

The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Palm Sunday Year A

COVID -19

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have determined the following actions during this period:

• Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.

• All other gatherings are suspended. cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID19

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Bishops encourage the Faithful to continue active participation in the life of the Church, eg. time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online:

bit.ly/MassOnDemand melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass wordonfire.org/daily-mass ewtn.com

Parish Priest Fr Gregory Pritchard

Parish Secretary Shobha Thomas

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Parish Office Thu & Fri: 10am—12noon

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Contact the Parish Office

VENUE HIRE Contact the Parish Office

 Be kind and tender to one another, each of you generous to all, as God in Christ has been generous to you. As God's favoured children, you must be like him. Order your lives in charity, upon the model of that charity which Christ showed to us when he gave himself up on our behalf, a sacrifice breathing out fragrance as he offered it to God. Ephesians 4: 32-5:2

During this time, church and parish life is on hold. St Anthony's Church is closed. There is no weekend or weekday Mass. We are also unable to celebrate Holy Week.

St Anthony's Parish Office is open Tuesday and Thursday 10am—12noon. Baptisms and Funerals can be arranged through the Parish Office: Tel: 9401 6336 or glenhuntly@cam.org.au

Tony's Café: enquiries 0432 087 494

St Anthony's *St Vincent de Paul* visits families in need each week. The *statue of Our Lady of Fatima* is available to visit Parish homes for family prayer. Contact Gladys 0450 917 655.

Fr Pritchard is very happy to visit the sick at home and in hospital. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit for Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. He will continue to celebrate private Mass each day.

All parish priests celebrate *Mass pro popolo* every Sunday for the People of God, the living and the dead, especially parishioners and those who reside within parish bounds.

During this time, it is good for all of us to use the opportunity for daily prayer, reading the Bible and the Scripture readings assigned for each day and especially Sunday, to pray the Rosary and our own favourite devotions. Helps for prayer accompany our Parish Bulletin today and each week.

Magnificat is a small magazine style booklet containing daily Mass texts, morning, evening and night prayer, along with meditations and lives of the saints. The UK edition uses the scripture translations that we are familiar with. There is also *MagnifiKid*, providing family prayer and activities with children. Magnificat offers this free online: us.magnificat.net/free

St Anthony's

5 April 2020

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The new series of Stewardship envelopes has been posted to all members of St Anthony's Parish Stewardship, along with receipt of giving and a thank you letter.

Parishioners who contribute by credit card / direct debit have also received this acknowl-edgment.

Thank you for your generous support of the mission of St Anthony's Parish!

During this time, none of our Parish facilities are in use. Groups which hire St Anthony's Hall and The Glen have cancelled regular use during this time. This impacts greatly on our Parish income and ability to pay bills.

Members of St Anthony's Parish Stewardship who use envelopes can transfer their contribution to the following accounts:

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH ACCOUNT

Bank: NAB Account Name: St Anthony's Church BSB: 083 347 Account: 657 570 315 Description: Your Stewardship Number or Name & Surname

ST ANTHONY'S PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

Bank: NAB Account Name: St Anthony's Presbytery BSB: 083 347 Account: 657 570 286 Description: Your Stewardship Number or Name & Surname

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Stewardship envelopes, Mass offerings and Project Compassion can be dropped into the letter box at the front door of the Parish House. This letter box is cleared daily.

St Anthony's Parish and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community and to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults in Melbourne. Further information can be found at:

cam.org.au/Safeguarding-Children-Young-People-and-Vulnerable-Persons/Safeguarding-Children-and-Young-People/Safeguarding-Children-and-Young-People-Policycam.org.au/Commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people

Palm/Passion Sunday Year A

READINGS: ISAIAH 50: 4-7 PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11 MATTHEW 21: 1-11 MATTHEW 26: 14-27: 66

From the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. and became as men are: and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Meditation

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Matthew 21:9)

Today we join the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. We watch as they spread their coats and palm branches before Jesus, the humble king of Israel. We hold our own palms high and cry "Hosanna!" to welcome our coming king.

And today Jesus comes, not clothed in regal robes or seated on a magnificent stallion, but riding on a lowly donkey. He enters Jerusalem and enters our hearts, not as a warrior, but as a servant king. He comes bringing peace, as a Messiah who will lay down his life for his people.

We know the answer to the question posted by the people of Jerusalem: "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10). We know that Jesus is more than a prophet, more than a brilliant teacher, more than a miracle worker. We know that he is the Son of God and our Lord. In the words of St Andrew of Crete, monk, bishop, and hymn writer (+ 8th century).

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives ... Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive, branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves.

During this holiest of weeks, let's thank Jesus for his passion and death. Let's lay down our lives like palms at his feet, in humble obedience. Let's adore him with songs of praise for his mercy.

General Intercessions

Our King has entered his city. Our palms and cries of homage fade away, as the words of the Gospel tell the story of his suffering and death. Let us bring our prayers to the Father, through the Son he gave up for us, with love beyond our comprehension.

1. For the Church all around the world following the Saviour during Holy Week.

2. For peoples of all races and nations who seek peace.

3. For those who suffer mental, physical, or spiritual anguish.

4. For a spirit of penance, reflection, and gratitude during these chosen days.

5. For the sick: Mary D'Cruz, Peter Murphy, Bev Chandler, Virgina Potts, Martha Palacio, Jonathon Zdilar

6. For the gentle repose of the faithful departed

Lord and Father, with serene courage your Son went forth to die for us. Grant us a share in his strength as we bring these prayers before you. Through Christ our Lord.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Prayer before Christ Crucified

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones."