



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Third Sunday of Advent Year B

13 December 2020

WEEKEND MASS

- There are 2 Masses each Sunday: 9am and 10.30am commencing Sunday 6 December
- Please register on arrival by QR or name & telephone number at Neerim Rd entry only
- Register your attendance: trybooking.com/BNHOE or phone Shanelle 0405 014 902. Registrations close Friday 7pm. Please share this news with neighbours who do not have email
- Attendance is capped at 150 persons
- Parish Stewardship can be handed in at registration
- BYO face mask, hand sanitizer
- Please do not allow children to use playground equipment
- Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral: Sunday 11am C31

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Thursday 24 December 6pm, 7.30pm
Friday 25 December 9am, 10.30am
New Year's Day Friday 1 January 11am Mass
Register at trybooking.com/BNHOM.
Capacity 150 persons per Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 19 December 11am
Sunday 20 December 2pm

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Advice about this year's Christmas Day Take Away Dinner and registration forms is provided in the email attachment to today's newsletter. Yellow and green forms available at church doors and Parish House.

TONY'S CAFÉ

- Tony's Café closes on Thursday 17 December 2020
- Tony's Café 2021 Tuesdays 12.30—1.30pm January 5, 12, 19, 26, (takeaway meal and food parcel)

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH OFFICE

- The Parish Office is open Thursdays 10am—2pm
- The Parish Office will close on Thursday 17 December 2020
- The Parish Office re-opens on Thursday 14 January 2021

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to all who support St Anthony's with regular Stewardship. We continue to rely on the generous support of St Anthony's parishioners in Parish Stewardship. Support for our priests and bishops ("Presbytery") can also be given electronically or placed in the Parish House letterbox. Please remember to use your Stewardship Envelope, or include your name and Stewardship number with all donations to St Anthony's Parish and Presbytery. This helps us to keep a record of giving for acknowledgement.

Priests appreciate the extra support we receive in the Christmas offering. The envelope in the Stewardship series can be placed in the Sunday collection or dropped into the letterbox at St Anthony's Parish House, or to St Anthony's Presbytery account.

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH ACCOUNT

Bank: NAB
Account Name: St Anthony's Church
BSB: 083 347
Account: 657 570 315
Description: Stewardship Number or Full Name

ST ANTHONY'S PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

Bank: NAB
Account Name: St Anthony's Presbytery
BSB: 083 347
Account: 657 570 286
Description: Stewardship Number or Full Name

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE NOVEMBER

St Anthony's Altar Society <i>candles</i>	\$ 210
Gardens & Grounds	\$ 360
CCI Insurance Instalment 2	\$2,952
AGL Electricity	\$ 135
Red Energy Gas	\$ 218
<i>Tony's Café Gas</i>	\$ 267
South East Water	\$ 26
Glen Eira Council Rates <i>St Anthony's Hall</i>	\$1,189
Rentokil Pest Control	\$ 529

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Gregory Pritchard

PARISH SECRETARY

Shobha Thomas

ST ANTHONY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contact Veronica Blair for materials & details : veronica.blair@cam.org.au

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

PARISH ACCOUNTANT

Bernard Negline

PARISH FINANCE OFFICER

Sue Leong

PARISH OFFICE

Thursday 10am—2pm

TONY'S CAFÉ TEL: 0432 087 494

Tuesdays: 12.30-1.30pm

Thursdays: 3-5.30pm

Saturdays: 12.30-1.30pm

FATIMA CENTRE

205 Poath Rd, Murrumbeena 9569 9653
12 noon Mass Monday—Friday

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*

3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

***He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone
might believe through him.***

***He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.***

John 1:6-8

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.

Compendium n102

General Intercessions

John the Baptist came as witness to speak for the light, a voice crying in the wilderness. As we prepare for the coming of that light, we ask the Father to hear our prayers.

1. That each member of the Church on earth may be watchful and ready for Christ's coming.
2. That the leaders of nations may grant liberty to people who have been unjustly imprisoned.
3. That the poor and downhearted may hear the Good News and know the kindness of active Christians.
4. That we may hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.
5. That the sick will experience the Lord's healing and comfort.
6. That those who have died may find rest in peace:

Hugo & Isobel Holmes, Michael & Neiliya Young, Maryse Young, Gertrude Spiteri Staines

Almighty Father, your mercy is from age to age; you fill the starving with good things. Thus encouraged, we pray in confidence, through Christ our Lord.

Blessing of the Family Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,

bless our family and all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All may sing a favourite Christmas carol

Pope Francis

With what emotion should we arrange the mountains, streams, sheep and shepherds in the nativity scene! As we do so, we are reminded that, as the prophets had foretold, all creation rejoices in the coming of the Messiah. The angels and the guiding star are a sign that we too are called to set out for the cave and to worship the Lord.

*"Let us go over to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has happened,
which the Lord has made known to us" (Lk 2:15).*

So the shepherds tell one another after the proclamation of the angels. A beautiful lesson emerges from these simple words. Unlike so many other people, busy about many things, the shepherds become the first to see the most essential thing of all: the gift of salvation. It is the humble and the poor who greet the event of the Incarnation. The shepherds respond to God who comes to meet us in the Infant Jesus by setting out to meet him with love, gratitude and awe. Thanks to Jesus, this encounter between God and his children gives birth to our religion and accounts for its unique beauty, so wonderfully evident in the nativity scene.

It is customary to add many symbolic figures to our nativity scenes. First, there are the beggars and the others who know only the wealth of the heart. They too have every right to draw near to the Infant Jesus; no one can evict them or send them away from a crib so makeshift that the poor seem entirely at home. Indeed, the poor are a privileged part of this mystery; often they are the first to recognize God's presence in our midst.

The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, "gentle and humble in heart" (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly.

The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod's palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.

Children – but adults too! – often love to add to the nativity scene other figures that have no apparent connection with the Gospel accounts. Yet, each in its own way, these fanciful additions show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human and for all God's creatures. From the shepherd to the blacksmith, from the baker to the musicians, from the women carrying jugs of water to the children at play: all this speaks of the everyday holiness, the joy of doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way, born whenever Jesus shares his divine life with us.