



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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2nd Sunday of Easter Year A

19 April 2020

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 watching Mass online:

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

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Gregory Pritchard

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ST ANTHONY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Tue & Thu: 10am—12noon

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

TONY'S CAFÉ TEL: 0432 087 494

Thursdays 3-5.30pm. We are happy to deliver to people who are housebound or would like a meal. Please ring us!

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Priests Australia wide undertook a Eucharistic Holy Hour during Holy Week. Before the Lord they prayed on behalf of faithful parishioners who find our churches closed, and go without Holy Mass and our community life during these strange days. They interceded for our world, asking God to bring us through the night of COVID19 and into the Easter light of healing, a vaccine, a new life. They turned to Mary, Mother of Sorrows and Health of the Sick. This initiative was sponsored by the *Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy* clergy.asn.au.

How do we fill in the time from day to day? It may be a good opportunity to do some spiritual reading. It's easy to order on bookdepository.com *Love Unveiled: The Catholic Faith Explained* by Edward Sri (Ignatius Press) and YOUCAT, The Church's Catechism for young people.

Beyondblue.org.au suggests practical ideas for good health and well being: maintain a healthy and balance diet: regular exercise, perhaps a walk or a jog, some fresh air; balance the day with adequate rest and sleep, good mental stimulation like reading and music. While working from home try to demarcate your work area from family space and time. *For us, build a dedicated prayer time each day, perhaps in the garden or a nearby park, for Holy Rosary, Scripture reading....* Us.magnificat.net/free provides great resources for daily Mass readings, morning, evening and night prayer, lives of the saints. MagnifiKid is great for family prayer and catechesis with our children.

St Anthony's choir, St Vincent de Paul, Sacre Coeur prayer group and other small groups continue to meet on line.

St Anthony's School commenced Term II this week. We thank Principal Margaret Carlei, teachers and staff for their commitment to Catholic education and a lot of hard work put into online learning and availability to parents and families.

Many thanks to those who collectively donated \$1,246 to *Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal* via St Anthony's virtual collection tin. You may like to place a cash donation in an envelope clearly marked GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL and leave it in the letter box at St Anthony's Parish House.

The *Entertainment Book* is now only available online. If you usually buy a book please visit entertainment.com.au to purchase your new digital copy. All proceeds go to Tony's Cafe

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to all who continue supporting St Anthony's with regular Stewardship. Many are now making their contribution electronically, while others are dropping their envelopes into the letterbox at the front door of the Parish House. This letterbox is emptied daily.

Before the COVID19 lockdown and during recent weeks these have been our Parish expenses:

St Anthony's Church	
flowers	\$166
votive candles, altar bread & wine	\$650
cleaning of statues,	
windows, porch domes	\$473
PA system & microphones	\$326
AGL Electricity	\$373
Red Energy - Gas	\$118
Gardens & Grounds	\$330
Catholic Church Insurance	
March 2020 Instalment	\$3,827
St Anthony's Hall	
repairs & maintenance to fridge thermostat,	
lighting, toilet hand dryer	\$899

At this time our Parish facilities are not being used or hired except for Tony's Café. This is impacting on Parish income. We continue to rely on the generous support of St Anthony's parishioners in Parish Stewardship. Support for our priests and bishops ("Presbytery") and the Easter offering can also be given electronically or placed in the Parish House letterbox.

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

St Anthony's Parish Office is open
Tuesday and Thursday 10am—12noon.
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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-Policy
cam.org.au/Commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people

2nd Sunday of Easter Year A Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2: 42-47; 1Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Holy Gospel

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and, after saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained. Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, 'We have seen the Lord,' but he answered, 'Unless I can see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving any more but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. There were many other signs that Jesus worked in the sight of the disciples, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name."

Meditation

How did the disciples come to believe that Jesus is risen?

The disciples, who before had lost all hope, came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection because they saw him in a different way after his death, spoke with him, and experienced him as being alive. The Easter events that took place in Jerusalem in the year 30 are not a made-up story. Following the death of Jesus and the defeat of their whole cause, the disciples fled ("We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel"), or else barricaded themselves behind locked doors. Only their encounter with the risen Christ freed them from their paralysis and filled them with an enthusiastic faith in Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and death.

What names are there for the sacrament of Penance?

The sacrament of Penance is also called the Sacrament of Reconciliation, of forgiveness, of conversion, or of confession.

Who instituted the sacrament of Penance?

Jesus himself instituted the sacrament of Penance when he showed himself to his apostles on Easter day and commanded them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained".

Nowhere did Jesus express more beautifully what happens in the sacrament of Penance than in the parable of the Prodigal Son: We go astray, we are lost and can no longer cope. Yet our Father waits for us with great, indeed, infinite longing: he forgives us when we come back; he takes us in again, forgives our sins. Jesus himself forgave the sins of many individuals; it was more important to him than working miracles. He regarded this as the great sign of the dawning of the kingdom of God, in which all wounds are healed and all tears are wiped away. Jesus forgave sins in the power of the Holy Spirit, and he handed that power on to his Apostles. We fall into the arms of our heavenly Father when we go to a priest and confess.

YOUCAT 105, 225, 227

Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.
O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,
I trust in You. Amen.

General Intercessions

The risen Christ brought his peace to the apostles, as he showed them his pierced hands and sides. Let us pray confidently in his name, knowing that he brings true peace through his victory over death.

1. That the whole community of the Church may remain faithful to the teaching of the apostles.
2. That the peace of our risen Lord may spread through our world today.
3. That we will share our goods and possessions through generosity and Christian hospitality.
4. That the Divine Mercy may shine the light of healing on the sick and those afflicted with COVID19.
5. That the faithful departed will enter the sure hope and promise of their heavenly inheritance: Myrna Magbao

Father of Infinite Mercy, we do not see your Son, but we love him, and offer our prayers in his name. We rejoice because we believe in him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Perfect Contrition

Interior penance is the movement of a "contrite heart" (Ps 51:19) drawn by divine grace to respond to the merciful love of God. This entails sorrow for and abhorrence of sins committed, a firm purpose not to sin again in the future and trust in the help of God. It is nourished by hope in divine mercy. *Compendium n300*

*O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee,
and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments,
but most of all because they offend thee, my God,
who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace,
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.*

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.

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