



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

19 December 2021

PARISH PRIEST
Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

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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
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
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OUR SICK: Vivien, Philomena Liew, John Leonard, Claire & Bryan Rashad
(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested).

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Marge Emmerson, Halina McCosh, Jan Mullen

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



**2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Monday, 20th Dec. 2021 at 7pm.
St. Anthony's Church, Glen Huntly.**

There will be at least 4 priests available then.
Please come on time and be part of the preparatory
session followed by Individual Confessions.

Welcome one and all

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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Today's Readings

Mi 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Christmas Readings

Is. 9:1-7, Titus. 2:11-14, Lk.2:1-14.

Next Sunday's Readings (Holy Family)

Sir 3:2-6. 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Income

Church Stewardship	\$ 1,150
Presbytery Stewardship	\$ 725

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

Liturgy Roster—December 18-19

Sat. 6pm—L Pereira

Sun. 9am—M Dwyer & 11am—K Campitelli

Sun. 5pm—P Bates

Office Closure (24 Dec.—24 Jan.)

The Parish Office will be closed from 24 December to 24 January (inclusive). For urgent enquiries please ring the Parish Office. Messages checked frequently.

Christmas Day Dinner

Requests for takeaway Christmas Dinners are still increasing and the number currently stands at 244. Baked potatoes & pumpkin would be gratefully accepted. Hall set up this Sunday, 19th December, after 11 am Mass. All welcome to come and lend a hand.

Thank you to all Volunteers.

The Parish is immensely grateful to all our volunteers in various ministries and activities of our Parish. May God bless and reward you for your selfless and untiring service

Stars in the church

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

2022 Columban Calendars

Now available at our Piety Stall—\$10 each.
There are also other piety items available.

Christmas Liturgy Roster 2021

Fri 24 Dec

Family Mass: 6.30pm	Reader & Commentator Special Minister	L Pereira K Campitelli + C Hampson
Vigil Mass: 9.30pm	Reader & Commentator	TBC
12am (Midnight)	Reader & Commentator Special Minister	J Wong P Bates

Sat 25 Dec

9am	Reader & Commentator	E Morais
11am	Reader & Commentator Special Minister	P Bates + M Anthony A Francis + T Ho

Sun 26 Dec

9am	Reader & Commentator	Y Jo-Sumarna
11am	Reader & Commentator Special Minister	L Kornidi J Ferguson
5pm	Reader & Commentator	E Sebastian

Fri 31 Dec

11pm	Reader & Commentator	N Mudalige
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Sat 1 Jan

6pm	Reader & Commentator	J D'Souza
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Sun 2 Jan

9am	Reader & Commentator	E Moraes
11am	Reader & Commentator	J Wong
5pm	Reader & Commentator	E Sebastian



Christmas Timetable 2021

St. Anthony's, Glen Huntly.



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

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CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Friday 24th Dec.	Family Mass	Carols 6.10pm, Mass 6.30pm
	Vigil Mass	Carols 9.10pm, Mass 9.30pm
	Midnight Mass	Carols 11.40pm, Mass 12am

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday 25th Dec.	1st Mass	Carols 8.40am, Mass 9am
	2nd Mass	Carols 10.40am, Mass 11am
	Sat. Vigil Mass	Nil

NEW YEAR VIGIL

Friday 31st Dec.	Solemnity of Mother of God	Mass 11pm
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NEW YEAR DAY

Saturday 1st Jan.	Solemnity of Mother of God	Mass 9.15am
	Sat. Vigil	Mass 6pm

4th Sunday of Advent, Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus.

We are in the fourth Week of Advent; and the last candle of the Advent wreath is lit already. In a few days' time we will be celebrating the great event of the Birth of Our Lord. On this fourth Sunday of Advent we shall reflect on Mother Mary and her role in giving us the Saviour.

Today's Gospel passage is about the visit of Mary to her older cousin Elizabeth. This visit took place a short time after the Annunciation. By annunciation, the status of Mary was raised as the Mother of God. But the question of her status never comes in her way of service. Mary understands perfectly well that the gift she received from God is a privilege; a privilege which leads her to serve others. She is too humble even to think of her new status.

So, what strikes us most about her visit to Elizabeth is her loving concern for people in need. In order to help Elizabeth, Mary goes walking a very long way. She takes trouble in helping. Help was not requested of Mary and nor was it expected of her. Yet she volunteers. Her help is not limited to words; rather she is deeply and personally involved in giving help. Her help is not limited to a few days only, but for three months she stayed with Elizabeth to help her.

Mary's help was not limited to Elizabeth alone. By having said "yes" to the plan of God she had already extended her help to the whole humanity, without counting the cost. Her service to the humanity is not limited by time. She is ever helpful. She is called, the mother of perpetual help. Any time anyone can avail of her help and for any good intention. Her visit to Elizabeth was only a beginning and an example.

Her visit to Elizabeth brought about spiritual benefits as well as temporal. When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, Elizabeth and the little John in her womb were filled with the Holy Spirit. The voice of Mary becomes instrumental for the Holy Spirit to sanctify Elizabeth and her son John.

Now in turn it is the voice of Elizabeth that becomes instrumental for the Holy Spirit to glorify Mary. Elizabeth's entire discourse is a glorification of Mary. Elizabeth calls her "Blessed", "Blessed are you among women. But the glory of Mary is not her own. No, it belongs to God himself! Mary is never honoured apart from her Divine Son. Elizabeth's words are, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Mary is glorified because of her Son, Jesus.

Elizabeth recognises in her younger cousin not any more a village girl but the Mother of God, implicitly affirming that the child within Mary is God himself. Therefore, Elizabeth feels unworthy to be visited by Mary and her Son. That is why she cries out "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the Mother of my Lord?"

By letting Mary into our lives we will bring true meaning to our Christmas celebration. Jesus is sure to come along with her and then we will experience the real joy of Christmas.

Hi everyone, Please remember to come for the 2nd rite of Reconciliation this Monday, 20th Dec. at 7pm.

Prep and Year 1 Christmas Pageant.

A pageant is a little play with no speaking parts. At St Anthony's we have had a pageant at the Family Mass for more than 30 years. Any children in the age group can take part this year, as last year's Prep class missed out. Costumes are provided and COVID-safe measures will be in place. Please contact Veronica Blair via the Parish Office or at veronica.blair@cam.org.au (We are still looking for a donkey!!!)

Tony's Café Holidays

Last Thursday we served our last formal meals for the year and distributed bags of toiletries. Many thanks to those who donated items for these. We have been offered a good quantity of frozen meals and will distribute these on Tuesday 21st December between 12 noon and 12.45 at the hall.

Christmas Choir Practice

Every Wednesday at 7.30 in the church. All singers and instrumentalists welcome. Any parents of school age children who would like to form part of the choir please contact veronica.blair@cam.org.au to arrange a day-time practice.

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.