



# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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## The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas) Year A

25 December 2022

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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-Saturday: 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:** Rosalba Germano  
*(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested)*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES:** Tom Tesoriero, Christine & Gwen O'Sullivan

PLEASE RING/EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE PARISH NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL



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**

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel

**Today's Readings**

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

**Responsorial Psalm**

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)**

Church Stewardship \$ 1,580  
Presbytery Stewardship \$ 1,030

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



**Choir Practice**

There will be no choir practice until further notice.

**Columban Calendars 2023 (Cost \$10)**

Now available in the Piety Stall.

**Legion of Mary**

Legion of Mary Glen Huntly St Anthony's monthly *Curia Meeting* will resume on 28 January 2023 at 10:30 in the Glen and the Legion Of Mary *Praesidium Of Our Lady of Fatima* will resume on 3 February 2023 at 10am in the Church.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Members and Auxiliary member's a Blessed and Prosperous New Year. .... Gladys Zill



**Safeguarding Children and Young People**

All children and young people who come to our parish have a right to feel and be safe.

The welfare of the children and young people in our care will always be our first priority and we have a ZERO tolerance for any form of abuse.

As parents or family, it is your responsibility to care for and supervise your children, when attending Mass, within any church facilities, at morning tea after Mass, at special events in the parish, in the carpark, everywhere and at all times

**Liturgy Roster Dec 24-25**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6.30pm	J Kirkham	N/A	P Bates K Campitelli T Kunjan
Sat 12am	Y Jo-Sumarna	N/A	T Ho
Sun 9am	C Collins	N/A	R Meneaud B Meneaud
Sun 11am	V Furtado	N/A	C Hampson

**Liturgy Roster Dec 31-Jan 1**

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	L Pereira	N/A	TBA
Sat 11pm	V Furtado	N/A	TBA
Sun 9am	F De Marte	N/A	T Ho
Sun 11am	L Nguyen	N/A	S Heuberger
Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	N/A



**St Vincent de Paul**

St Vincent de Paul Glenhuntly Conference wish you all a Happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and Prosperous New Year 2023.

We return on the 16 January 2023.

With the help of the newly formed St Anthony's School Mini Vinnies, massive Christmas Hampers for 50 families were made. We thank everyone who helped contribute in this effort.

Our St Vincent de Paul Glenhuntly Conference has young, capable and willing members.

We would love for you to join as new members in much needed work in our Community in early 2023.

Lorraine Pereira

**Fr. Pat Jackson**

**while Fr. Leenus is away**

From 28 Dec.2022 to 10 Jan. 2023, Fr. Pat Jackson SAC will be celebrating the Masses.

A big thank you to Fr. Pat.

## Christmas & New Year Time Table

Copies available in the foyer.

Please take copies for family and friends.  
Please note, that on Christmas Sunday evening there will be no Mass, and on 31st Dec. night there will be an additional Mass at 11pm.

## Masses during the Holiday Season

Our Mass times remain un-changed during the holiday season (between Christmas and New Year and beyond)

**Weekdays:** (Mon—Sat): 9.15am

**Weekends:** Sat Vigil: 6pm; Sun: 9am, 11am & 5pm.

*Please read our Weekend Newsletters and remain updated. Thank you everyone!*



## No Bread for a while

The bread which is usually available in the church porches comes via Tony's Café. As the Cafe is currently in recess we have stopped collecting from the various bakeries.

We could all say a prayer for those provide the bread we enjoy and for those volunteers who collect and bag it three times a week. It's a great job you all do.

We thank all our volunteers and wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas.

We will reopen on Thursday 2 February 2023.

## Journeying Together with Sr Nathalie Becquart

As our local Church in Melbourne walks the path of Take the Way of the Gospel, the universal Church is on her journey of Synodality (Synod 2021–2024—For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission). These journeys are connected, and they invite us to walk together, listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other.

'Our journeying together is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.'

**Date:** Tuesday 31 January 2023  
10am - 12 midday

**Location:** Catholic Leadership Centre  
576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

**Free Event (Registration is essential):**

By Friday 27 January 2023  
[www.trybooking.com/CFARB](http://www.trybooking.com/CFARB)

### *Sr Nathalie Becquart's Biography*

Sister Nathalie Becquart XMCJ is a French religious sister with the Congregation of Xavières. In May 2019 Pope Francis appointed her Consultor to the Synod of Bishops, and in 2021 as the Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops, making her the first woman to hold this position in the Vatican and first woman to be granted voting rights in the Synod of Bishops.

Sr Nathalie made significant contributions to both the Synod on Young People in 2018 and the Synod on the Pan-Amazon Region in 2019.

### **Further enquiries:**

[proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) or 9926 5761

## Used Stamps

Although many of us have stopped sending traditional Christmas cards, now is a good time to collect your used stamps and give them to the church for recycling. Please leave the stamp on the envelope, and place them in the box provided at the main porch at St Anthony's.



## Christmas Dinner

2022 marks the 30th year that St Anthony's Parish will provide a traditional dinner on Christmas Day. This year, with the help of God and a generous community, we expect to serve well over 300 meals.



Unfortunately we will continue a takeaway service, as the hall floor is not quite ready for heavy traffic, but we have a great group of volunteers and are on track to have a wonderful day.

Thank you for your prayers and support, which enable us to provide a delicious meal and great pleasure to our many guests. A full report will be available in the new year. The Christmas Dinner and Tony's Cafe teams wish everyone a holy, happy and safe Christmas.

## The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)

Dear brothers and sisters in  
Child Jesus.

May I wish you all a graceful Christmas and the true joy of finding the Baby Jesus among us. We know that the real reason for our joy is that 'God is with us'.



This God-Child is a Divine Gift in human hands. We don't get to see him except in one another. It is so sad that often this divine-human baby is neglected and forgotten amidst our celebrations. Sometimes we celebrate his birthday without even having thought about him.

It is said that once Jesus, though uninvited, took a chance to attend his own Birthday party, Christmas, after all it was in his honour. He knocked on the door of the party hall, but seeing him poorly dressed, they shut the door on his face. Any of us may do the same unknowingly. And Jesus waited out side for a very long time and walked away. God does not seem to want any consideration that an ordinary human person may be denied.

That was how, 2022 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 Joseph and Mary were poor. In fact his heart had no room.

More than Mary and Joseph it was Almighty God seeking a place to take birth. God being Almighty He could have under minded the inn keeper. God could have got the whole inn emptied for himself. First of all because everything and everyone belongs to Him, for, He is the creator. Even the whole town could have been emptied for the same reason. But God minds us. He seeks our consent. He is not a God who dashes into our lives. He gives us freedom to say yes or no. He would keep knocking until we open the door for him.

Mary and Joseph do not argue or bargain with the inn keeper, nor are they insisting. But, they walk away in utter helplessness, into the cold dark night. We will never understand the depth of sorrow they felt as they walk away from the inn. Their face cast down. A sense of shame and guilt may have filled the heart of Joseph. In spite of being made the care taker, he could not find a place for Mary to give birth to her Child. Drops of tears 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. There were human being 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 her baby Jesus. God was happy to be born among hearts so warm. What the inn keeper lost for all eternity, the poor shepherds gained. Soon they hear the angels sing, Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to people of goodwill on earth.

God comes to all of us knocking on the doors of our hearts. Let's be people of goodwill. He comes to us for our sake, to save us from eternal pain. Let's see him in everyone and invite Him into our joys and sorrows. Let's invite Him into our every celebration into every moment of our lives. May the New Born Baby Jesus fill your lives with True Joy.

Happy Christmas!