



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Easter Sunday Year B

4 April 2021

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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

Saturday 9.45am-10.10am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday 9.45am -10.15 am.

HOLY ROSARY & NOVENA

Wednesday 6.30pm

(Currently suspended)

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

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Will Jacobs, Thomas Arokiasamy
ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Brian Keith Paul Raj, Terry Berenger, Toni Harridge, Eddie Van Twest

PLEASE RING/EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE PARISH NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL OR WOULD LIKE A SICK, DECEASED OR ANNIVERSARY OF A FAMILY MEMBER MENTIONED IN OUR NEWSLETTER

Happy Easter Everyone



**The Parish and School of St. Anthony's,
Glen Huntly wish each and everyone a
Grace-filled Easter.**

St Anthony's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing & dignity of all children, young people & vulnerable adults in our community. Clergy, employees & volunteers are required to sign the Code of Conduct on an annual basis.

To read and sign the Code of Conduct Form, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Safeguarding-Children-and-Young-People-Code-of-Conduct-Declaration.pdf>

Liturgy Roster 10-11 April 2021

Mass	Reader	Commentator	Communion
6.00pm	L Pereira	L Pereira	N/A
9.00am	M Dwyer	C Collins	T Ho
11.00am	M Anthony	L Kornadi	A Francis
5.00pm	L Shelton	E Sebastian	N/A

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS

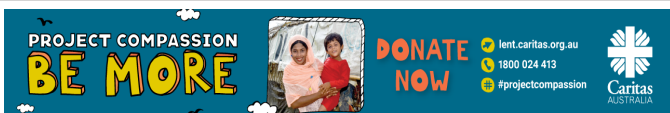
Church Stewardship (loose & envelopes) \$1,766
 Presbytery Stewardship (loose & envelopes) \$1,010
 Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT
 Venue Hire, Donations & Maintenance Income
 This will be reported once a month. Thank you.

Face Masks

Please carry face masks with you as come to attend the Holy Week services.

Raffle Results & Cake Stall

The Raffle & Cake Stall raised over \$1,100 towards Good Friday Appeal. Thanks to all who helped. The raffle was won by George Pollard, second prize to Rosa Page.



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

Thank you to all Volunteers

A big Thank You to all those who have helped with the preparation and liturgy for the Holy Week.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY'S READINGS

Easter Vigil:

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:2;
 2nd Reading: Genesis 22:1-18
 3rd Reading: Exodus 14:15 – 15:1;

Easter Sunday:

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43;
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R. v.24
 This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35; 1John 5:1-6; John 20: 19-31

Holy Communion to the Sick & Elderly

Those, who would love to receive Holy Communion at Home/Hospital/Aged-Care/Nursing Homes, may please let father know. He or delegated persons could attend to them during the Holy Week.

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Sunday 11 April. 2021.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

2.30pm to 2.50 pm.

Confessions

(possible also during Novena days)

2.35 pm to 2.50 pm.

Veneration of the Divine Mercy

Image & Dedication

2.50 pm

"3 O'clock Prayer"

followed by Chaplet, Litany etc.

3.00 pm

Divine Mercy Holy Mass

3.20 pm

No changes to any usual Mass time

Trybooking for Easter Services

All who have made bookings via Trybooking are requested to arrive at least 30 minutes before the Services. Please note that the seats may be given to others if you do not arrive early enough.

The Easter Candle

The candle used during the Easter season has profound symbolism.

Not surprisingly, early Christians used candles in their liturgies. Initially this was done for practical purposes (especially when praying in the catacombs), but the light coming from the candles quickly became symbolic.

The candle-lit ceremonies reminded Christians of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). For this reason candles became a central part of Christian worship and were associated with the light of Christ.

Besides using multiples candles for practical illumination purposes, there began a tradition where a single candle was used as a direct symbol of Jesus.



According to [Fr. Edward McNamara](#), "The most likely origin [of the Easter candle] is that it derived from the *Lucernarium*, the evening office with which early Christians began the vigil for every Sunday and especially that of Easter. In turn, this rite is probably inspired by the Jewish custom of lighting a lamp at the conclusion of the Sabbath. The rite therefore has its roots in the very beginning of Christianity. In the *Lucernarium* rite the light destined to dispel the darkness of night was offered to Christ as the splendor of the Father and indefectible light.

This rite was logically carried out with greater solemnity during the Easter Vigil." Over time the Easter candle was given greater prominence and was decorated to further expound on the Paschal mystery. Below is a guide to the Easter candle along with the corresponding symbolism.

Wax Candle

According to the [Catholic Encyclopedia](#), "The pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, the wick signifies the soul of Christ, and the flame represents His divinity."

Light

The Roman Missal summarizes this symbolism perfectly, "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." This connects the Easter candle to Jesus, "light of the world," as he describes himself in the Gospel of John.

From the Easter candle are lit all the other candles in the church, showing how Jesus is the source of our light.

Flame

The flame is reminiscent of the "pillar of fire" that led the people of Israel and protected them as they escaped the slavery of the Egyptians. The *Exultet* refers to this symbolism when it states, "This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin."

Cross

The cross is the supreme symbol of Jesus and the instrument through which he saved the world from sin and death.

Alpha and Omega

It is common in Christian art to find two Greek letters: the alpha (Α) and omega (Ω). These two letters have an ancient history in Christianity and are rooted in the book of Revelation, where Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son" (Revelation 21:6-7).

Year

As the priest traces the year on the Easter candle, he prays, "All time belongs to him, and all the ages." This reminds us that God is here with us today and is constantly guiding all creation to himself.

Grains of incense

Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle on top of the cross, symbolizing the five "holy and glorious wounds" of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday. Why do you weep?

A Primary School teacher was telling her students the story of Jesus. In her class was a little boy who came from a non-Christian family. He was paying very close attention to the story because it was all new to him. As the teacher told how Jesus was condemned and nailed to the cross to die the boy's countenance fell, he was in tears and he murmured, "No! That's too bad!" The teacher then went on to tell how on the third day Jesus rose from the dead and came back to life. Hearing this, the boy's eyes lit up with delight and he exclaimed, "That is totally awesome!" and then he dried up his tears.



In today's Gospel we hear the angel asking Mary Magdalene: "Woman, why are you weeping?" Jesus too, asked her the same question, "Woman, why are you weeping?" This question has been repeated very many times for the last 2000 years or so, in every Christian Church. And today it is once again directed to each of us this morning, "Why do you weep?"

We cannot deny that we have very many reasons to weep. We weep over our own sins, troubles, hardships, sickness etc; we weep over the death of our dear ones, we weep over the calamities both natural and man-made, and so on. While it is not wrong to weep, we have all the reasons to rejoice, too.

Mary Magdalene had reasons to weep. Her dear Lord was put to death and now even his dead body is not to be found. That was enough reason for her to weep. But once she had recognised the risen Lord she was no more weeping. She dried up her tears. Instead of tears in her eyes, it is now triumph in her voice, as she declared it to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord".

We too can dry up our tears too, because we believe that the Truth of Christ is stronger than our sad experiences, that the Spirit of Christ is stronger than our weaknesses and hardships, that the Mercy of God is stronger than our sins, that Divinity is stronger than humanity, that life is stronger than death, that Easter has followed the Good Friday.

We rejoice because through our tears we can see our own resurrection. All our problems in life can be now seen in a new vision. Now anything and everything has new meaning and new purpose. Truth has triumphed over falsity, justice over injustice and tragedy has turned into dancing. We rejoice because we have now true new life in Jesus. We now know 'Even if we die we will live with Him forever....So, dry up your tears and rejoice in the risen Lord. Happy Easter!