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

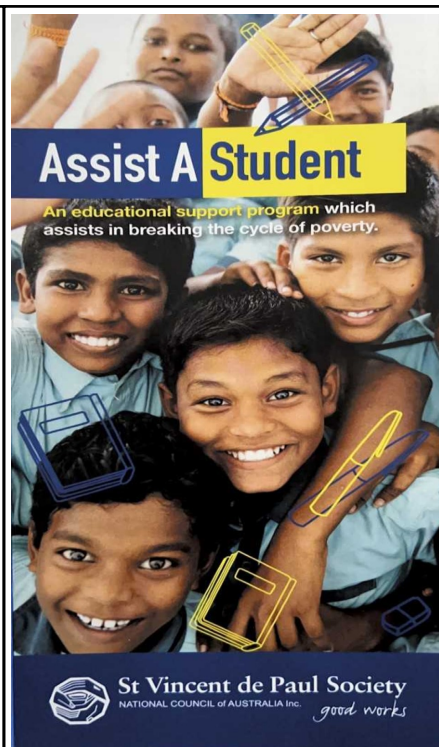
### **2023 Propagation of the Faith Appeal : There will be a special collection next week.**

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death. **Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in 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	7:00pm Mass
Thursday	6:00pm Mass
Wednesday	9:15am Mass
First Friday	7:00pm Mass
Saturday	5:30pm Reconciliation, 5:25pm Rosary
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass

**Reconciliation information evening 31st May at 6:30pm**

PEACE BE WITH YOU.  
'AS THE FATHER SENT ME,  
SO AM I SENDING YOU'

JESUS, JOHN 20:21

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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.*

## Sacramental schedule– Confirmation

Enrolment form issue date	May 27/28
Enrolment form return Mass 1	June 17/18
Enrolment form return Mass 2	July 15/16
Preparation evening	27 <sup>th</sup> Jul Thursday 6:30 pm at church (Parish feast week)
Mass attendance weeks	Aug 12/13, 19/20, 26/27, Sep 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30/Oct 1.
Workbook return	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Workbooks correcting	Oct 4- 6
Retreat day	20 <sup>th</sup> October
Celebration day	22 <sup>nd</sup> October



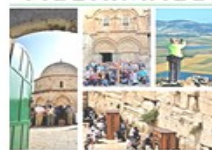
### First Communion Update.

Thank you to all families who returned Mass preference sheet. We have emailed allocated date and time to all families, If not received please call the office.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).*

## 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.