Seaford Parish Newsletter

Sunday 31st March 2024

Holy Family St. Joachim's St. Anne's Frankston North Carrum Downs Seaford



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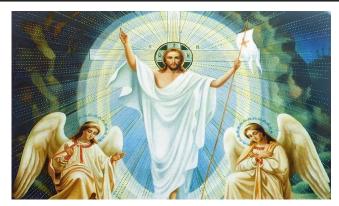
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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - YEAR B

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK



Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the

tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

St Anne's Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

6th April Easter Saturday...... 5:00PM (followed

by Rosary and 6:00PM

anticipated Sunday Holy Mass) -

1st DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY celebration.

6th April Saturday6:00PM Holy Mass

7th April Sunday

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

2nd celebration8:30AM

Holy Mass

3rd celebration10:00AM

Holy Mass



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:

Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

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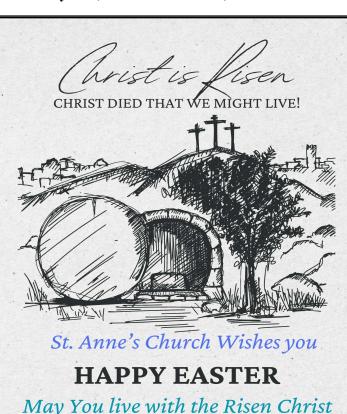
Thanksgiving collection amount for the Weekend 24/3/2024 \$ 2240.50

"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, Kate Knox, Baby Toby, Mauricio Bonizzoni, Fitziroy De Alwis, Judy Bartosy, Jonas Sestokas, Jacquie Vandeligt, Matthew Materia, Kevin Burke, Constance Anderson, Eliza Wilmot, Mauricio Bonizzoni, Claire Morel, Nancy Eteve. We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially and for all those who have died recently especially Robert Jones, Fitzroy De Alwis, Lancelot Sebastian Fernandez, Shirley Eileen Byrnes, Petronila Arsoler, Zoltan Korom. Rest in Peace, Amen.





MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday to Thursday- No Mass First Friday - Mass at 7 pm.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6th March & 7th April

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Readers: L. Doherty / R. Rodrigues Eucharistic Minister: Kerry Marshal

Altar Servers: Annet / Isaac

8:30am Mass

Readers: C. O'Toole / P. Vyverberg Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass

Readers: A. William / V. Angel Eucharistic Minister: Cynthia Gooriah Altar Servers: Johan / Anthony

SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Enrolment form are out. Please contact school / check our website/sacrament/first eucharist. Enrolment Masses are on April 20th /21st and April 27th /28th.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32 - 35

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord

for he is good, his love is

everlasting.

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 5: 1 - 6 Gospel: Jn 20: 19 - 31