



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B

24 December 2023

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

IN RESIDENCE

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

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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: Ramona Pelly

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Tom Tesoriero, Pat Thompson, Matthew Kelleher

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 27 December to Friday 29 December 2023. The office will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

For urgent matters during this time, please email the Parish Office: glenhuntly@cam.org.au.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Please note !

Mass times at all our 3 parishes for 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

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

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sir 3:2-6. 12-14; Ps 104:1-6. 8-9; Col 3:12-21;
Lk 2:22-40

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship \$1,455
Presbytery Stewardship \$ 947

Please do not leave money in the Parish Letter Boxes.

November 2023 EFT and Credit Card Collections

Church Stewardship \$2,859
Presbytery Stewardship \$1,165

November 2023 Income and Expense

Income

Candles & Memorial Plaques \$ 390
Donations \$ 100
Grant from Archdiocese (for Presbytery Kitchen) \$24,000
Maintenance Collections \$ 1,105
Rental Income \$ 7,180
Service Fees \$ 400
Thanksgiving Income \$ 9,291
Total Income \$42,466

Expense

Archdiocesan Levy \$ 3,030
Administration \$ 6,449
Books & Publications \$ 1,306
Candles, Flowers & Altar Wines \$ 625
Cleaning \$ 2,530
Council Rates \$ 1,392
Electricity, Gas, Water \$ 838
Gardening \$ 360
Miscellaneous Expenses \$ 448
Motor Vehicle Expenses \$ 123
Printing, Postage & Stationery \$ 344
Repairs and Maintenance \$ 2,769
Security \$ 125
Subscriptions \$ 44
Telecommunications \$ 56
Total Expenses \$20,439
Net Surplus \$22,027

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.

Christmas / New Year Liturgy Roster 2023

	Mass	Reader	Commentator	Data Projector	Sp Minister
Sat 23 Dec	6pm	S Pflieger	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 Vigil	J Wong K Campitelli	N/A	N/A	J Ferguson T Kunjan
	12am Midnight	L Shelton J Wong	N/A	N/A	K Campitelli
Mon 25 Dec	9am	P Rashad	Y Jo-Sumarna	K Dwyer	R Meneaud
	11am	L Nguyen	S Pflieger	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 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

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

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

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 your family and friends.

Stars in the Church

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

Christmas message from Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Dear friends, we hear these words from the ancient prophet Isaiah (52:7):

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation ... These are beautiful words—old words, first spoken in old days, yet so sorely needed in our day!

Amid this time of conflict, suffering and exile, Isaiah speaks to us words of peace and the good news about the Prince of Peace. Our hearts ache for reconciliation of peoples; respect for our shared humanity; care for our crying planet. Our world and its people seem to be groaning and railing against pathways to true peace. Yet we experience the hope of God through simple words of joy, mercy and peace. The shepherds experienced this. So did the Magi. Mary and Joseph knew it intimately. God knew we needed his Son to come amongst us, to show us the way ahead.

As we come to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord this year, might we be attentive to the broken people across the world who are held captive by the tragedy of war and old hatreds. Might we also remember those exiled in other ways—bereft of knowing God; lost and searching for identity and purpose. We too can be the messengers whose footfalls bring light into the world, announcing mercy, bringing joy, offering Good News. God has come among us, simply, humbly and hopefully in a little child, his Son, our Brother.

May the peace that comes through this child, the Prince of Peace, be with you this Christmas.

And with every footstep, may you take His message, and life, out into the world.

Happy Christmas to you all!..... *Archbishop P Comensoli*

Youth Social Gathering

As decided at the Youth Meeting on 12th December, we will be having a informal youth gathering. Details below:

Date: Sunday, 7th January 2024

Time: 12:30pm—3:30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Presbytery

RSVP: To our Parish Offices by Sunday, 31st December 2023 (for catering purposes)

This will be a supervised event

All young people of Secondary School age to 25 years are welcome.

Those interested in mentoring and helping the youth are also welcome. The event will include prayer, a light lunch and some games.

At Christmas God remains with us through war and poverty



The Christmas season is a reminder to Christians that despite hardships, God chose to join himself to humanity and still remains by its side, Pope Francis said.

The Incarnation, he said, "is a stupendous gift, and it brings with it another: that we may also love one another as brothers and sisters."

He added that only by loving God and loving one another "can the world rediscover the light and the peace that it needs" which was proclaimed by the angels who announced Jesus' birth.

"One starts from the 'for' but wants to reach the 'with,' and this is very Christian," he said. "God came **for** us, but how? By coming to live **with** us.



St Anthony's Christmas Day Takeaway Dinner

Thank you all for your generous support of our 31st Christmas Dinner, which will be served from 12 noon on Monday 25th December from the Parish Hall.

Our numbers are currently sitting about the 330 meal mark with requests still coming in.

Please keep the workers and guests in your prayers on Monday

We will let you know all about it in a formal report in the new year.



Happy Christmas everyone.

No Choir Practice

Thank you to the choir and band for your commitment and effort during the year. There will be no practice on Wed 27 December.

Thank You to all Volunteers

Thank you again to all the volunteers who faithfully helped with the Christmas set up and liturgy. God Bless you all!



Christmas with Jesus!

Dear brothers and sisters in Child Jesus,

Christmas is a wonderful celebration of the birth of God as one of us. But it is sad that often this divine-human baby is neglected and forgotten amidst our Christmas celebrations. Sometimes, we celebrate his birthday without even having invited him. We do many things in his name but very little with him.

It is said that once Jesus took a chance to attend his own birthday celebration, though uninvited. He knocked at the door, but seeing him poorly dressed, they shut the door in his face. Many of us may do the same, not knowing that it is God himself who is coming to us. God does not want any special consideration that we may deny any ordinary person.

That was how 2023 years ago the inn keeper missed the God–man, who would have been born in his inn. He lost the opportunity, probably not because there was no room to accommodate them, but because he did not want to give them a place in the inn. Joseph and Mary were poor. In fact, his heart had no room. Therefore, he shut the door in their face.

Mary and Joseph did not argue or bargain with the inn keeper, God did not want them to do that. They turned back in utter helplessness. We will never understand the depth of sorrow they felt as they walked away from the inn, their faces down cast. A sense of shame and guilt may have filled the heart of Joseph. Despite being made the caretaker, he could not find a place for Mary to give birth to her child. Drops of tears may have rolled down the cheeks of Mary too, even as she tried to console Joseph.

Soon they were to find a place, a place not fit for human beings at all; but there were human beings there anyway. There wasn't any room, yet the shepherds made sufficient space for their guests. They were more than happy to have them. Open hearted, so warm and friendly. Even the cattle moved to give Mary sufficient space to give birth to baby Jesus. What the inn keeper lost for all eternity; the poor shepherds gained. Soon they would hear the angels sing, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to people of goodwill on earth.'

Let us make room in our lives for everyone who knocks at our hearts. Welcome everyone, welcome JesusHappy Christmas!..... Leenus

Parish Events	Where	When
Choir Practice	St Anthony's Church	On Wednesdays at 7.30pm . No Practice on 27 Dec.
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



Q: .What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? **A:** It's Christmas, Eve!

Q: What is every parent's favorite Christmas song? **A:** Silent Night!