

# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

# Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

# 30 April 2023

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

> PARISH STAFF Shobha Thomas Sue Leong

COORDINATOR MUSIC & CATECHESIS Veronica Blair

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Tue, Thu & Fri: 10am-2pm

**WEEKEND MASSES** Saturday Vigil: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 11am, 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday-Saturday: 9.15am

**RECONCILIATION** Half an hour before all Masses and Saturday 9.45am-10.10am

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Saturday 9.45am -10.15am

ADORATION, ROSARY & NOVENA Wednesday 6.40pm

**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS** Contact the Parish Office preferably by email

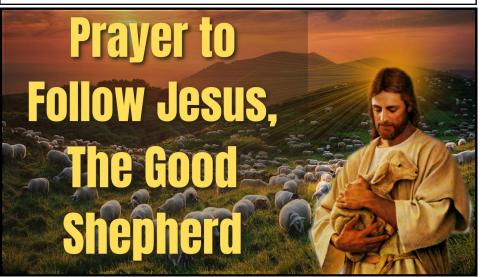
**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK** Contact the Parish Priest/Office

**TONY'S CAFE** Take away meals only Tuesdays: 12.30pm—1.30pm Thursdays: 3pm—5.30pm

**VENUE HIRE** Contact the Parish Office

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Principal: Margaret Carlei ① 9563 6780 Ø office@santglen.catholic.edu.au ⊑ santglen.catholic.edu.au OUR SICK: Michael Tomlinson, Patricia Rashad, Christine Fernandez (Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested) RECENTLY DECEASED: Steve (Neo) Neophytou, Earl Figredo, Cameron K ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Henry Collins

Please ring/email the Parish Office if you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter by email



Good shepherd God, thank you for always looking over me. You guide me and protect me. I pray to thank you for being in control. Help me to be a better follower. Show me the path to pursue. Give me the strength to make the journey. More than anything, thank you for giving your son Jesus as a sacrifice so that I can have life everlasting. Amen.

[Based on John 10:11] DailyPrayerGuide.net





Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority. For further information on Safeguarding please visit: https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding

**Entrance Antiphon** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia **Today's Readings** Acts 2:14. 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10 **Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want **Gospel Acclamation** 

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia! **Communion Antiphon** 

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia. Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Last Week's Stewardship Collections	
(loose & envelopes)	
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Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT, Venue Hire, Donations & Maintenance Income will be reported once a month



#### Sunday School & **Children's Liturgy**

Our Sunday School and Children's Liturgy have resumed. For Sunday School registrations, please contact Veronica Blair. All Welcome!

# **Choir Practice**



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Choir practice has resumed. Practice every Wednesday @ 7.30pm. New members most welcome. Once singing, twice praying!



### St Anthony's School Playgroup & Enrolments for 2024

St Anthony's School Playgroup for preschool and toddlers operates on Wednesdays during the school term from 9-10.30am.

School enrolments for 2024 are now open. Please contact the school for a tour.

Contact: 9563 6780

#### Liturgy Roster Apr 29-30 **Commentator** Sp Minister Mass Lector J Aranha Sat 6pm L Pereira P Bates Sun 9am C Collins Y Jo-Sumarna R Meneaud K O'Sullivan A Francis Sun 11am M Anthony J Kirkham N/A Sun 5pm E Sebastian Liturgy Roster May 6-7 Mass Lector Commentator Sp Minister J Aranha Sat 6pm N Mudalige C Hampson Sun 9am P Rashad Y Jo-Sumarna Т Но Sun 11am K O'Sullivan K Campitelli S Heuberger Sun 5pm J Kirkham N/A E Sebastian

# Fr Joy Palachuvattil visits Melbourne

Fr Joy will be visiting his Pallotine Confrers from 3–9 May. He will be celebrating our 11am Mass on 7 May. We warmly welcome Fr Joy.

#### **Information Session for the Permanent** Diaconate

In the middle of the pandemic, Pope Francis outlined his prayer for vocations that "deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church." He asks everyone to pray for permanent deacons, who live their vocation in and with their family.

"They are dedicated to the service of the poor, who carry within them the face of the suffering Christ. They are the guardians of service in the Church"

An Information Session will be held on Saturday 3 June from 10–11.45am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information:

vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-avocation/permanent-diaconate



### **Plant Sale**

Before the weather gets too cold, start propagating for the annual Spring sale in November (no jade plants please). Donations of pots and potting mix welcome. Happy gardening!



SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

In order to be compliant with Safeguarding Requirements of the Archdiocese, all volunteers need to do the **Mandatory Online Training Module** 



### Please click on the link below to complete this training

https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/

All St Anthony's volunteers must complete the mandatory training. If you have any questions please contact the parish office: glenhuntly@cam.org.au

#### Good Shepherd Sunday Vocation Sunday This Sunday 30 April



God creates each one of us for a purpose—and calls each of us by name.

To understand that more fully, one might say that our purpose is to glorify God and bring others to him, and the unique way each of us works towards that is our personal calling.

As Jesus called men to follow him as his apostles, God calls men today to lay down their lives in a particular way so that others may have life.

Our seminarians have taken their first steps in answering their call towards God's purpose—to act in his name, to proclaim his word and to serve with his love. This time of discernment has been a courageous and compassionate 'YES', and something we all play a part in supporting and nurturing.

Our world needs priests—pastors and shepherds for God's people today and always. I invite you to join me in prayer through this Prayer Calendar, so

that through our spiritual support they have confidence in the Lord, who is acting and calling them to his purpose and always by their side.

We pray for the continued blessings on our Archdiocese and families, that even more men of generous spirit may be called to answer his call.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Abp of Melbourne.

# **Daily Prayer Calendar**

Sun: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood Mon: For men preparing for ordination to the

priesthood **Tue**: For seminarians to grow in self-awareness as they continue to discern Jesus Christ's call **Wed**: For seminarians to model the life and virtues of St Joseph

Thu: For the Eucharist to be the 'source and summit' for seminarians

Fri: For applicants for the seminary and prospective seminarians

Sat: For Mary, Mother of Priests, to guide and protect our seminarians

### **Prayer for Vocations**

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation

has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from among us your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by

all. Through Christ our Lord, Amen. ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal

#### WYD FUNDRAISING



Sausage Sizzle—Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped at our Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on ANZAC Day. A total of \$435.00 was raised.

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### Next fundraising events May Dinner Dance

Date: Saturday 27 May 2023 Venue: Parish Hall Tickets for sale from 29 April 2023 Adult: \$50, Aged 10-15: \$30, Under 10: Free.

# Hoyts Movie vouchers Valid till 2025

Adult: \$20 each Child (15 and under): \$15 each Tickets on sale from 29 April!

\*No Public Holidays. Redeemable for one (1) general admission ticket for any session (excluding public holidays) at HOYTS Cinemas in Australia. Upgrade fees apply for any D-BOX, 3D and/or Xtremescreen movie session.

#### Upcoming Glen Huntly, Neerim & Grange Road Closures/Disruption

There will be traffic disruptions during May and June. For this weekend, **entry to the church car park will be via Neerim Road**. We need volunteers to direct car flow into and out of the car park before and after each Mass.

Please allow for extra travel time.

# Mass Count 2023

An annual Mass Count is taken by all parishes for the Archdiocese for the purposes of pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

Our parish will be undertaking the four weekends of May for Mass attendance:

6-7 May, 13-14 May, 20-21 May and 27-28 May.

Mothers are very SPECIAL PEOPLE

# Mother's Day Book

Our Mother's Day Book is placed on the altar-rail in front of Our Lady's Statue in the church.

Please write the names of all mothers for whom you would like prayers to be offered on Mothers Day.

There will be a special blessing for all mothers at the weekend Masses of

13 & 14 May.

# 4th Sunday of Easter A, Good Shepherd Sunday + Vocation Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Each year on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter we celebrate the 'Good Shepherd Sunday' as well as the Vocation Sunday.



Jesus by his words and example has proved that He is our Good Shepherd. He said "The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." We know that Jesus, in caring for us laid down His own life; and then having risen to new life He still cares for us.

By calling Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we also imply that we are His sheep. Though, in many respects we are unlike the sheep, in many other respects we are in fact like the sheep. Sheep being prey animals they are weak and defenceless. Left alone, they cannot survive. The sheep need a shepherd to care for them and to protect them, so do we.



In saying this we do not under-estimate our abilities, nor deny our self-esteem. Yet, no one can deny that in spite of our manifold abilities, capabilities, in spite of our health, wealth and intellect, our existence heavily depends on God. The fertile earth, the rain, and the fresh air we breathe, and provided by God. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we acknowledge God's role in the life of everyone.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd speaks of how He remains at the gate, while the sheep are in the sheepfold; so that, no sheep

goes out, and no one gets in without His knowledge. He stands there, not to curtail the freedom of the sheep, but to safeguard them from being attacked while they are at rest.

In today's Gospel, we heard Jesus say, "My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me." Sheep are known to have a strong instinct to listen to the voice of the shepherd and follow. They follow the leader; when one sheep moves, the rest follow.

In Iceland there is a certain breed of sheep known as leader-sheep. They have an exceptional ability to sense danger in advance; and are able enough to lead a flock back home during difficult conditions. There are many instances, when leader-sheep have saved the lives of many shepherds as well.



Though we are compared to weak and defenceless sheep, we are called to be like the leader -sheep. Whatever may be our state of life, our vocation is to lead and protect each other. On this vocation Sunday let's be aware of the call we have received to be like the leader-sheep.

In today's Second Reading from the Book of Revelation, we hear that, Jesus the Good Shepherd had become a lamb, and let Himself be slain. We call Him 'The Lamb of God''. Keep Safe!

One day a little girl was watching her mother doing the dishes and asks: "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?"

Her mother replies: "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl immediately shouts out, "Mumma, now I know why grandma's hairs are all white"