



# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year B**

**31 December 2023**

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

### IN RESIDENCE

Fr Patrick Jackson SAC  
Brother Lindsay Rust SAC

### 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

✉ office@santglen.catholic.edu.au

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**OUR SICK:** Remedios Patawaran, Sonya Delizo, Bev Chandler

*(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested)*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Elizabeth Fitzgerald RSM

**ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES:** Paul Blair

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY ON OUR EMAIL LIST AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR FREE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:  
[WWW.MELBCATHOLIC.ORG/S/SUBSCRIPTION?ID=0012W0000LOJ5DAAT&REQ=SUBSCRIBE](http://WWW.MELBCATHOLIC.ORG/S/SUBSCRIPTION?ID=0012W0000LOJ5DAAT&REQ=SUBSCRIBE)



This  
Weekend  
Feast  
of  
**THE  
HOLY  
FAMILY**

1st of January

Solemnity  
of

**THE HOLY  
MOTHER  
OF GOD**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024**

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](mailto:glenhuntly@cam.org.au).

For more information on Safeguarding please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isa 60:1-6; Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13; Eph 3:2-3. 5-6;  
Mt 2:1-12

### Liturgy Roster Dec 30 - Jan 1

Date	Mass	Reader	Commentator	Data Projector	Sp Minister
30 Dec	6p	P Bates	L Pereira	L Pereira	R Aranha
31 Dec	9a	C Collins	Y Jo-Sumarna	K Dwyer	B Meneaud
	11a	L Nguyen	C Collins	C Collins	T Ho
	5p	L Sils	L Shelton	E Sebastian	N/A
	11p	N Mudalige	N/A	N/A	T Ho
1 Jan	9.15a	L Shelton	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Liturgy Roster Jan 6-7

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	L Pereira	P Bates	J Aranha
Sun 9am	P Rashad	C Collins	B Meneaud
Sun 11am	J Wong	C Hampson	T Ho
Sun 5pm	J Kirkham	E Sebastian	N/A

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

Church Stewardship	\$1470
Presbytery Stewardship	\$925
At Christmas Masses (loose)	\$3050

**Due to recent thefts, please do not leave money in the Parish Letter Boxes.**

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



Please note:  
The weekend  
Mass schedule  
is unchanged

### New Year Masses (Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God)

At Anthony's: Sunday 31st December, at 11pm. and Monday, 1st January: 9.15am.

At Holy Cross: Monday, 1st January: 9.15am.

At St Joseph's: Monday, 1st January: 10.30am.

Parish Events	Where	When
Choir Practice	St Anthony's Church	On Wednesdays at 7.30pm; Now in recess.
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



## 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  
71 Orrong Rd, Elsternwick

RSVP: To our Parish Offices by Thursday 4th January 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.

# YOUTH GATHERING

### 60th Anniversary of Wedding

We wish Oscar & Norma a Happy Diamond Jubilee of their Wedding. God Bless their married life!

### Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office is closed and reopens on Tuesday 2 January 2024. For urgent matters during this time, please email the Parish Office: [glenhuntly@cam.org.au](mailto:glenhuntly@cam.org.au).

### 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.

### Feast of the Most Holy Family



The Feast of the Holy Family challenges us to consider our own families, both the ones in which we grew up and the ones of which we are now a part.

“It raises questions in us about the harmony of the home we're in now — and what part we play in both its peace and its disturbance. ...

We must ask ourselves if we are learning from one another, caring for one another, becoming more spiritual together as we go.

And if not, why not? And what do we intend to do about it, as Jesus did, for the sake of the rest of the world?”

Amid today's important and ongoing debates about the definitions and nature of marriage and family, this Feast reminds us of the true vocation of the family: to foster the faith of each of its members and to support them in their search for God and God's will for them.



The year 2023 is almost over, and 2024 is nearly here.

Before we move on, let's take a moment to reflect on this passing year

Looking back, there was a lot that made the headlines: the terrible persecutions of Christians in many parts of the world; many natural calamities; wars between Russia and Ukraine and between Israel and Gaza, to name a few.

How was this passing year for you, personally? How did you live your life during the year? How was your relationship with God? Was your relationship with others characterized by service or by selfishness? How did you make the best use of the resources and opportunities that God gave you? How did you respond to the hardships that came your way? How did you respond to the many blessing? Did you make good use of the time and talents God has given you?

It's one thing for us to think through these questions and decide how we would answer them. It's another thing to let God assess your life and forgive your failings and strengthen you for 2024.

### Tony's Café

Reopens on Tuesday, 6th February 2024. 12.30pm.

Wishing the volunteers a happy holidays

## The Holy Family, Year B



*Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,*

Christmas time is family time. Christmas reunites families. I believe, this Christmas too has brought many families together; The Catholic Church has chosen to celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Family during the Christmas Time, because this Feast naturally fits in to this Season.

We call the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph “holy”, because theirs was the holiest of all families ever. Their holiness was based on their relationship with God, and it was expressed in their love and care for each other.

Joseph was holy. He protected Mary from being stoned to death. In protecting their Child Joseph fled with them to Egypt. Joseph earned the livelihood for the family by his hard work and was most sincere. Joseph always sought the Will of God, and was open to the plan of God. He always worshiped and adored Jesus as God. He was a praying person.

Mary was holy. She gladly supported Joseph in his struggles. Her holiness can also be seen in the way she took utmost care of her Baby. She was immaculately conceived, so she did not have original sin, nor any personal sin. Even from her childhood days she had dedicated herself to God and said ‘yes’ to God’s plan of Salvation for us.

The holiness of their Son Jesus goes without saying. He is the Most Holy God Himself.

Each of the three persons cared about the other two and stood by them: a perfect model for every family. Each person of the Holy Family considered the other two, more important than oneself. Usually, the order in which we mention the members of any family is, first the parents then their children. But in the case of the Holy Family the order is reversed, instead of “Joseph, Mary and Jesus”, it is “Jesus, Mary and Joseph.”

Jesus, being God himself, could have considered himself the head of the Holy Family. Mary, being the “Mother of God”, could have considered Joseph less important than herself. Yet Jesus and Mary never considered Joseph as the least important person. He was respected by them as the head of the Holy Family.

The Holy Family is a model for all families because, despite their many difficulties, the Family remained faithful, loving and united and submitted themselves to God. The Holy Family is not only a model for all other families; it is also the source of blessings.



The life of Jesus begins with Mary. Therefore, it is appropriate that we begin the New Year with a Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Today's special feast affirms that the Blessed Virgin Mary is truly the Mother of God. This Catholic Dogma finds its origin from the passage found in the Gospel of Luke. After the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Upon her arrival, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit expressed her joy and exclaimed, “How is it that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?”

In 431 A.D, the Council of Ephesus affirmed that Mary is truly the Mother of God because “according to the flesh” she gave birth to Jesus, who is truly God. So, on this New Year Day, let us turn to Mary, our mother, with all our prayers and hopes, confident that she will never fail us and give us "A MEANINGFUL NEW YEAR!"

HAPPY 2024

What did the salt say to the pepper?

*Seasoning's Greetings!*

What the kids' mother say after they finished opening the Christmas gifts?.....*Oh! What a Christmess!*