

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

Frankston North
Carrum Downs
Seaford



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

RELECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is

understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

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 & please 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 30/4/2024 \$ 3843.60


“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, Judy Bartosy, Jonas Sestokas, Jacquie Vandeligt, Matthew Materia, Kevin Burke, Constance Anderson, Eliza Wilmot, Mauricio Bonizzoni, Claire Morel, Nancy Eteve, John McCready, Winnie Darallon, Stanley Fernandes, Jean McGregor.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Cam Ingram** and for all those who have died recently especially **Jed Santiago, Layard Gerreyn, Adam McCue.**
Rest in Peace, Amen.

Catholic Theological College
Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.
Engaging Your Faith
May 2024
Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.
 Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.
 For more information and to register:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
11th May & 12th May

6:00pm Vigil Mass
 Readers: J. John / R. Doherty
 Eucharistic Minister: Kerry Marshal
 Altar Servers: Isaac / Luke

8:30am Mass
 Readers: P. Vyverberg / M. Wilson
 Eucharistic Minister: Antony Simon
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

10:00am Mass
 Readers: Z. Andrew / S. Patterson
 Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Villemin
 Altar Servers: Johan / Anthony

AN EXPERIENCE BUILDER NEEDED
 An experience builder is required for floor replacement work at presbytery. Please contact the office.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B
Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
 Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
 2nd Reading: 1 Jn 4: 7 - 10
 Gospel: Jn 15: 9 - 17

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B
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: Mk 16: 15 - 20

Dear Parishioners,

MOTHER'S DAY

We welcome you all to join the mother's day weekend special Masses. There will be special reflection, prayers and blessing for all females of our parish next weekend.

HANDRAILS IN THE SANCTUARY AREA

The parish is obliged to create safe worshipping area. To prevent unforeseen incidents and to enhance safety to better access the sanctuary area by all, building maintenance committee decided to install handrails to the sanctuary area. Consequently you will notice some changes in the sanctuary area.

HEAD COUNT

As every year in the archdiocese month of May is the headcount happens for all weekend Masses. This annual count taken is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

Our collection ministers will be spending sometime extra to count everyone in each section of the church.

STREET PEACE

In 2019, Jay Shelling spent a month on the streets of Frankston, where he encountered a vulnerable group of street kids, some as young as 10 years old, who were facing a range of challenges including neglect, abuse, homelessness, and the formation of dangerous gangs as a means of support.

Recognising the urgent need for healthier family connections and guidance in the lives of these at-risk youth, Jay founded Street Peace. The core mission of Street Peace was to provide youth mentoring aimed at helping these kids make better life decisions and find purpose and hope through love and healthy relationships.

Street Peace is a not-for-profit, faith-based organisation providing outreach, mentoring, training, and employment opportunities for high-risk youth in Frankston and Melbourne's outer South East region. Street Peace partners with and is auspiced by Frankston Life Community, a not-for-profit Charitable organisation that has provided a broad range of services to the community of Frankston and beyond for over 30 years.

Learn more at www.streetpeace.com.au

Ash from this organisation will talk to us this weekend.

NEW VOLUNTEER LEADER FOR PIETY STALL NEEDED.

Since the retirement of Patricia Morecroft, we are in need of a volunteer to take on a leadership role within our church by becoming the volunteer leader for our piety stall. This stall plays a significant role in providing religious items and resources to our congregation and supporting the church's mission. As the leader, you would oversee the stall's operations, including inventory management, volunteer scheduling, and customer service. Your ability to guide and inspire others will be key in

maintaining a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our visitors. The office will help you.

If you are interested, please let us know.

**For more information please visit our website.
Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**



PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FRANKSTON

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston is having a Mothers' Day Collection on Sunday 12th May. This has been our main fundraiser since in May 2009 and your generosity in the past has been a blessing towards our volunteer run outreach to pregnant women who we support in many ways before and after their babies are born.



For further information or if you would like to consider volunteering at PAF, you may visit our website www.pregnancyassistancefrankston.org.au ; ring us on 9770 6226 or drop into the centre at 14 Young Street, Frankston to be welcomed and shown around.

Thank you all for your support from us all on the PAF team

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY ONLINE PHOTO EXHIBITION

Vote for your chance to win! To mark the 60th anniversary of Caritas Australia, we have compiled a selection of our favourite 60 photos. Vote for your favourite photo to go into the draw to win a beautiful Indigenous Australian artwork from Djilpin Arts, our First Australian partner in the Northern Territory. The artwork is a painting by Harry Malibirr which depicts five dreaming stories. Simply visit our website caritas.org.au/faces-of-caritas-australia-60th-anniversary, choose a photo from the gallery and vote via the online form. Entries close 30 June 2024.



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday & Friday 9:15am Mass

**Saturday 5:25pm Rosary
followed by
Divine Mercy
5.30pm Reconciliation**

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 Mass

EASTER HOUSE BLESSING

It is a beautiful tradition that the Holy water, blessed on Holy Saturday at Easter Vigil Mass and used for the Baptism of new Catholics, is also used to bless the catholic homes during the Easter season. Would you like Fr Martin to have your home blessed?



Do you have a new home that has never been blessed? Please contact the Parish office during office hours and book an appointment.

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER

We thank the parish volunteers who made it possible last year, and would like to invite new volunteers to help with the different jobs. Please contact Lara Waldron at PCC. To register, email Lara at: frankstonws@gmail.com.

Below is the list of items we are looking to gather before the start of the program. We are hoping to collect a full set of beds so that there can be a set at St Anne's this year.

Food items:

- Cereal (specifically Cornflakes, Nutri Grain and Weetbix), Tins of milo
- Primas (or juice boxes)
- Up and Go drink
- Cans of crushed or diced tomatoes
- Pasta
- Rice
- Fruit tubs (individual packs)
- Jellied fruit tubs (individual packs)
- Chip packets
- Soft bars (eg K bars), soft muesli bars (nothing hard)
- Long life milk (full cream)

Please check use by dates

Other items

- Ladies Sanitary items
- Combs and hairbrushes
- Toothpaste
- King single fitted sheets (no other sizes please)
- King single mattress protectors
- Pillow cases and protectors

Sponsor a Wheelie bag (these are supplied for guests to have somewhere to store their belongings longer term)

- \$250 per bag

The training dates are on Thursday evening the 2nd May and 16th of May at 7:00pm in the Holy Family Hall,

36 Moreton Street, Frankston North, VIC

Current gaps: required volunteers

1. Mondays Night B (2am-6am Tuesday morning)
2. Wednesdays - Volunteers needed for all of the night shifts
3. Fridays - Volunteers needed for all of the night shifts
4. Friday morning shift - volunteers needed
5. Friday set up - volunteers needed.



CATHOLIC CARE VIC, SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

SACRAMENTS UPDATE

We now have 42 children preparing for the first reconciliation and 51 children preparing for First Communion. Please keep them in your prayer. For families who missed the First Reconciliation preparation, the third and last preparation evening is on Tuesday 7th of May at 6:35 pm at the parish office.

For families who missed the First Communion preparation evening, the last preparation session will be on Thursday 16th of May at 6:35 pm at the parish office.

Families who have missed to collect the workbook for First Holy Communion, Please call the office immediately.

