



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Christmas & Feast of The Holy Family Year C

25 & 26 December 2021

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

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



St. Anthony's Parish wishes a Happy Birthday to Jesus and a Blessed Christmas to everyone.

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 (HOLY FAMILY)

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Today's Readings

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

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Next Sunday's Readings (Epiphany of the Lord)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3. 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Income

Church Stewardship	\$ 831
Presbytery Stewardship	\$ 490

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

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 9401 6336. Messages will be checked frequently.

Cuppa after Christmas Masses

Please join in for a cuppa after the Christmas Masses, in front of the Church.
All Welcome.

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

Thank you

Calling on Volunteers as COVID Marshalls during Christmas Masses

We require COVID Marshalls during Christmas Masses to ensure everyone checks in with QR Code. Please ring/email if you can volunteer. You would need to arrive 15 mins before Carols.

Recommendations at Mass to keep us safe over the Christmas and New Year Period

In order to keep each other and our families safe, we recommended the following:

- Face masks be worn during Mass especially if you are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID19.
- Check in with the QR Code
- Sanitize your hands before you enter the Church
- Keep social distancing when possible.

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.

Christmas Liturgy Roster 2021

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 Kornadi 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

Happy Christmas Vs. Merry Christmas

Dear brothers and sisters in the new born baby Jesus,

Seemingly there is no difference between both these greetings. Whether we wish others a Happy Christmas or a Merry Christmas, we mean the same. Yet we know that there is a subtle difference between the two. Surprisingly it's only when it comes to Christmas we use the term 'Merry'. While it's OK to say Merry Christmas, we do not say "Merry New Year" or 'Merry Birthday',

As for me I tend to wish everyone a "Happy Christmas" rather than a "Merry Christmas". I believe that not everyone is in a position to celebrate Christmas with merry making with entertainments, singing, dancing, feasting. But everyone can be happy or joyful even when one is not able to make merry. Especially during these years of COVID-19 many people live in pain and sorrow, or experiencing isolation and loneliness or grieving the loss of their loved ones. There could be any number of reasons for not being able to merry-make the Christmas. In such situations how can we really wish them a "Merry Christmas"?

In most cases we are not even aware of what the other person maybe going through at the moment or for a very long time. Therefore wishing everyone a 'Happy Christmas' seems to be the right thing to do. Happiness is associated with interior joy which is made possible by our hope in the Lord. He is the reason for our true happiness. May the news of great joy fill every heart with true joy, no matter what.

Have a Merry Christmas if possible, and a Happy Christmas by all means. Cheer-up.

Christmas Mass Timetable

Christmas Family Mass:	Friday	24 Dec.	6.30pm
Christmas Vigil Mass	Friday	24 Dec.	9.30pm
Christmas Midnight Mass	Friday	24 Dec.	12am
Christmas Morning Mass	Saturday	25 Dec.	9am
Christmas Day Mass	Saturday	25 Dec.	11am.

On Saturday (25 Dec.) there will be no Mass in the evening.

New Year Vigil Mass	Friday	31 Dec.	11pm
New Year Morning Mass	Saturday	1 Jan.	9.15am



Tony's Café Holidays

After remaining open since February 2020, Tony's Cafe volunteers will have a well-earned rest after Christmas. After the Christmas Dinner on 25th, and cleaning up during the following week, we will have a break until 1st February. Thank you to the many, many volunteers. Gwen.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers to tirelessly helped for the Christmas Lunch. Please keep us in your prayers on Christmas Day. Watch out for the report next year. Gwen.

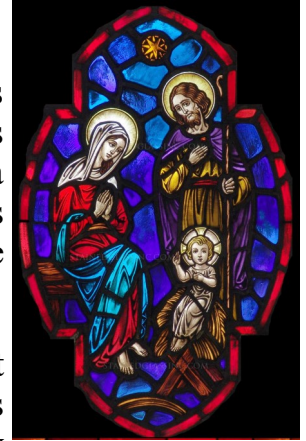
Please use our EFTPOS Machines

Your donations towards our church maintenance are most welcome
The EFTPOS Machines are placed in our church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

Feast of the Holy Family Year C
Sunday 26 Dec.2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Christmas time is family time. Xmas reunites families. This Christmas too has brought many families together. Those who have no families also come together for Christmas. No one wants anyone having a Christmas meal alone by oneself. Elderly people in Aged Care Centres and Nursing homes also are taken to their families so that they could be together as a family and share the Christmas meal together.



Therefore, it is fitting that during Christmas Season we have the feast of Holy Family. We call the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus as “Holy”, because it was the holiest of all families ever. Mary was holy because she was immaculately conceived and remained sinless all through her life. Joseph was holy, and we call him the most chaste spouse of Mary. Jesus was most holy, being God himself.

Their holiness was expressed in their love and care for each other. Joseph protected Mary from being stoned to death. When the life of the Baby Jesus was threatened by Herod, Joseph protected the mother and child; he fled with them to Egypt. He earned livelihood for the family by hard work. Joseph was always seeking the will of God, and open to God’s plan. He always worshiped and Adored Jesus as God. He was a praying person.

Mother Mary gladly supported Joseph in his struggles. Her holiness can also be seen in the way she took utmost care of her Baby Boy. She was also conceived sinless and remained sinless throughout her life. No original sin, no personal sin. Even from her childhood days she had dedicated herself to God and to God’s Will.

Holiness of their son Jesus goes without saying. He is he Most Holy God Himself. Each of the 3 cared about the other two and stood by them: A perfect model for every family. Each one of the Holy Family considered the other two, more important than oneself.

In today’s Gospel we see a moment of tension in the Holy Family as Jesus was lost. Lost for 3 days. They are not blaming each other. But blaming oneself. When he is found. Mary asks Jesus, “why have you done this to us?” and Jesus’ reply was “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s affairs?” The reply of Jesus is another question. This rhetoric reply of Jesus was not a rejection of Mary and Joseph as His parents, rather a call to join in the affairs of our heavenly Father.

It is an invitation to everyone and every family to join the family of Triune God. Every family should have a place for the Triune God, whose affairs should get a fair share of our time. That alone will give true meaning to our lives. No other way will bring lasting peace and joy to our families.

All families have a share of difficult moments. Often instead of an answer we too get another question in reply. There are times when we do not understand each other as we would love to. Every family has particular graces and blessings as well as difficulties and crosses. The Holy Family too was a family with special grace, yet a family with trials. The Holy Family is a model for all families because despite their many difficulties, the family remained faithful, loving and united. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph live with us in every family and may every individual experience their protection.