



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Third Sunday of Advent Year A

11 December 2022

PARISH PRIEST
Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

PARISH STAFF
Shobha Thomas
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**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

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OUR SICK: J Castellino, Rosalba Germano
(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested)

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Giovanna (Nina) Torre, Ernesto Montealegre Jr

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



GAUDETE SUNDAY



Rejoice Sunday

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near

Today's Readings

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

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come and save us

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship \$1,079
Presbytery Stewardship \$ 827
Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT, Venue Hire, Donations & Maintenance Income will be reported once a month

Sacre Coeur Prayer Group

Sacre Coeur prayer group will recommence around the end of January. Will keep you posted.



St Vincent de Paul Sausage Sizzle

This Saturday and Sunday, outside Coles Bentleigh to raise money for Christmas Hampers. Help in anyway you can,

Tony's Café

Tony's Café will be closing on Thursday 15 December 2022 in preparation for the Christmas Dinner on Sunday 25 December 2022 and reopen on Thursday 2 February 2023.

We thank all who have been coming to Tony's Café over the past year, it has been a joy to cook, serve and get to know you.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in February 2023.

Repairs to the Parish Hall

We are happy to let everyone know that the long awaited major repairs to our Parish Hall are well underway. The timebound works are getting completed soon. Other works will continue into the New Year. Thank you everyone for your role! Will keep you updated!

Liturgy Roster Dec 10-11

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	S Pflieger	L Pereira	TBA
Sun 9am	C Collins	Y Jo-Sumarna	T Ho
Sun 11am	K O'Sullivan	L Kornadi	J Ferguson
Sun 5pm	J Kirkham	E Sebastian	TBA

Liturgy Roster Dec 17-18

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	P Bates	L Pereira	TBA
Sun 9am	Y Jo-Sumarna	C Collins	B Meneaud
Sun 11am	L Kornadi	C Hampson	A Francis
Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	TBA



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.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Prep and Year 1 children are invited to take part in a little play at the family Mass this year. Please contact Veronica Blair at veronica.blair@cam.org.au

St Anthony's School Carols Night

Monday 12 December at 6pm at the School ground.
All welcome.

School Year Ending Mass

Friday 16 December at 9.15am. All Welcome.

WYD Meeting

Thursday 15 December at 8pm in the Church.
Youth, parents and leaders Welcome.

Christmas and New Year Time Table

Copies available in the foyer.
Please take copies for family and friends

Columban Calendars 2023

More Columban calendars have been ordered and are expected end of next week.
Please place your name and contact no. on the clip board provided in the foyer.
Cost \$10 each.

**CHILDREN MUST
HAVE ADULT
SUPERVISION**



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!





Christmas Timetable 2022

St. Anthony's Church, Glen Huntly

For updates visit our website: pol.org.au/glenhuntly



2nd Rite of Reconciliation Monday 19 December 7pm

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24 December

Vigil Mass	Carols 6.15pm, Mass 6.30pm
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Midnight Mass	Carols 11.45pm, Mass 12am
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Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December

Mass	9am
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Carols & Mass	11am
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No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Eve - Saturday 31 December

Mass	6pm & 11pm
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New Year's Day - Sunday 1 January

Mass	9am, 11am & 5pm
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Happy Christmas & Blessings in the New Year

2nd rite of Reconciliation



Monday 19 Dec. 7pm.

5 or more Priests are expected to help us with Confessions.

Please, make the best of the opportunity.

Christmas Choir



We are looking for more voices and instruments. If you would like to play/sing we'd love to see you for practice in the church on

Wed. evening at 7.30pm. Welcome all!

Care Packs for Tony's Café



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

Stars in the church



Make your own stars to welcome Jesus. Hang them on the walls inside the Church with Blu-Tac.

Missing Someone Special?

Write their name on the tags provided. Hang the tag on the Christmas tree. They will be with us in spirit.



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

Advent 3A, Rejoice, Be Patient

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus.



Among the four Sundays of Advent the 3rd Sunday is a special one. It is called “*Gaudete* Sunday.” *Gaudete* is a Latin word meaning “rejoice.”

Christmas is not too far away; therefore the Church invites us to rejoice in anticipation of the expected Saviour. It is true that we are still in the penitential season of Advent. Yet, having passed the midpoint of Advent the Church thinks it is fitting to rejoice in *anticipation*. And for this reason, the third candle of the Advent Wreath is rose or pink coloured one, while the other three candles are purple. In today’s first reading, Prophet Isaiah speaks of the days of rejoicing.



And in today’s second reading St. James speaks of patience. Patience is one of the most valuable virtues and patience is viewed as the work of the Holy Ghost. It is one of the seven virtues, alongside with chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, kindness, and humility.

Our modern-world does not give much importance to patience. We live in an age of fast food, ready-made dress, microwaves, the Supersonic Concorde jet, pizza delivery in 20 minutes or less, and express lanes. Therefore we become impatient with anything that is slow. Queuing up at a counter, waiting for a doctor’s appointment, slow service at a restaurant and slow drivers in fast track etc are difficult to tolerate because we lack patience.

Patience as we know is “The ability to endure hardships and inconvenience without complaint.” In fact we learn to be patient only when we are faced with inconveniences and difficulties. Very many people prove to be impatient in such hard situations. St. James encourages us to be patient with God, too. After all God is extremely patient with us. He says be patient until God chooses the right time to intervene in our troubles.

Being patient with God or waiting on God does not mean that we do nothing on our part. It is not waiting in idleness. Waiting on God involves two aspects: 1) entrusting ourselves and our situations into God’s hands; crying out to God, letting him know that we’re perplexed, needy, confused. 2) Continuing to do our best, at the same time letting God do his part.

We all believe that God desires our welfare. He wants us to be happy. But sometimes he’ll put us into a waiting period: We need to wait for his intervention, wait for his blessing of good health or success or peace. During this period of patiently waiting, we get totally focused on God. It is in this time of patiently waiting that we learn to depend on God, learn to trust in him and come closer to him.

Thus during this time of patience we’ll have gained something of infinitely more worth, than good health or success or trouble-free life or whatever may have been wanting. But instead, during the time of waiting if we grow impatient with God and take upon ourselves what once we had entrusted with him and we mistrust him then we end up more confused and make the matters worse. Impatience spoils everything. Waiting on God will always bring us blessing.

Keep well, everyone!

Fred’s mother was on the telephone to the boy’s dentist. “I don’t understand it,” she complained, “I thought his treatment would only cost me \$20, but you’ve charged me \$80.”

“It is usually \$20, ma’am,” agreed the dentist, “but Fred yelled so loudly that three of my other patients ran away!”

