



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Second Sunday of Advent Year A

4 December 2022

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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
☎ 9563 6780

✉ office@santglen.catholic.edu.au

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OUR SICK:

(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested)

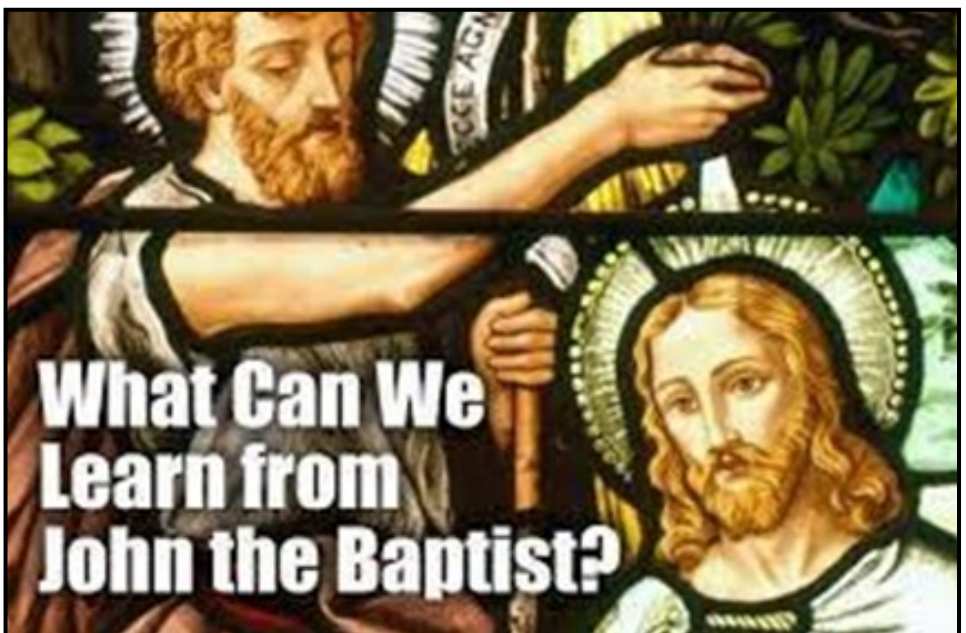
RECENTLY DECEASED: Matthew Kelleher

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Rick Brumpton, Barbara O'Sullivan,
Margaret Cuskelly

PLEASE RING/EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE PARISH NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL



1670-1675 oil on canvas painting
by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo



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>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Today's Readings

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Liturgy Roster Dec 3-4

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	P Bates	L Pereira	TBA
Sun 9am	F De Marte	C Collins	R Meneaud
Sun 11am	K O'Sullivan	J Wong	J Ferguson
Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	TBA

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Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship \$1,730
 Presbytery Stewardship \$ 940
Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT, Venue Hire, Donations & Maintenance Income will be reported once a month

World Youth Day in Lisbon 2023.

If you are aged 18-35 and would like to be part of the Lisbon WYD, please contact Cindy or Phung after 11am Mass on Sundays.

For more information:

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>



Walking Group.

Leave from the church at 10 am next Friday for a short walk around the area. Bring a few dollars for a quick cup of coffee. All welcome.

Free English Language Classes

If you or anyone else you know would like to learn English, please contact either Gwen Fitzgerald, Fr Leenus or the Parish Office.

Care Packs for Tony's Café

Donations of soap, tooth brushes, shampoo etc. gratefully accepted at the church or parish house by 13 December.

Subscription to St Anthony's Newsletter

If you have not already subscribed, please click on the link below to subscribe to our newsletter:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w0000LOj5DAAT&req=subscribe>

If you require help, please ring the Parish Office

2023 Columban Calendars

If you have ordered a calendar please collect them from the Piety Stall after Mass.

Each calendar costs \$10.00

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are getting ready to start the Children's Liturgy in the New Year. Those interested in conducting it or would like their children to participate may contact Gwen Fitzgerald or the Parish Office.



**CHILDREN MUST
 HAVE ADULT
 SUPERVISION**



Child Safety—Your Responsibility

As parents or family, it is your responsibility to care for and supervise your children, when attending Mass, within any church facilities, at morning tea after Mass, at special events in the parish, in the carpark, everywhere and at all times.

Bishop Anthony Ireland's

Visit to our Parish on 24, 26 & 27 November 2022

It was an enriching, memorable, successful and a pleasant one. We greatly thank Bishop Ireland for his caring guidance, patient listening, loving advise, prayers and blessings!

A big thank you to all who were involved with preparations, attended the meetings and shared their thoughts about the past, present and future of our parish.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers



On Saturday and Sunday 10 & 11 December St Vincent de Paul are having a sausage sizzle outside Coles Bentleigh to raise money for Christmas Hampers.



Could you spare 2 hours of your time and volunteer to help at the sausage sizzle please?

Any help is gratefully appreciated. All proceeds go towards Christmas Hampers for those less fortunate than most. Please place your name, time available and phone number on the list available at the entrance/exits of the church after Mass. Thank you.



St Anthony's Glen Huntly Christmas Day Takeaway Dinner 2022



Christmas is a time when families come together to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Sometimes this can be difficult, especially during COVID. So this year, for our 30th Dinner, we are offering a traditional Christmas Day TAKEAWAY Dinner, available for collection at St Anthony's Hall

between 12 and 1.30pm on Christmas Day. Or, if you live locally and are not able to come and collect a meal, we are happy to deliver it to you at home.

If you would like to enjoy a delicious meal, please fill out a yellow invitation. If you know someone else who would like a meal, pass this invitation on to them.

If you would like to help with the Christmas Dinner, please fill out a green form.

Both yellow and green forms can be collected from the doors of the church, or at St Anthony's Parish Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Caulfield East or at the front door of the Parish House, 74 Grange Road.

All completed forms can be returned via email stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com or left at the following locations: Tony's Café at St Anthony's Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Carnegie on Tuesdays between 12.30 and 1.30pm and on Thursdays between 3 and 5.30pm. St Anthony's Parish House, 74 Grange Rd, Glen Huntly in an envelope marked Christmas Dinner.

For more information please contact us on 9401 6336 or 0432 087 494

Transport requested

A parishioner from the Koornang Rd end of the parish would like transport to either 11 am or 5 pm Mass on Sundays. Please contact Veronica via the Parish House if you can help. Thank you.

Christmas Choir



We are looking for more voices and instruments.

If you would like to play/sing please come along to the practice in the church on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm. Welcome all!



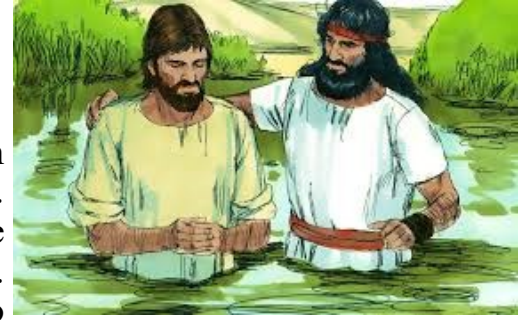
Advent Reflection Sessions on Mondays.

7pm to 8pm at our church.

Please come along, reflect, share your thoughts and enrich one another !!!
Welcome one and all!



Second Sunday of Advent, Year A John the Baptist



Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus.

On a bright morning a man went out for a walk. The sun had just come up, brightening up the earth and the sky. He looked up and saw that the moon was still there in the sky. But the moon was so pale and it was barely visible. He remembered that till an hour ago the moon was so bright and beautiful and had dominated the sky. Now it had lost its attraction and had been pushed into the background. But as the man looked at it again, it occurred to him that it was the same moon, whose light had seen many people through the darkness of the night.

The moon reminds us of John the Baptist. He was always conscious of the fact that a greater light like the sun was coming and he himself like the moon had the role of reflecting that light in the lives of the people. How did John reflect the light of Christ to the life of the people? He made the people aware of their sinfulness and made them aware of the Mercy of God. Thus he led the people to repentance and forgiveness.

First of all John himself lived in righteousness and in austerity. Eating and drinking almost nothing. When he preached, he spoke with full conviction, and courage. He did not hesitate to rebuke even the ruler of the land. He knew he was risking his own life. Even then fearlessly he did every bit of his duty of preaching in order to make them repent over their sinful lives.

John's words and voice may have sounded fierce, rough and stern. Sometimes his words were hurting. He called them hypocrites and brood of vipers. Some people may have taken offence at him; but in fact his words were full of concern and love. His voice was as cooling as the moonlight; after all he was announcing the good news of the coming of the Savior. Many people took his words to be the word of God and were led to true repentance.

It is the valleys of sin in our own hearts that are to be filled with God's mercy and healing touch. It is the hills of pride in our own hearts that are to be levelled by our humble acceptance of our failures. Christmas will lack its full meaning if we do not prepare our hearts for the Lord. So during this season of waiting for Jesus and as Jesus is waiting for us, let us ask ourselves "what is it that is keeping us and God apart? "

The cry of John the Baptist to us is also to come out of our hiding in the dark of our sins. Not that, God cannot see us when we are hiding in the dark, but it would mean that we are unwilling to be seen by Him, unwilling to be found by God, and unwilling to be forgiven. We never see what our lives are like until we see them in the light of Jesus. In this advent let us not hide ourselves, let us not pretend, and find no excuse for our wrongs,

Today's Gospel invites us also to take the role of John the Baptist. Like him, each one of us has a mission to reflect the light of Christ to others, to lead people from darkness to the true light, help people mend their lives. We are all called to be little moons, reflecting the light of Christ.

Have a great weekend!

A man buys a world map and a dart and takes them to his wife and says, 'you throw this dart at the map, and where the dart hits we shall go there after the lockdown for a two week holiday ...
And they end up spending two long weeks after the lockdown, behind their fridge.

