

## The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

6 February 2022

**PARISH PRIEST** 

Fr Leenus Neetany 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-Saturday: 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.45am-10.10am and 5.30pm—5.50pm

**EUCHARISTIC 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, Peter Torre, Glennys Smith, Junus

Linggo

(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested). RECENTLY DECEASED: Presentation Aranea-Raby/Aurelio Opena Snr Anniversaries & Remembrances: Natalie Soysa, Mary Arathoon,

Antoinette Livera, Elton Conlon, Jim Fitzgerald

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** 





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https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

#### **Today's Readings**

Is 6:1-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

#### Responsorial Psalm

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Jer 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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

#### Income

Church Stewardship \$ 1,140 Presbytery Stewardship \$ 662

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

#### Liturgy Roster (Readers)—Feb 5-6

Sat. 6pm-L Pereira

Sun. 9am–E Moraes & 11am—L Korniadi

Sun. 5pm—D Mitchell

#### Liturgy Roster (Readers)—Feb 12-13

Sat. 6pm-N Mudalige

Sun. 9am-M Dwyer & 11am-TBA

Sun. 5pm—E Sebastian



Tony's Cafe is open for meals on Tuesdays from 12.30-1.30pm and for meals and groceries on Thursdays from 3 - 5.30pm. The Cafe is held in the small hall, 164-168 Neerim Rd, Caulfield East

#### **Pancake Sunday**

is coming up on weekend of 26th and 27th February. Cooks and helpers will be needed before and after each Mass. Please contact the Parish House to volunteer your services.





Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7.30pm

7.30pm Choir and Band

practices are held on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm in the church.

All instrumentalists and singers very welcome.

### Weekday Masses February 7-12

Until further notice beginning this week, there will be Communion Service at 9.15am in place of Mass

### Chaplaincy Appeal Sunday 13 February

This special annual collection is conducted in all parishes across the Archdiocese of Melbourne, for the important purpose of maintaining our Catholic chaplaincies.

The Chaplains of the Archdiocese of Melbourne support thousands of Victorians every year. They faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support.

Each year we highlight one of the four service areas of chaplaincy - health care, youth justice, prison ministry, and HIV/AIDS care. This year, we focus on health care chaplaincy. Our hospital chaplains are there for the spiritual and emotional health and support of the patients and their families at difficult times; times of pain, uncertainty, stress and fear.

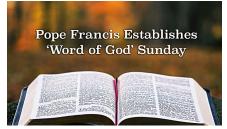
In 2021 our hospital chaplains provided 4,682 episodes of care to patients and loved ones in Melbourne hospitals. Chaplains give HOPE to people during some of their darkest days.

Your donation will help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Supporting the Chaplaincy program enables our chaplains to continue to be messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion.

"When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

## Word of God Sunday, 6 Feb.2022.

This weekend, the Church in Australia will celebrate Word of God Sunday, which was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 in his apostolic letter, *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.



While many countries celebrate the occasion on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year, which this year falls on 6 February.

In his homily for this year's Word of God Sunday, Pope Francis reminded the faithful that at the heart of the life of God's holy people and the journey of faith is God and his word.

'Everything started with the word that God spoke to us. In Christ, his eternal Word, the Father "chose us before the foundation of the world". By that Word, he created the universe: "he spoke, and it came to be",' the Holy Father said.



## Teachers Commissioning Mass 11am Next Sunday.

St. Anthony's School Teachers and Sunday School Teachers will be commissioned during the 11am Mass on next Sunday, 13 Feb.2022. All Welcome!

## Our Parish Sunday School resumes next Sunday, 13 February.

Classes are held at the Parish House, 74 Grange Road, from 10 until 10.45 am.

Please enter from Grange Road.

All children must be signed it and out of Sunday School by a parent. Children over the age of 8 will need to wear a mask and younger children are encouraged to do so too.

Sunday School provides a general Catholic Education for all





# LEGO Day Fundraiser Sunday 20 March save the date!

This fundraiser event is an initiative by some of our young parishioners, for our Parish.

Please help to make this a success.

The activity is called Lego Day, for kids to come together to build Lego as a community.

There will be Lego displays (exhibition) and other Lego activities on the day.

Entrance fee will go towards our Parish Maintenance. More details to follow. All Welcome!

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus, It was the Annual Sports Day for the Primary School, in which Little Tom was in Grade 2. Together with his classmates, Tom was taking part in a 50 metre running race. Just before the race was to begin, already on the Start Line, little Tom standing straight, buried his face in his palms and prayed for a while. Everyone's eyes were on little Tom as he prayed. The referee gave him a few extra seconds to complete his prayer. Then the whistle went, everyone wanted little Tom to come first. But he came nearly the last. Then he moved away from the crowd to be alone for some time. He was sad but not

crying. His teacher went close to him and asked, "Are you angry with God". "No, why should I?" I did not pray to win the race. I only asked God to give me enough strength not to cry even if I lose".

We all know that today's society gives much importance to being successful. There are seminars, books, magazines etc., dealing with the ways to achieve success. Everyone wants to be successful. And nothing is wrong with that, in fact something is wrong if one doesn't want to be successful.

God too wants us to be successful. But the fact is that we keep failing. It is possible to do ones best, yet at the end of the day to have nothing to show, nothing but weariness and disappointments. That was the condition in which Jesus found Peter and his companions by the Lake of Genesareth. They were fishermen, who worked hard all night, but caught not even one little fish. Same way, one might study hard for exams, yet not get the desired results; One might play his/her best, yet lose the match; Parents might do all that they are capable of, yet the children may go wrong.

Most of us, if not, all of us experience failures. When we fail after having done our best, the last thing we want to hear is blame. It is terrible if one's best is not good enough. Failure is painful enough. What we need then is not blame but someone to encourage us. Jesus did not blame Peter and companions. Rather He encouraged them to try again. It was also an advice, a suggestion, a command and a challenge.

Peter and his companions were expert fisherman. But despite their professional expertise, very many times they had failed. That was when a Carpenter's Son came up to advise them. According to Peter and his companions the suggestion of Jesus came at a wrong time and the spot he suggested was wrong. Surprisingly, Peter did not object. He sensed that it is the Lord, who is asking try at this time and at this spot. Therefore, Peter found no need for second thoughts. He says "Master, if you say we should try it."

Even professionals need the Lord's help! It doesn't matter how smart or expert we are, nobody can do it without the Lord. In today's second reading St Paul says, "I worked hard, yet it is not me but the grace of God in me." It is the Lord who give success.

On the other hand Jesus could have performed this miracle on His own. Jesus could have spoken a word and any number of fish would have rushed into their boats. But he does not do it alone. He wanted the active participation of Peter and companions. They had to throw the net and pull it back. Or else Peter and his companions would not have felt that it was the result of their own hard work. They would not have felt being successful. Jesus wanted them to have the credit of having caught the fish. But we see that Peter does not claim the credit for himself and companions, rather he acknowledges the hand of God.

Whether we meet with failure after failure or success after success it doesn't really matter. Besides failure is not the end; and success is not everything. What should console us is that, God is with us each day as we work hard and even in our helplessness, in our good times as well as in our bad times. We shall make sure that we remain faithful to him; that is more desirable than being successful.

Off-course, the little Tom lost the running race, not because he did not pray for his win, nor that he did not try hard. But that is how the life goes. He may have experienced many more failures. But God would not have let his life be a failure. In answer to Tom's prayers and hard work God may have given him a very successful life, and rewarded him many times over.

Keep Well, everyone!