



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

25 April 2021

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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
and 5.30pm—5.50pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday 9.45am -10.15 am.

ADORATION, ROSARY & NOVENA

Wednesday 6.45pm

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
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OUR SICK: Thomas Arokiasamy, Francisco Tiongson, Calixto Llamas

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Page

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Joseph Camilleri, Jack Peris



**Each Year
4th Sunday of Easter is
celebrated as the**

**Good Shepherd Sunday
& Vocation Sunday.**

By calling Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we also imply that we are His good sheep.

It's an occasion to pray for more Vocations.

ANZAC DAY

25 April 2021



Lest we forget.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Resumes

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with
Rosary at 6.45pm followed by Novena
(All Wednesdays).

Please note:

On the first day of the Novena (28th April) there will be a Mass (one off) at 6.15pm (not at 6.30pm).

No Mass that day morning, as all priests have to go for a meeting with Archbishop.

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 OF THE WORD

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:8-12; 1John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
Alleluia

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 9: 26-31; 1John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Liturgy Roster 1-2 May 2021

Mass	Reader	Commentator	Communion
6.00pm	P Bates	L Pereira	N/A
9.00am	E Moraes	C Collins	B Meneaud
11.00am	K Campitelli	J Wong	C Soeryanto
5.00pm	E Sebastian	L Shelton	N/A

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS

Church Stewardship (loose & envelopes) \$1,465
Presbytery Stewardship (loose & envelopes) \$1,355

Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT

Venue Hire, Donations & Maintenance Income

This will be reported once a month. Thank you

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

More Volunteers needed

We require more volunteers for our Safeguarding Committee. Anyone with a 'Risk' background would be ideal, but not a pre-requisite.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed.

This new committee is to deal with the various maintenance issues with our property and buildings. Let our Parish Office know of your readiness to volunteer.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed.

Urgent Repairs & Maintenance are pending for our Church and Parish Hall, which require large funds. Without a Fundraising Committee and more funds we can't go on.

Let our Parish Office know of your readiness.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed.

This was advertised earlier too.

Thank you to all who have volunteered. Thank you also to all who helped especially the Holy Week Liturgy which was well organized.

We need more members.

Let our Parish Office know of your readiness.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed.

We are still looking for people to volunteer who have a strong finance/legal background. Please ring/email the Parish Office.

Mother's Day Book

Located on the Altar rail in front of Our Lady's statue. Please write in the book the names of all mothers for whom you would like prayers offered on Mother's Day. There will be a special blessing for mothers at Masses weekend 8 & 9 May.

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.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (YEP)

The youth of the Parish are welcome to avail themselves of youth programmes available in our area. Reading material from YEP is available in the foyer.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE CODE OF CONDUCT

Inspections/audit by the Commissioner for the Commission for Children & Young People (CCYP) will be undertaken during May/June this year.

In order to be compliant, Clergy, employees and volunteers are required to sign the Code of Conduct on an annual basis.

Please contact the Office Staff or Father before engaging in any ministries in our parish.

This is a requirement from the Child Safety Department of the Victorian Government.

Copies of the Code of Conduct forms are available in our church foyer. This can also be accessed via the link at the bottom of the first page of this newsletter.

Month of May, Month of Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1).



This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical *on the Sacred Liturgy (Mediator Dei)* characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (no. 182).

Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the *Month of Mary* devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored and the faithful are enriched with spiritual gifts" (no. 2).

In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

ANZAC DAY. 4th Sunday of Easter.



The Easter journey has an added dynamic this year with the Fourth Sunday of Easter coinciding with Anzac Day; the day that marks the landing of Australian soldiers at Gallipoli, on the shores of what is now Anzac Cove, in Turkey on the 25th of April 1915.

The liturgical norms of the Easter Sunday take precedence yet there is a striking opportunity for both aspects of the day to be interwoven. The Prayer at Mass implores that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. The notions of bravery and laying down of one's life are at the heart of both Jesus'

words in the gospel and the commemorative activities that take place on Anzac Day. The Paschal Mystery of Jesus is an event that is unparalleled in human history, however, it constantly renews and reinvigorates the events of our own times.

We pray for our country, our leaders and everyone of us that we respect the lives lost in war and work always towards peace and justice. May the work of the ANZACS always be respected in this country.

St Joseph the Worker, 1st May.

Each year, on 1st of May, as we commemorate St Joseph the Worker, and the Church invites us to understand the great dignity of work and labor. This is beautifully presented to us in the Liturgy of the Day.

Mass at usual times.

International Workers' Day, also known as **Labor Day** in some countries, and often referred to as **May Day**, is a celebration of laborer's and the working classes that is promoted by the international labor movement which occurs every year on May Day (1 May), an ancient European spring festival.



Pope Francis' Message for Vocations Sunday 2021



This Sunday, 25 April, is Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, the dedicated annual day for Catholics around the world to offer special prayers to encourage vocations from families and parishes to the priesthood and to religious life. In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis is focusing on Saint Joseph. He tells us that Saint Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual's vocation. The first is *dream*, the second is *service* and the third is *fidelity*. **Pope's "abridged" message below is on the theme: *Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation*.**

Dear brothers and sisters, 8 Dec. 2020, the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, marked the beginning of a special year devoted to him. For my part, I wrote the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, whose aim was "to increase our love for this great saint". Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one "so close to our own human experience". He did not do astonishing things, he had no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy: the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God.

God looks on the heart (*1 Sam 16:7*), and in St. Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great ...

St. Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual's vocation. The first is ***dream***. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: "to be loved". It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only *have* life if we *give* it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift.

The Gospels tell us of four dreams. They were calls from God, but they were not easy to accept. After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely. We may ask ourselves, "Why put so much trust in a dream in the night?" Although a dream was considered very important in ancient times, it was still a small thing in the face of the concrete reality of life. Yet St. Joseph let himself be guided by his dreams without hesitation. Why? Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards him. A small indication was enough for his watchful "inner ear" to recognize God's voice. This applies also to our calling: God does not like to reveal himself in a spectacular way, pressuring our freedom. He conveys his plans to us with gentleness. He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings.

A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: ***service***. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. The holy people of God invoke him as the *most chaste spouse*, based on his ability to love unreservedly. By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service. His loving care has spanned generations; his attentive guardianship has made him patron of the Church. As one who knew how to embody the meaning of self-giving in life, Joseph is also the patron of a happy death. His service and sacrifices were only possible, however, because they were sustained by a greater love: "Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration" (*ibid.*, 7).

...I like to think, then, of Saint Joseph, the protector of Jesus and of the Church, as the ***protector of vocations***. In fact, from his willingness to serve comes his *concern to protect*. The Gospel tells us that "Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night" (*Mt 2:14*), thus revealing his prompt concern for the good of his family. He wasted no time fretting over things he could not control, in order to give full attention to those entrusted to his care. Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation, the testimony of a life touched by the love of God. What a beautiful example of Christian life we give when we refuse to pursue our ambitions or indulge in our illusions, but instead care for what the Lord has entrusted to us through the Church! God then pours out his Spirit and creativity upon us; he works wonders in us, as he did in Joseph. *Rome, from Saint John Lateran, 19 March 2021, Feast of Saint Joseph. Pope Francis.*