



# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B

20 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](http://trybooking.com/BNHOE) or TEXT 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](http://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. Remember to 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

### THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to the following parishioners:

- Generous members of St Anthony's Parish Stewardship
- Gardens and grounds: Phyllis Spotkaeff, Kerry & Irena Morrison
- Parish banking: Chris Arendtsz
- Sunday Mass registration: Shanelle D'Mello
- Sunday Mass Readers: Meena Anthony
- St Anthony's Music Ministry
- Tony's Café committee, volunteers and supporters
- Ray White Real Estate Carnegie

### CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Archbishop Comensoli has announced these appointments of clergy:  
Glenhuntly-Caulfield: Rev Leenus Neetany SAC 31/12/2020  
Murrumbeena-Ormond: Rev Siby John SAC 2/12/2020  
Reservoir-Reservoir East: Rev Gregory Pritchard 31/12/2020

#### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://cam.org.au/Commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people)*

# 4th Sunday of Advent Year B

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

## General Intercessions

If “nothing is impossible to God,” with confidence we can make our prayers for this world, through the powerful intercession of Mary, model of faith and hope.

- 1 For the pastors and people of the universal community of faith.
2. For the nations where political ideologies restrict religious freedom.
3. For people overwhelmed with problems who no longer believe that the Good News can be for them.
4. For the grace of perfect trust in God, like the Virgin of Nazareth
5. For the sick and those who care for them.
6. For all the departed who await the reign of Christ that will have no end:  
Halina McCosh, Marge Emmerson, Gwen & Christine O’Sullivan....

God our Father, as Christmas draws near, we bring these prayers before you, assisted by blessed Mary, ever-virgin, your faithful handmaid, the Mother of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## Family Devotion at the Nativity Scene

Come,  
Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
teach us to walk in the paths of knowledge!

Come,  
Leader of ancient Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
rescue us with your mighty power!

Come,  
Flower of Jesse’s stem,  
sign of God’s love for all his people:  
save us without delay!

Come, Key of David,  
opening the gates of God’s eternal kingdom:  
free the prisoners of darkness!

Come, Radiant Dawn,  
splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:  
shine on those lost in the darkness of death!

Come, King of all nations,  
source of your Church’s unity and faith:  
save all people, your own creation!

Come, Emmanuel,  
God’s presence among us, our King, our Judge:  
save us, Lord our God!

*All may sing a favourite Christmas carol*

## Pope Francis

When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all.

The birth of a child awakens joy and wonder; it sets before us the great mystery of life. Seeing the bright eyes of a young couple gazing at their newborn child, we can understand the feelings of Mary and Joseph who, as they looked at the Infant Jesus, sensed God’s presence in their lives.

“Life was made manifest” (1 Jn 1:2). In these words, the Apostle John sums up the mystery of the Incarnation. The crèche allows us to see and touch this unique and unparalleled event that changed the course of history, so that time would thereafter be reckoned either before or after the birth of Christ.

God’s ways are astonishing, for it seems impossible that he should forsake his glory to become a man like us. To our astonishment, we see God acting exactly as we do: he sleeps, takes milk from his mother, cries and plays like every other child! As always, God baffles us. He is unpredictable, constantly doing what we least expect. The nativity scene shows God as he came into our world, but it also makes us reflect on how our life is part of God’s own life. It invites us to become his disciples if we want to attain ultimate meaning in life.

As the feast of Epiphany approaches, we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crèche. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These costly gifts have an allegorical meaning: gold honours Jesus’ kingship, incense his divinity, myrrh his sacred humanity that was to experience death and burial.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God’s love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone

Standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up. These memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us. At the same time, they remind us of our duty to share this same experience with our children and our grandchildren. It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged: it can always be the same or it can change from year to year. What matters is that it speaks to our lives. Wherever it is, and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman and child, regardless of their condition.