

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

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Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that

was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

### OFFERTORY THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners, this weekend, we will commence the Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community which will run over the next three weeks. The call to generosity is God's invitation to us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time. We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

**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 18/2/2024 \$ 3192.00**

**“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, Kate Knox, Baby Toby, Mauricio Bonizzoni, Fitzroy De Alwis, Judy Bartosy, Jonas Sestokas, Jacquie Vandelight, Matthew Materia, Kevin Burke, Constance Anderson, Eliza Wilmot.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Maria Swanson, Sylvester De Silva, Brendon Boucheareau, Raymond Hoareau, Catalina Ahumada, Josefina Yanez, Rodolfo Ahumada, Frederick Lethorn** and for all those who have died recently. **Rest in Peace, Amen.**



**Project Compassion Sunday**  
**24th & 25th**  
**February**



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia’s partners in the



Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
**2nd March & 3rd March**

**6:00pm Vigil Mass**

Readers: I. Abraham / M. John  
 Eucharistic Minister: Kerry Marshal  
 Altar Servers: Luke / Annet

**8:30am Mass**

Readers: F. Antony / C. O’ Toole  
 Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton  
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

**10:00am Mass**

Readers: W. Zantvoort / J. Fernandez  
 Eucharistic Minister: Franklyn William  
 Altar Servers: Johan / Anthony

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Gen 22: 1 - 2, 9-13,15-18  
 Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living  
 2nd Reading: Rom 8: 31 - 34  
 Gospel: Mk 9: 2 - 10

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ex 20: 1 - 17  
 Responsorial Psalm: Lord , you have the words of everlasting life.  
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1: 22 - 25  
 Gospel: Jn 2: 13 - 25

## **Dear Parishioners,**

As we enter the second week of Lent, let us contemplate the theme of change. Lent calls us to examine our lives, identify areas in need of transformation, and take steps toward growth and renewal. Change can be challenging, often requiring us to step out of our comfort zones and embrace new ways of thinking and being. Yet, it is through change that we experience growth and draw closer to God's plan for our lives. Let us embrace this season as an opportunity for positive change, trusting in God's guidance and grace to lead us on the path of transformation.

### **YOUTH GROUP OF THE PARISH**

We're excited to announce the vibrant youth group at our parish! Our youth group offers a welcoming and supportive community for young people to grow in their faith, forge friendships, and engage in meaningful service and activities. From dynamic discussions to fun events and service projects, there's something for everyone.

Youth group meets fortnightly on Saturdays 4 -5 pm in the parish meeting room. We invite all youth to join us on this journey of faith and fellowship.

### **FAITH AND MISSION COMMITTEE NEED MORE MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS**

The current members of this group belong to one ethnic group. To ensure diversity and inclusivity within the Faith and Mission committee, we are actively seeking members from various ethnic communities. Your unique perspectives, cultural insights, and lived experiences are invaluable assets that can enrich our discussions and help us better understand and serve the needs of our diverse parish community. By coming together from different backgrounds, we can foster greater unity, empathy, and effectiveness in carrying out our mission as a faith community. please reach out to the parish office. Let's work together to make our parish community a more inclusive and welcoming place for all. Meetings happen on Wednesday's evening.

### **IMPORTANCE OF STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross hold profound significance in the Christian faith, serving as a powerful devotional practice that allows believers to journey with Jesus through his final moments before crucifixion. These stations, depicting various scenes from Jesus' Passion and death, offer a tangible way to meditate on his sacrifice and to deepen one's understanding of the immense love and suffering he endured for humanity.

Participating in the Stations of the Cross fosters a deeper connection to Christ's journey and invites us to reflect on our own faith journey, trials, and redemption. It is a solemn and sacred tradition that encourages introspection, repentance, and renewal, particularly during the Lenten season.

Through prayerful reflection on each station, we are invited to unite our sufferings with those of Jesus and find solace in his example of unwavering faith and ultimate victory over sin and death. The Stations of the Cross serve as a reminder of the profound love and mercy of God, inviting believers to walk alongside Jesus in his suffering and to embrace the hope of resurrection and eternal life. Please join us at 7:00pm every Friday during Lent.

## **ARCHBISHOP'S RESPONSE TO ADVENT APPEAL**

As you know, the Archdiocese of Melbourne launched an Appeal during Advent to raise awareness, and provide some practical relief, for those in need. I am very pleased to say that through this Appeal we had over 1000 donors - with some parishes uniting as one singular contribution. To date, we have received \$131,549.00 - a significant amount. On behalf of the Archdiocese, I will be bringing this amount to a total figure of \$150,000.00; offered to Bishop Mykola via the Ukraine Future Limited with the understanding these monies will directly support people who need support in re-establishing their lives and livelihoods after experiences of trauma and displacement.

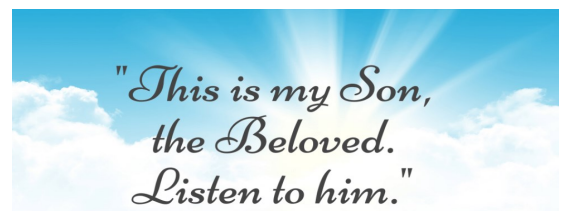
### **MASS DURING LENT**

Joining Mass during Lent is important for us because it provides an opportunity for spiritual growth, reflection, and renewal. It's a time to deepen our relationship with God, participate in the liturgical season, receive the sacraments, and join in communal worship. The Mass during Lent offers specific readings and prayers that focus on repentance, forgiveness, and the journey towards Easter, making it a significant part of observing this holy season. Please join all weekend masses during this season.

We would love you to join our weekday Masses at our Chapel. Mass times is listed on the last page of the newsletter.

**For more information please visit our website.**

**Rev Fr Martin Jeramias.**



## **FR MARTIN JERAMIAS 15TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

I am delighted to invite you to join me in celebrating the 15th Ordination Anniversary Mass and to give thanks to God. This significant milestone marks fifteen years of dedicated service and commitment to faith community. Our regular weekend Masses on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 and 10 am will be the special Mass.

Let us come together as a parish family to express our gratitude and pray for more vocation. Be assured of my prayers too. Your presence will make this occasion even more special.

I am inviting more parishioners and friends from my previous parishes. Please bring a plate to share after Mass.

## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass**  
**Wednesday 9:15am Mass**  
**Friday 6:30pm Mass & 7:00pm Stations of the Cross**  
**Saturday 5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy 5.30pm Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday 8:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass**

## LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.



### ***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.*

## SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENTS

2024

### **RECONCILIATION**

Enrolment form go out Feb 10/11  
Enrolment Mass 1 Feb 24/25  
Enrolment Mass 2 Mar 9/10  
Preparation evening Mar 13 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm at church.  
Mass attendance weeks Mar 16/17, 23/24, 30/31, Apr 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28 May 4/5.  
Workbooks return May 6  
Workbooks correcting May 7-11  
Celebration day **May 18 at 11 am (Saturday)**

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Enrolment form go out March 23/24  
Enrolment Mass 1 April 20/21  
Enrolment Mass 2 April 27/28  
Preparation evening May 1 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm at church.  
Mass attendance weeks May 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26, June 1/2, 8/9 15/16, 22/23.  
Workbooks return June 24 (Monday)  
Workbooks correcting June 25-July 6  
Celebration dates **July 20/21, 27/28 Aug 3/4, 10/11**

### **CONFIRMATION**

Enrolment form go out May 18/19  
Enrolment Mass 1 June 15/16  
Enrolment Mass 2 June 22/23  
Preparation evening June 26 Wednesday 6:30 pm at church  
Mass attendance weeks Jun 29/30, Jul 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28 Aug 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, 31/ Sep1, 7/8, 14/15  
Workbook return Sep 16  
Workbooks correcting Sep 17- 21  
Retreat day and meet bishop 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Celebration day **12<sup>th</sup> October 6pm for St. Annes school 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm for St. Joachim school**

### **Vinnies new president**

We are thrilled to announce that Annabelle has been appointed as the new President of the Vinnies Conference at St. Anne's Church! With her passion for service and dedication, Annabelle is the perfect choice for this role. We congratulate her and have no doubt that she will lead the Vinnies Conference with grace and compassion. Let us all offer our support and encouragement as she embarks on this new chapter of service to our community.  
Also prayers for all support roles, Vice President: Peter Vyverberg, Treasurer: Josie Pagnella, Sec: Clare Bailey and all other office bearers.