



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Second Sunday of Advent Year C

5 December 2021

PARISH PRIEST
Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

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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
Saturday 9.45am-10.10am
and 5.30pm—5.50pm

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

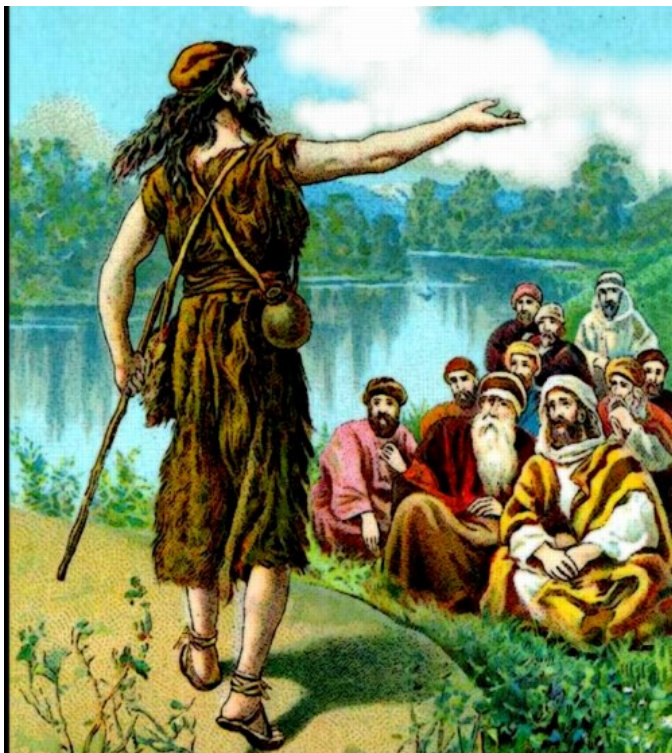
✉ office@santglen.catholic.edu.au
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OUR SICK: Vivien, Philomena Liew
(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested).

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barbara Brown

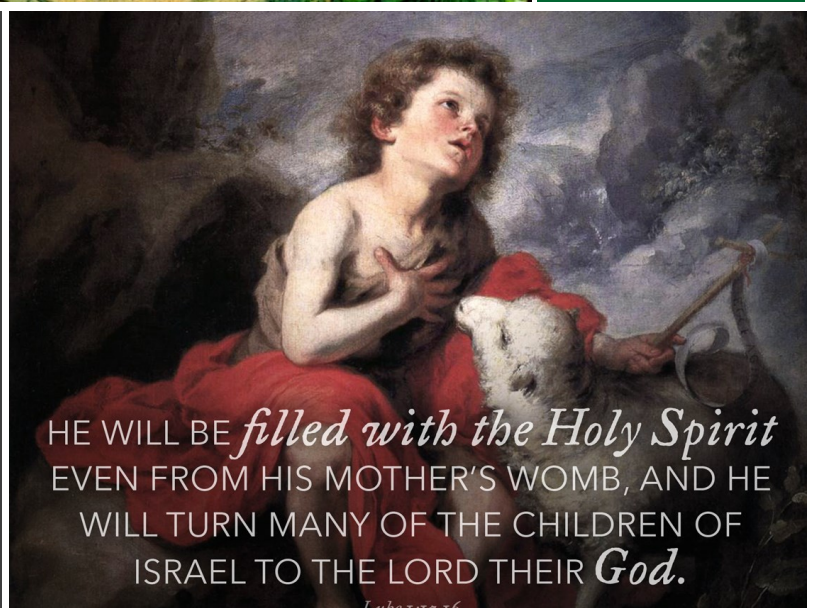
ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Richard Brumpton, Margaret Cuskelly

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



**He must increase,
and I must decrease.**

St. John the Baptist
Pray for us.



HE WILL BE *filled with the Holy Spirit*
EVEN FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB, AND HE
WILL TURN MANY OF THE CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL TO THE LORD THEIR *God.*

-Luke 1:35-16

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

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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

Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship	\$1,015
Presbytery Stewardship	\$ 545

Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT, Venue Hire, Donations & Maintenance Income: These will be reported once a month.

2022 Columbian Calendars

2022 Columbian Calendars now available at the Piety Stall—\$10 each.

Appeal for the Deaf

This Weekend 4 & 5 Dec. 2021

TV in working condition wanted

As a donation for a refugee. Donor, please contact the Parish Office.

Liturgy Roster—December 4-5

Sat. 6pm—N Mudalige

Sun. 9am—E Moraes & 11am—J Wong

Sun. 5pm—P Bates

Liturgy Roster—December 11-12

Sat. 6pm—J D'Souza

Sun. 9am—C Collins & 11am—L Korniad

Sun. 5pm—P Bates

Christmas Dinner

Don't forget to collect some **yellow** invitation and **green** helper forms from the porches after Mass. Christmas Dinner will be **takeaway meal** this year, from 12 noon on Christmas Day. All welcome.

Office Closure (24 Dec.—24 Jan.)

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from 24 December to 24 January (inclusive). Any urgent enquiries please ring the Parish Office 9401 6336. Messages will be checked frequently.

Plant Sale + Trash and Treasure Sale

The combined figure for the plant as well as trash and treasure was \$1,515.40.

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the sale.

Tony's Café

Tony's Café is making care packs for our guests. Donations of soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs or hair brushes, deodorant and other items. Leave your donations at the Parish House on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or bring them to the Parish Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, on Tuesday or Thursday. Thank you

Christmas pageant for children

Pageant Christmas Eve. Anyone with a child in Prep or Year 1 who would like their child to take part, contact Veronica Blair by email veronica.blair@cam.org.au This will be a COVID-safe pageant we are looking for a creative person who would be able to make a donkey. All offers will be considered.

Choir Practice for Christmas

Wednesdays 7.30pm in the Church. ALL WELCOME.

EFTPOS Terminals now at church Foyer for MAINTENANCE DONATIONS ONLY

The Pallottine Formation Team will run this program for us at St. Anthony's Church, Glen Huntly on the next 2 Tuesdays more at 7pm. All Welcome.

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS



In order to be compliant with the Safeguarding Requirements, all our Volunteers, Employees and Clergy, need to provide our Parish Office with their Signed copy of the Code of Conduct, Working With Children Check, Vaccination Certificate and for some Police Check as well.

“Mission Parishes”

On 22 May 2021, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli announced that the Melbourne Archdiocese would be undergoing a wholesale restructure - grouping Melbourne's 209 parishes into some 60 “Missions”. There were also follow up meetings.

The Archbishop has called this restructure “Take the Way of the Gospel”, which aims to:

- Form current parishes into “families of communities” called “Missions”.
- Base “Missions” on demographic and financial statistics to achieve “effective use of material and ministerial resources”.
- Ask parishes to identify potential Missions over the next 18 months, before moving towards a staged establishment of Missions over the next 3 to 5 years.

The Archbishop's aim is that the restructure will result in:

- Effectiveness in sharing the gospel;
- Vibrancy, vitality, viability of parishes; and
- Equitable sharing of resources.

We encourage you to visit the Archdiocesan website to learn more about the proposal: <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/mission>. The Archbishop says there is no fixed definition of what constitutes a Mission, and that it will depend on the needs of the faithful, and proper resourcing both material and financial. But it is envisaged that 5 or 6 parishes will be grouped together to be serviced by 2 or 3 priests who may/may not reside together.

To that end, St Anthony's Parish, Glen Huntly would form part of a “Mission” with a few other parishes in our area.

In our parish level we will be holding a meeting for parishioners in February 2022 to discuss the proposal and obtain feedback from parishioners.



ST ANTHONY'S GLEN HUNTLY CHRISTMAS DAY TAKEAWAY DINNER 2021

Christmas is a time when families come together to celebrate the Birth of Christ but this can sometimes be difficult, as we have recently seen, in 2020 and 2021

So this year, for our 29th 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 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 Road Carnegie on Tuesdays between 12.30 and 1.30 and on Thursdays between 3 and 5.30pm
- St Anthony's Parish House, 74 Grange Road, Glen Huntly in an envelope marked Christmas Dinner
- For more information please contact us on 9401 6336 or 0432 087 494 .



Appropriate COVID 19 safety measures will be in place.

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

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 until an hour ago the moon was so bright and beautiful and had dominated the sky through the night. Now it had lost its attraction and had been pushed into the background, unnoticeable and insignificant. But as the man looked at the pale, gloomy moon again, it occurred to him that it was the same moon, whose light had guided many people through the darkness of the night, safely home.



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. Sounds easy; but... John did justice to his role, paying a great price of his life.

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 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. Keep well, everyone. Fr. Leenus.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by GOD, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin....

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Mass at 9.15am.

Masses, when Vaccination status not asked.

**Mon. to Sat. 9.15am; and Sunday 5pm
Maximum number of attendees: 50 people.**

Masses, when Double Vaccination Proof asked.

**Saturday 6pm; Sunday 9am & 11am.
Mask to be worn if more than 130 people.**

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
No more Via Zoom, but in person in church all
Wednesdays at 6.40pm.**