

# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

## **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

## 7 February 2021

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

PARISH SECRETARY Shobha Thomas

**COORDINATOR MUSIC & CATECHESIS** Veronica Blair

PARISH ACCOUNTANT Bernard Negline

PARISH FINANCE OFFICER Sue Leong

**PARISH OFFICE** Tue, Thu & Fri: 10am-2pm

Mass TIMES *Weekends* Saturday Vigil: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 11am, 5pm

*Weekdays* Monday-Saturday: 9.15am

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 9.45am-10am

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Saturday 9.45am -10.15 am.

HOLY ROSARY & NOVENA Wednesday 6.30pm (Currently suspended)

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS,** Contact the Parish Office; preferably by email

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Contact the Parish Office or the Presbytery.

**VENUE HIRE** Contact the Parish Office

BAND PRACTICE Thursday 7.30pm in the Church 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

### Letter from Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to all our Bishops, Fathers, Deacons and good people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020.

As I wrote to you in December, the Bill infringes directly on matters that are personal and private, including conversations between parents and children, within families, pastoral and professional care to informed adults, and to prayer. As I said before Christmas, the State has no interest in how I pray, who I pray to, and what I pray for.

It is just all too strange for a law to be stating what kinds of prayer are legal and what are not.

I have maintained a commitment to engaging constructively with the government about this proposed legislation. I warmly welcome any legislation to protect people from harm, but sadly this Bill does a whole lot of other things as well, and we have to be forthright and clear, as well as charitable.

Many faith groups and leaders have been drawing public attention to the issues in this Bill which could be brought to the Legislative Council this week. I have joined with all the Victorian Catholic Bishops to express our solidarity with people of good will who have legitimate problems with the Bill, including faith leaders, parents and other professionals.

Please see attached a public letter the Victorian Bishops have co-written with the Islamic Council of Victoria, as we seek to stand alongside our brothers and sisters who have given voice to their considered and fair concerns with the Bill. We are praying for a constructive way forward to open up with all members of the Victorian Parliament.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

(Please note this email may be found at: https://melbournecatholic.org/faith-leaders-write-to-premier-overconversion-therapy-bill) Please see last page for the Letter to the Premier.

St Anthony's Parish and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community and to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults in Melbourne. Further information can be found at:

cam.org.au/Safeguarding-Children-Young-People-and-Vulnerable-Persons/Safeguarding-Children-and-Young-People/Safeguarding-Children-and-Young-People-Policycam.org.au/Commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**13-14 FEBRUARY 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1;

## Mark 1:40-45

### Liturgy Roster 13-14 February 2021

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Mass	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister		
6.00pm	L Pereira	L Pereira	N/A		
9.00am	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	C Arendtsz		
11.00am	J Wong	L Nguyen	Т Но		
5.00pm	L Shelton	E Sebastian	N/A		

#### LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS

Church Stewardship (loose & envelopes)			
Presbytery Stewardship (loose & envelopes)	\$	750	
Credit Card/Direct debit/EFT (Jan)	\$2 <i>,</i> 999		
Maintenance Fund (Jan)	\$	55	
Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT, Venue Hire, Donations & Maintenance Income reported once a month			

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY**

Masses 9.15am and 7pm

Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but above all in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These and many other forms of penance can be practiced in the daily life of a Christian, particularly during the time of Lent and on the penitential day of Friday. Compendium n 301

### LITURGY TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of forming a team of volunteers who would plan ahead the forthcoming Liturgical Celebrations and organize the necessary Preparations.

Please let the Parish Office, Veronica Blair or Fr. Leenus know of your willingness.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS**

The Baptisms Preparation Team has decided to conduct Preparatory Sessions every 2nd Friday of the month at 7pm in our church. All parents and God Parents planning Baptism for their children need to contact the Parish Office well in advance preferably via emails and need to attend the preparatory Sessions and also present their child for a Welcome Ceremony at a chosen Weekend Mass. Our next Session will be on Fri 12 March at 7pm.

#### MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Tony's Café takeaway meals only 12.30 – 1.30 pm

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY St Scholastica

**THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY** Our Lady of Lourdes

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

If you have a school age child and would like them to begin receiving formal education in the Catholic faith they are most welcome to attend Sunday School. Classes will be held every Sunday of the school term from 10-10.45am. Please ring/email the Parish office or contact Veronica Blair veronica.blair@cam.org.au for more details. Classes start Sunday 14 February.

#### PANCAKE SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY—ALL WELCOME

Pancake Sunday 14th February 2021. So that we can operate in a COVID safe way extra help will be required. Volunteers to cook and/or serve pancakes, toppings and ice cream can email or phone the Parish House or leave their details at the registration desk in the front foyer area. Donations for Project Compassion welcome.

#### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

Flexible ongoing part time work. Sharing the stories of suffering Christians. Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia.

More details aidtochurch.org/work

#### **READERS AND SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

We require volunteers for Readers and Special Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please email or contact the Parish Office.

#### FACE MASKS

Please note that face masks are now mandatory at places of worship. Please make sure you are wearing a fitted face covering when you come to church

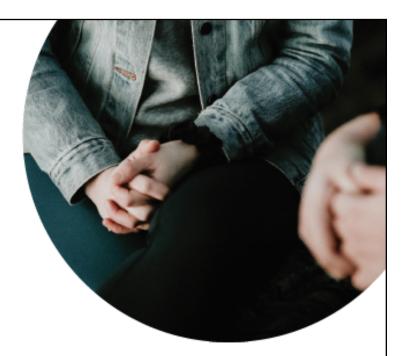
#### **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

These are now available in the church porches. The theme of Project Compassion 2021 is "Aspire not to have more, but to be more".

# **Titles and attributes of Jesus** ... continued from last Sunday

<b>Jesus is</b> Alpha & Omega	Rev.1:9 Jesus is referred to as "the beginning and the end" (Rev.21:6; 22:13)	This description of Jesus denotes his infinity as God. He was always, He is now, and He shall be for ever.		
<b>Jesus is</b> One with the Father and the Holy Spirit	Jn.5:18 Jesus said that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.	Three Persons, Father, Son and the Holy Sprit, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, Yet One Lord, One God.		
<b>Jesus is</b> 100% God, 100% Human	Jn. 1:1-18. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God.	Jesus is God from God. Fully Divine Jesus became one like us. Fully Human.		
<b>Jesus is</b> The Son of God	Mt.3:17. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved One"	The title, 'Son of God' is used 48 time in the Bible. It stresses his Divinity .		
<b>Jesus is</b> The Son of Man	Mk.8:31. Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer <sup>[at]</sup> many things	The title, 'Son of God' is used 88 times in the New Testament. Several times in the Old Testament. It stresses his Humanity.		
<b>Jesus is</b> The Lamb of God	Jn.1;21.John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!	Rev.21;23. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God lights it up, and its lamp is the Lamb.		
Jesus is The Altar of Sacrifice	The Altar (table) represents the Cross and Jesus Christ.	The Cross is represented by the Altar for the Holy Mass. Most Holy Sacrifice of Jesus, Sanctify me.		
<b>Jesus is</b> The Great High Priest	Heb.4:14-16.we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,	Jesus is not only the Altar of Sacrifice, and not only the Lamb of Sacrifice, but he is also the one who offers the Sacrifice, the Priest.		
<b>Jesus is</b> The God of Love	1 Jn.4:16. the people who had come to mourn said, "Look how much he loved him!"	God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,		
<b>Jesus is</b> The God of Mercy	Mk.5:19. "Go home and to your people and tell them that he had mercy on you."	We need to choose between God's Mercy and his Justice. By Justice we are to be condemned, but in his Mercy we can be forgiven and saved.		
<b>Jesus is</b> Our Provider	Mt.6:11. Give us this day our daily bread.	It is he who provides food and drink to the billions of people each day. Daily miracle.		
Jesus is Our Physician Mk.2:17."Those who are healthy don't need a physician, but those who are sick do.		Jesus is the Master Doctor. Apart from him, no doctor, no medicine is of any avail.		
<b>Jesus is</b> Our Friend	Jn.15;15.But I have called you friends, because I have revealed to you everything <sup>[an]</sup> I heard <sup>[ao]</sup> from my Father.	Jesu is in fact our best friend. If you take him as your best friend, trust in him totally. Pray for the friendless lonely people.		

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP Premier of Victoria Parliament House Spring St East Melbourne VIC 3002



## Dear Premier

We write on behalf of the Muslim and Catholic communities in Victoria in solidarity with other people of faith, expressing profound concern over the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020.

Every day we are working alongside our fellow Victorians to celebrate our diversity, care for the vulnerable and serve one another. We value our freedom to do so responsibly, by supporting and caring for people in their searching and questioning, with honesty, attentiveness, and compassion.

Unfortunately, this Bill doesn't just ban out-dated and insidious practices of coercion and harm, which we firmly reject. The bill also criminalises conversation between children and parents, interferes with sound professional advice, and silences ministers of religion from providing personal attention for individuals freely seeking pastoral care for complex personal situations. It includes ill-conceived concepts of faith and conversation, vague definitions, and scientifically and medically flawed approaches. It places arbitrary limitations on parents, families and people of faith. People change for all kinds of reasons, and should feel free to do so, whether it be on matters of personal identity, gender, sexuality, family association, or religion. Contrary to its intent, this Bill obstructs people's freedom by limiting, restricting and removing options for their good, thereby creating undesirable possibilities of harm.

If a simpler, clearer bill had been tabled, with adequate consultation, then we would be able to give full support to a focused and practical way to protect people from harm.

Other faith communities, religious representatives and organisations have contacted you and the Attorney General to seek resolution to these difficulties. With this letter we stand with them and look for respectful engagement.

At present the Bill appears to target people of faith in an unprecedented way, puts limits on ordinary conversations in families, and legislates for what prayer is legal and what prayer is not. Various amendments can be made to rescue the Bill from taking Victoria into strange new territory, in which prayerful advice and guidance, freely sought by one adult from another, is criminalised. We are working together as faith leaders to offer a constructive opportunity to prevent such a step from taking place, and seek your active support.

Specifically, we seek an urgent 'pause' on the Bill and a meeting with yourself and the Attorney General, and ask for transparent and comprehensive consultation. We make this request publicly and respectfully, always open to dialogue and to finding a constructive resolution.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mohamed Mohideen, President, on behalf of the Islamic Council of Victoria

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Most Reverends Greg Bennet, Paul Bird CSsR, Peter A Comensoli, Terence Curtin, Shane Mackinlay, Bosco Puthur, Peter Stasiuk CSsR, Antoine-Charbel Tarabay on behalf of Catholic Dioceses and Eparchies of Victoria