

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

Frankston North  
Carrum Downs  
Seaford



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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

### RELECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions.

In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.



**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 5/5/2024 \$ 3551.00**


**“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, 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 Fernandez, Jean McGregor.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Basil Middleton** and for all those who have died recently especially **Tom Hema, Leonard Roman Uy, Cristobal Acedo Jr, Santos Morales, Ian Fitzpatrick.**  
**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/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)



**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
**18th May & 19th May**

**6:00pm Vigil Mass**  
 Readers: M. Hutchings / A. Brown  
 Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Middleton  
 Altar Servers: Annet / Isaac

**8:30am Mass**  
 Readers: J. Antony / D. Morison  
 Eucharistic Minister: Brian Quirk  
 Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

**10:00am Mass**  
 Readers: M.Villemin / B. Geroge  
 Eucharistic Minister: Zeeta Andrew  
 Altar Servers: Grazinia / Eric

**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**  
**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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B**  
**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

**Dear Parishioners,**

Welcome to Ascension Sunday Eucharist. As Jesus gone away but he commissioned us to spread his message of love. May we people of Jesus.

**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 this weekend.

**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.

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

***Blessings for Mothers***

Loving God, As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian witnesses.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

***Amen***



We Congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptised at St Anne's Parish this Sunday 12th May 2024.

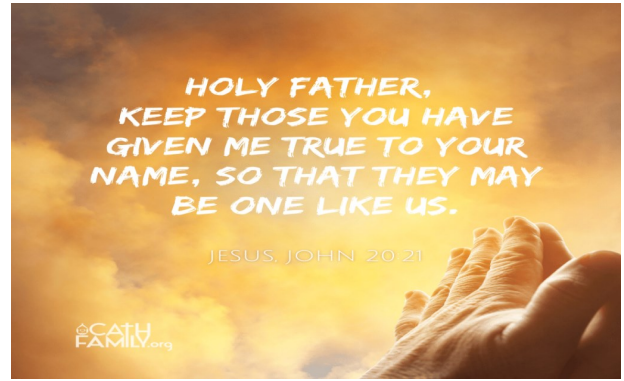
- ☆ Aubrey Jones
- ☆ Chloe Katherine Hosken
- ☆ Leo Robert Verbakel
- ☆ Zoe Vivien Verbakel
- ☆ Matais Rylee Brooks



**ARROW BRONZE**

Please note that Arrow Bronze the Memorial wall plaque company will be increasing the price of the plaque with effect from 1st July 2024.

Despite the price increase, they remain committed to delivering the same level of excellence and customer satisfaction. This will be reflected in the order the parishioners make and also for all the bookings the parish has taken in the past.



**PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FRANKSTON**

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston is having a Mothers' Day Collection on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:frankstonws@gmail.com).

Below is the list of items we are looking to gather before the start of the program.

### **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 date is on Thursday evening the 16th of May at 7:00pm in the Holy Family Hall,**

36 Moreton Street, Frankston North, VIC  
Current gaps: volunteers required.

Thursday overnight 2:00am-6:00am

Friday morning bus driver 8:30am

Friday nights both 10:00pm-2:00am & 2:00am-6:00am

Saturday mornings 6:00am-8:30am & pack up 7:30am-8:30am.



Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

## SACRAMENTS UPDATE

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

The eligible families for First reconciliation has been informed through school. All those families please join for the First Reconciliation on the **18th May at 3 pm**. You can invite many guests as you can. Please arrive early for the celebration.



### FIRST COMMUNION

51 children preparing for First Communion. Please keep them in your prayer. For families who missed the First Communion preparation evening, the last preparation session will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

