

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus'

prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

SIGN -UP SHEET FOR THE HOLY WEEK

Volunteers who are interested in reading/other ministers and parishioners for the washing of the feet, please write you name & contact number on the Holy week sign-up sheet which is placed in the foyer of the Church.

OFFERTORY THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your involvement in the Parish Offertory Giving program. I hope this process allowed you to prayerfully discern your offering towards our community. It has been so encouraging to see such a large number of pledge cards being returned to our parish office.

Thank you to everyone who handed in their cards. We are now in the follow up week where we will be seeking any pledges which haven't been returned. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to carefully consider your offering and return your pledge cards to the parish office or into any of Mass collections.

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 10/3/2024 \$ 2458.00

“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, Mauricio Bonizzoni.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Loreto Hermosa, Ashley Denetto, Mary Denetto** and for all those who have died recently especially **Segundo Yadao, Cheryl Frantz, Robert Jones.**
Rest in Peace, Amen.



Project Compassion Sunday



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND **23rd March & 24th March**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Readers: R. Rodrigues / L. Doherty
Eucharistic Minister: Ignatius Abraham
Altar Servers: Luke / Annet

8:30am Mass

Readers: J. Antony / D. Morison
Eucharistic Minister: Antony Simon
Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: M. Crees / S. Martin
Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Villemin
Altar Servers: Alden / Johan

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

1st Reading: Jer 31: 31 - 34
Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me,
O God.
2nd Reading: Heb 5: 7 - 9
Gospel: Jn 12: 20 - 30

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

1st Reading: Is 50: 4 - 7
Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.
2nd Reading: Phil 2: 6 - 11
Gospel: Mk 14:1 - 15:47

Dear Parishioners,

On the fifth weekend of Lent, let's reflect on the essence of sacrifice. In sacrificing, we emulate Christ's selflessness and commitment to others. Through our sacrifices, we draw closer to God and to one another. This weekend, may we find strength in our sacrifices and be reminded of the transformative power of selflessness in our journey of faith.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join us before evening Mass for a beautiful opportunity to gather in prayer. Prior to the service, we'll be reciting the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Let's come together as a community to lift our hearts and intentions to the Lord, seeking His mercy and grace. Your presence and prayers are deeply valued as we unite in faith and devotion. We look forward to seeing you there.

MERCY MELBOURNE

We extend a warm invitation to join us at 'Mercy Melbourne', an event filled with grace, reflection, and renewal. Mercy Melbourne is an opportunity to delve deeper into the merciful heart of Christ through prayer, worship, and fellowship. It's a chance for us to come together as a parish community, to seek forgiveness, healing, and renewal as we journey through Lent.

Join us for an enriching experience as we draw closer to God's boundless mercy. Let's embrace this special occasion to deepen our faith and strengthen our commitment to living lives of compassion and forgiveness. The flyer below.



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

I am deeply grateful for your presence and generosity in celebrating my 15th ordination anniversary. Your warm wishes and the delicious food you provided made the occasion even more special.

Your support over the years has been a source of strength and inspiration for me in my ministry. I am truly blessed to serve such a caring and close-knit community.

Thank you for being a part of this milestone celebration and for your continued faith and friendship. May we continue to grow together in love and service to one another.



WORKING BEE

Please save this date on your calendar, Saturday 23rd March from 9:00am- 11:00am. Please join the parish community working bee, let us come together to enhance our surroundings. Please bring gardening and cleaning equipment. Refreshment will be provided.

FAITH AND MISSION COMMITTEE NEED MORE MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS—LAST CALL

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. Meeting monthly on Wednesday evening.

**Please visit our website for more information.
Rev Fr Martin Jeramias.**

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.

MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	6.00 pm 'Mercy Melbourne'
Wednesday	9:15am Communion Service
Thursday	6:00pm Mass
Friday	9:15am Mass & 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5:25pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy 5.30pm Reconciliation
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am & 10 am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We have 41 Students enrolled for the sacrament of reconciliation this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare themselves for the Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Enrolment form will go out next week.

please contact school / check our website.

Enrolment masses are April 20th /21st and April 27th /28th

Wishing Grace Edwards a Happy 80th Birthday

May God bless you abundantly with his grace and mercy.

You are so special and loved by all.



Holy Week SCHEDULE- MARCH



19 TUE	"Mercy Melbourne" 6 pm Mass 6:30-8:30pm Adoration and Reconciliation
26 TUE	6 pm: Tuesday Mass
27 WED	9:15 am Wednesday Mass 7-8:30 pm Reconciliation service followed by Individual reconciliation
28 THU	Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper until 10 pm Followed by Silent adoration
29 FRI	Good Friday 10:30 am The Stations of the Cross 3 pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
30 SAT	Holy Saturday 7:30 pm The Easter Vigil
31 SUN	Easter Sunday 8:30 am Mass 10 am Mass

EQUIPPED FOR MISSION:

ANSWERING THE CALL TO 'GO MAKE DISCIPLES'



Dan O'Rourke

President, Divine Renovation



Barb Conlon

Catholic Engagement Specialist
Alpha Australia



Ticket Cost: \$15
(includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea)



Saturday, 13 April 2024
9:15am (Mass) - 4:30pm



Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
496 Princes Highway, Narre Warren, Victoria 3805



Register today at

divinerenovation.org/events

MENALIVE

We invite all men to join our MenAlive group. This is a fantastic opportunity for men to come together, support one another, and grow in our faith and fellowship.

MenAlive offers a space where we can discuss important topics, share our experiences, and strengthen our bonds as brothers in Christ. Whether you're seeking guidance, camaraderie, or simply a chance to connect with other men in the parish, MenAlive is here for you.

We encourage you to join us in this enriching journey of faith and community. Together, we can make a

positive difference in each other's lives and in the life of our parish.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ashley Middleton or Allan Sleddon or Office. We look forward to welcoming you to MenAlive meeting. Meeting weekly on Friday evening.

