



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year B

17 December 2023

PARISH PRIEST

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Fr Patrick Jackson SAC
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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 to Saturday:
Holy Rosary at 8.50am
followed by Mass at 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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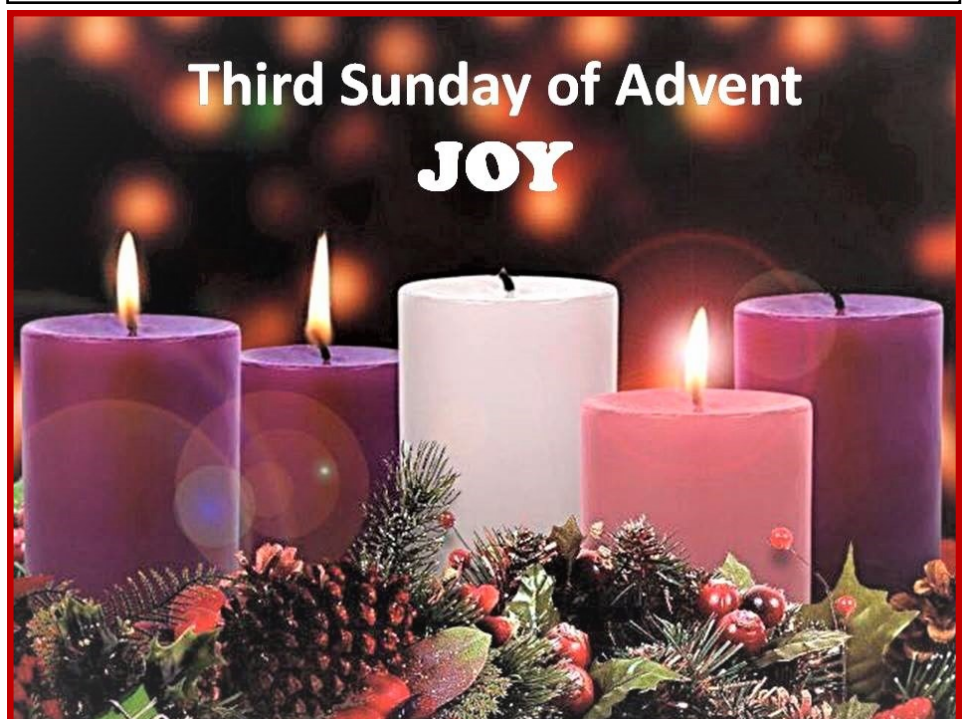
OUR SICK: Chrishanthi Pereira, Gemma Lui, Remedios Patawaran, Sonya Delizo, Bev Chandler

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alexander Tjung Achmad Chairul

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Angelo Bicchieri, Marge & Bob Emmerson,

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY ON OUR EMAIL LIST AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR FREE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:
WWW.MELBCATHOLIC.ORG/S/SUBSCRIPTION?ID=0012W00000LOJ5DAAT&REQ=SUBSCRIBE



Mass times for 4th Sunday of Advent 24th December 2023

Please note !

Mass times at all our 3 parishes
for next Sunday, 24th December

will be at the usual times,

except for the 5pm Mass at St Anthony's, which is cancelled because of Christmas Carols at 6.10pm and Vigil Mass at 6.30pm.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The safety and wellbeing of all persons is our priority. Any feedback in relation to St Anthony's policies & practices for keeping children safe, please email:
glenhuntly@cam.org.au.

For more 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 61:1-2. 10-11; Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10; 1Thess 5:16-24; Jn1:6-8. 19-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God

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

2Sam 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16; Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship	\$ 1,205
Presbytery Stewardship	\$ 737
Melbourne Overseas Mission	\$ 615

*Please do not leave money in the Parish Letter Boxes.
Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT, Venue Hire, Donations & Maintenance Income will be reported once a month*



Advent Scripture Reflection

The forth and final session of the Advent Scripture reflection conducted by Fr Pat and Team will be held this Monday. All Welcome!

Thinking of Someone Special?

Write their names on the tags provided. Hang the tag on the Christmas tree at the Lectern in church. They will be with us in spirit.



Musicians/Singers wanted for Christmas Masses

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 Wednesday evenings at 7.30p.

Christmas and New Year Timetable

Copies of our Christmas and New Year Timetable for St Anthony's, Holy Cross and St Joseph's parishes are available in the church foyer. Please take copies for family and friends.

Liturgy Roster Dec 16-17

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	P Bates	S Pfleger	J Aranha
Sun 9am	Y Jo-Sumarna	C Collins	R Meneaud
Sun 11am	J Wong	L Shelton	TBC
Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	N/A

Christmas / New Year Liturgy Roster 2023

	Mass	Reader	Commentator	Data Projector	Sp Minister
Sat 23 Dec	6pm	S Pfleger	L Pereira	L Pereira	R Aranha
Sun 24 Dec	9am	Y Jo-Sumarna	C Collins	K Dwyer	B Meneaud
	11am	P Bates	V Blair	Sagarika	T Ho
	6.30p	J Wong	N/A	N/A	J Ferguson
	Vigil	K Campitelli	N/A	N/A	T Kunjan
	12am	L Shelton	N/A	N/A	K Campitelli
	Midnight	J Wong			
Mon 25 Dec	9am	P Rashad	Y Jo-Sumarna	K Dwyer	R Meneaud
	11am	L Nguyen	S Pfleger	G Merl	T Ho
Sat 30 Dec	6pm	P Bates	L Pereira	L Pereira	R Aranha
Sun 31 Dec	9am	C Collins	Y Jo-Sumarna	K Dwyer	B Meneaud
	11am	L Nguyen	C Collins	C Collins	T Ho
	5pm	L Sils	L Shelton	E Sebastian	N/A
	11pm	N Mudalige	N/A	N/A	T Ho
Mon 1 Jan	9.15am	L Shelton	N/A	N/A	N/A

Christmas Eve Pageant

Prep and Year 1 children are invited to take part in a little play at the Vigil Mass (Carols 6.10pm, Mass 6.30pm). Please contact Veronica Blair to register: veronica.blair@cam.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hampers



St Vincent de Paul Society, Glenhuntly Conference thanks everyone who helped with completing the Christmas Hampers!

Youth Social Gathering

As decided at the Youth Meeting on 12th December, we will be having a informal youth gathering on Sunday, 7th January 2024 from 12:30pm - 3:30pm at the premises of St Joseph's Presbytery. All young people of Secondary School age to 25 years are welcome. Those interested in mentoring and helping the youth are welcome too. The event will include prayer, a light lunch and some games.

This will be a supervised event. Please email your RSVP to our Parish Offices by Sunday, 31st December 2023 for catering purposes.

Tony's Café: Tony's Café re-opens on Tuesday 6 Feb 2024.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the faithful and dedicated volunteers!



Carols by Candlelight

It was a memorable evening and a wonderful musical experience for all who attended the 'Carols by Candlelight' program on Sunday, 10th December at St Anthony's School Hall (Padua Pavilion). We had so many talented performers for the evening and everyone enjoyed the generous plates that were brought along to share. Thank you to the St Anthony's band for providing the backing music and to the organizing committee for a job well done! A big thank you to the participants and all!



First/Second Rite of Reconciliation

All are encouraged to make use of the special opportunity to reconcile with God and one another before Christmas!

2nd Rite: *St Anthony's Church*, Tuesday, 19 December at 7pm,

1st Rite: *St Joseph's Church*, Saturday, 23 December 5.30pm.to 6.20pm.

Christmas Timetable 2023

St Anthony's, Holy Cross & St Joseph's Parishes

Reconciliation

St Anthony's (2nd Rite)	Tuesday 19 December 7.00pm
St Joseph's (1st Rite)	Saturday 23 December 5.30pm

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December

St Joseph's	Carols 6.00pm, Mass 6.30pm
St Anthony's	Carols 6.10pm, Mass 6.30pm
Holy Cross	Carols 8.30pm, Mass 9.00pm

Christmas Midnight, Sunday 24 December

St Anthony's	Carols 11.40pm, Mass 12.00am
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Christmas Day, Monday 25 December

Holy Cross	9.00am
St Anthony's	9.00am, 11.00am
St Joseph's	10.30am

New Year's Eve, Sunday 31 December

St Anthony's	11.00pm
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New Year's Day, Monday 1 January

Holy Cross	9.00am
St Anthony's	9.15am
St Joseph's	10.30am

St Anthony's, Glen Huntly: Cnr Neerim & Grange Road
St Joseph's, Elsterwick: 71 Orrong Road
Holy Cross, Caulfield South: 707 Glen Huntly Road

Youth Meeting of our Parishes A Short Report



15 enthusiastic young individuals and interested adults gathered on Tuesday 12th December at Holy Cross Parish Hall evening with a common goal - to initiate a dynamic youth group spanning across our three parishes.

Emma Bakker, the Youth Discipleship Specialist from the Archdiocese Proclaim Office, attended as the resource person and offered ongoing support.

We delved into the aspirations of our youth, pondering the purpose of the youth group we envision. We agreed upon a mission: to cultivate a nurturing environment for young people, to build deeper connection and celebrate and grow in their faith.

Our discussion also highlighted the remarkable contributions of our youth within the parishes already.

We dedicated time to strategies on vital aspects like safeguarding and creating avenues for mentorship and leadership development.

Looking ahead, we've set plans in motion: a social gathering slated for January, paving the way for a structured youth group launch in February, focusing on discipleship and building connection.

Excitement brims as we anticipate the forthcoming journey of fostering a vibrant community among our youth.

Stars in the Church

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



St Anthony's Glen Huntly Christmas Day Takeaway Dinner 2023

Christmas is a time when families come together to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Sometimes this can be difficult, especially due to a rise in COVID cases.



As a result, we will be offering a traditional Christmas Day **TAKEAWAY** Dinner, available for collection at St Anthony's Hall between 12pm 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 can be left at

St Anthony's Parish House: 74 Grange Rd, Glen Huntly
(in an envelope marked *Christmas Dinner*).

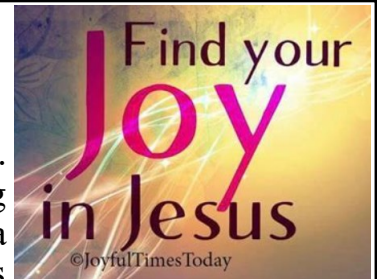
For more information please contact us on 9401 6336 or 0432 087 494



3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Among the four Sundays of Advent Season the 3rd is a special one. It's called the "Gaudete Sunday." *Gaudete* is a Latin word meaning "rejoice." So, this is "Rejoice Sunday". It's true that Christmas is a week away, and we are still preparing for it. Yet, the Church thinks it's fitting for us to rejoice in anticipation.



To "rejoice always" is an advice taken from today's second reading. It is almost a command and an obligation to rejoice. We are asked to rejoice at all times and in all circumstances, not only when things are going well with us. At the same time, we know that it's very hard to rejoice in times of hardships, pain and sorrow. There are many things in life that weigh us down; is it possible to rejoice then? Even it sounds absurd. We have the example of St. Paul himself who wrote about rejoicing, at a time when he was in prison cell, because, joy is not the absence of hardships or pain, nor is it a feeling or an emotion. Joy is the outcome of hope. We rejoice in hope.

Leo Buscaglia, a writer tells us about an incident. One day his father came home crying and said that he had lost all his money because his business partner had cheated him and run away with all their savings. Hearing this, the author's mother went to the town, sold her expensive jewellery, and bought food for a sumptuous meal for the family. People criticized her for reckless spending at a time of hardship, misery and pain. But she replied "the time for rejoicing is now, when we need it most." Her courageous act gave the family the hope they needed to face the future with confidence and to trust that God is in control. "Rejoicing in the Lord" does not mean being insensitive to the harsh realities of life; nor should it mean that the dark realities of life keep us away from the joy of the Lord.

The stern call of John the Baptist to 'repentance' does not seem to suit this Rejoice Sunday. But believe it or not, John the Baptist is the patron saint of spiritual joy. After all, he is the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb at the presence of Jesus; and it was with great joy that he announced the coming of Christ. Life may be terrible and depressing, but we are to look beyond it and look forward to Jesus' coming. True joy is rooted in Him. He comes to give a new meaning to all our burdensome lives!

Count it all Joy!

Parish Events	Where	When
Choir Practice	St Anthony's Church	On Wednesdays at 7.30pm
Sunday School	Parish House/The Glen 74 Grange Rd, Carnegie	School Term. Date for 2024 to be confirmed.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church & School	School Term, every Sunday at 11am Mass
Improve or Learn English	Parish Hall (164 Neerim Rd)	Every Tuesday 10.30am—12.30pm
St Anthony's Playgroup	St Anthony's School	School Term, every Wednesday 9—10.30am
St Anthony's School Enrolments	St Anthony's School	Contact 9563 6780
Tony's Café	Parish Hall (164 Neerim Rd)	Take away meals only Finishes 14 Dec 2023 & resumes 6 Feb 2024
Al-Anon	The Glen (behind Parish House)	Tuesdays 7—9.30pm
Legion of Mary	St Anthony's Church	Every Friday after 9.15am Mass
St Vincent de Paul	The Glen (behind Parish House)	Finishes 15 Dec 2023 & resumes 15 Jan 2024
Sacre Coeur Prayer Group	The Glen (behind Parish House)	Finishes 15 Dec 2023 & resumes 2 Feb 2024
Baptism Preparation	St Anthony's Church	Every 2nd Friday of the month at 7pm. Email/Contact the Parish Office



The teacher asks the class what they will be after they finish school.
Little Johnny answers, "an old man."

