

The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B

7 January 2024

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

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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

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

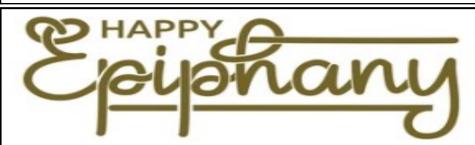
☑ office@santglen.catholic.edu.au ■ santglen.catholic.edu.au Our Sick: Bev Chandler

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barbara Horwood

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Vere Skehan, Jim Griffiths

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On the occasion of Three Kings Day,
I wish that the three wise men visit you and
your loved ones and surprise you with the
gifts of happiness and smiles.

Happy Three Kings Day

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.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

TODAY'S READINGS

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

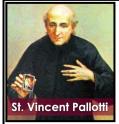
1Sam 3:3-10, 19; Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10; 1Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship	\$1,730
Presbytery Stewardship	\$1,003
Maintenance by cash	\$ 580

Due to recent thefts, please <u>do not</u> leave money in the Parish Letter Boxes.

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



Feast of St Vincent Pallotti

At every Mass of the weekend of 20 & 21 January, there will be a reflection on the life of St Vincent Pallotti.

This will be instead of 22nd January, which is the actual date of the feast of the Saint.

Lookout for updates!

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	Т Но	
Sun 5pm	J Kirkham	E Sebastian	N/A	

Liturgy Roster Jan 13-14					
Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister		
Sat 6pm	S Pfleger	N Mudalige	J Aranha		
Sun 9am	C Collins	F De Marte	R Meneaud		
Sun 11am	L Nguyen	K Campitelli	Т Но		
Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	N/A		



Mass of the Baptism of Our Lord will be celebrated this Monday, 8th January 2024 at St Anthony's, Glen Huntly at 9.15 am.

Youth Social Gathering

For young people of Secondary School age to 25 years.

As decided at the Youth Meeting on 12th December, an informal youth gathering will take place this Sunday, 7 Jan 2024 12:30pm—3:30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery premises

71 Orrong Road, Elsternwick

We also welcome youth mentors who meet our safeguarding requirements.

The event will include prayer, a light lunch and some games.

This will be a supervised event.

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





Epiphany of the Lord

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind.

The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation.

However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world.

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? Totally enlighten by the new born baby.

They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; with a renewed enthusiasm; and in a whole different frame of mind.

When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

Happy Epiphany

Prayer for those Caught up in Tragedy and Disaster

Lord of all compassion
We pray for all of those caught up
in the midst of tragedy or disaster.

For those who have lost life and those working to save life

For those who are worried for people they love For those who will see their loved ones no longer

Lord Have Mercy.

For those in need of the peace that passes all understanding

For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil For those who cry out to you in fear and in love Lord Have Mercy.

For those in confusion and those in despair
For those whose tears are yet to dry
For those in need of your unending love
Lord Have Mercy
Amen.

Christians in the Lands of the Bible

Since the 7th of October, 2023, our world has witnessed horrifying devastation,



including civilian deaths, kidnappings, and infrastructure damage. The crisis has impacted not only Gazans but also Christians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, leading to economic hardships.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is actively assisting Christians in the Holy Land across four key areas.

Firstly, in the Gaza Strip, where around 1,000 Christians are seeking refuge at the Holy Family Convent and Greek Orthodox Church, the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem is striving to provide essential support such as food and medications.

Secondly, in the West Bank, approximately 37,000 Palestinian Christians, especially in cities like Bethlehem and Ramallah, are grappling with economic hardships. The Latin Patriarchate is addressing this by offering food coupons, covering medical expenses, and providing financial support for social hardship cases.

Thirdly, in East Jerusalem, with almost 10,000 Palestinian Christians, a significant portion of whom worked in tourism, LPJ is extending financial assistance to prevent evictions and imprisonment due to job losses caused by the industry's standstill.

Lastly, ACN is aiding Christian migrants and asylum seekers, supporting over 100,000 individuals with complex legal statuses. Displaced workers from Gaza are in need of shelter, psychological support, and basic necessities, while daycare center closures present financial challenges https://aidtochurch.org

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume in February.
Sunday School provides a general Catholic
Education for all children, including Sacramental
preparation. Starting date TBA.

Tony's Café

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

Wishing the volunteers a happy holidays

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.



The Epiphany of the Lord/ Feast of the Three Kings

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

The feast of the Three Kings is one of the loveliest of all feasts. We love the three kings for their humility and tenderness. It was their selfless love for the new born baby that brought them so far. In every way they were unlike king Herod. Today we remember also that they brought gifts for the

new born baby and that they were guided by a star.

In fact, the focus point of this feast is neither the kings, nor their gifts, nor the star, rather the fact that the new born baby Jesus revealed the truth about himself to them. Therefore this feast has the name "Epiphany". meaning "to make known" or "to reveal."

The three kings were:

Theokeno: known as Melchior, well suited name meaning 'Gentle approach'.

Mensor: known as Caspar, well suited name meaning 'He is won by love'.

Seir: known as Balthasar, meaning 'He accomplishes the Will of God whole heartedly'.

Their journey to Bethlehem took 700+ hours (journey time only). It should have taken them 60+ days, but accomplished it in just 33 days. Often travelled day and night; and in good speed. Sometimes they sat on camels, otherwise walked beside the camels, praying, and singing as they went. They were composing songs as they moved, and one intoning and others repeating after. In the quiet night their voice produced a very touching effect. Their hearts filled with joy and devotion.

To Mary and Joseph, the kings spoke of their vision of the star and all that happened during their journey. Their words were so simple and childlike. With tenderest tears they prayed fervently to Child Jesus and offered themselves together with all they were and all they valued on earth. They begged the Child to take their hearts, their souls, their actions and their thoughts. They, entreated Child Jesus to enlighten them and bestow on them all the virtues and to grant the whole world peace, joy and love...

This feast also gives us hope that if those kings in ancient times could get to Jesus, then anyone can. Think of how many barriers they had to cross to get to Jesus. There was a culture barrier, distance barrier, conveyance barrier, language barrier, racial barrier, religious barrier and a hostile king and indifferent religious leaders. It wasn't easy for them to get to Jesus, but they did get to him. If they could, anyone can, with God's help.

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. Resumes 6 Feb 2024 Tue: 12.30—1.30pm & Thu: 3—5.30pm
Al-Anon	The Glen (behind Parish House)	Tuesdays 7—9.30pm
Legion of Mary	St Anthony's Church	Resumes 2 February 2024 Every Friday after 9.15am Mass
St Vincent de Paul	Parish House	Resumes 15 January 2024 Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm
Sacre Coeur Prayer Group	The Glen (behind Parish House)	Resumes 2 Feb 2024 Every Friday 7.30—9pm
Baptism Preparation	St Anthony's Church	Every 2nd Friday of the month at 7pm. Email/Contact the Parish Office

I made a New Year's resolution 'to drink more water'. So far, I've only gotten as far as "drink more".