

# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

#### The Epiphany of the Lord Year A

### 8 January 2023

**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** 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 Principal: Margaret Carlei ① 9563 6780 Ø office@santglen.catholic.edu.au ⊑ santglen.catholic.edu.au **Our Sick:** Rosalba Germano, Remedios Patawaran (Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested) **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Robyn Roberts **ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES:** Georgie Cangy, Paul Blair

Please ring/email the Parish Office if you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter by email



JANUARY 8,2023

Solemnity of the Fiphany of the Lord

Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us. - Pope Francis

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	Liturgy Roster Jan 7-8			
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b> Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;	Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion Today's Readings	Sat 6pm	S Pfleger	L Pereira	J Aranha
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3. 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 Responsorial Psalm	Sun 9am	Y Jo-Sumarna	C Collins	B Meneaud
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you Gospel Acclamation	Sun 11am	M Anthony	J Wong	A Francis
Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia! <b>Communion Antiphon</b> We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord	Sun 5pm	J Kirkham	E Sebastian	TBA
	Liturgy Roster Jan 14-15			
	Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
<b>Next Sunday's Readings</b> Is 49:3. 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34	Sat 6pm	L Pereira	P Bates	J Aranha
Last Week's Stewardship Collections	Sun 9am	C Collins	Y Jo-Sumarna	R Meneaud
(loose & envelopes) Church Stewardship \$1,850	Sun 11am	K O'Sullivan	J Wong	S Heuberger
Presbytery Stewardship \$1,004 Credit Card/Direct Debit/EFT, Venue Hire, Donations	Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	TBA
Now available in the Piety Stall. <b>Tony's Cafe</b> Tony's Café re-opens Thursday 2 February 2023.	2023. Please email or leave a voice message and a staff member will get back as soon as possible. Feast of St Vincent Pallotti Sunday 22 January 2023 At every Mass of the weekend of 21/22 January, there will be a reflection on the life of St Vincent Pallotti. All are invited also to a gathering, organised by the Pallottines at the Glen at 3pm on Sunday 22 January. At the gathering, there will also be an			
We wish everyone a Happy New Year. Legion of Mary St Anthony's monthly Curia Meeting resumes on 28 Jan 2023 @ 10:30 in the Glen. Legion Of Mary Praesidium Of Our Lady of Fatima resumes on 3 Feb 2023 at 10am in the Church.				
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b> St Vincent de Paul resumes on 16 January 2023.				
CHOIR Choir Practice There will be no choir practice until further notice.	opportunity to contribute financially towards the education of orphan children at Keshero in Rwanda, Africa. Details TBA.			
CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISIONSafeguarding Children and Young PeopleAll 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 al- ways be our first priority and we have a ZERO tolerance for any form of abuse				

**SUPERVISION FILL** ways 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

#### Fr. Leenus on Leave

Fr Pat Jackson SAC will be celebrating Masses for us at our usual Mass times whilst Fr Leenus is away in India from 28 Dec.2022 to 10 Jan. 2023.

We thank Fr. Pat for his prayers and blessings!

'Month's Mind' Mass — St Patrick's Cathedral

A memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 January, 6.30pm approximately one month after his death

#### Masses during the Holiday Season

Our Mass times remain un-changed during the holiday season

Weekdays: (Mon—Sat): 9.15am

Weekends: Sat Vigil: 6pm; Sun: 9am, 11am & 5pm.

Please read our Weekend Newsletters and remain updated. Thank you everyone!

<b>BLESSING ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> (Take a chalk to mark the front door of your homes as a blessing for the New Year)				
CHALK MARK	WORDS TO BE SAID AT HOME			
	Peace be upon this house and with all of us who live here. Amen.			
	Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11			
	The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking: When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.			
	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.			
	THE THREE WISE MEN			
С	CASPAR			
Μ	MELCHIOR			
В	BALTHASAR			
	FOLLOWED THE LIGHT OF THE STAR TO FIND JESUS,			
	THE SON OF GOD, WHO CAME TO LIVE AMONG US.			
20	TWO THOUSAND			
23 23	AND TWEN-THREE YEARS AGO.			
+	MAY CHRIST BLESS OUR HOME TODAY AND			
+	REMAIN WITH US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.			
	Let us pray. God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return.			
	Through Christ our Lord. Amen.			
	Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.			
	In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.			

## **Epiphany of the Lord**

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Today we remember the day, when Baby Jesus was visited by 3 Kings with gifts, guided by a star. But the focus point of today is neither the kings, nor their gifts, nor the star; rather the fact that, that day Baby Jesus revealed the Truth of Himself to the rest of the world. Therefore this feast has the

name "Epiphany". Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "to make known" or "to reveal."

The 3 kings, to whom He revealed Himself, were non Jew. Earlier He had revealed Himself to the shepherds, who were Jew. This revelation to the non Jewish kings indicates that Jesus came for all people, for all nations and for all races. It indicates that God's work of salvation is not limited to the Jews or to a few. We are all included in His salvific plan.

In this regard in today's First Reading we heard Isaiah predicting "The glory of God would be seen, not only upon the Jewish nation, but also upon the Gentiles." This prediction comes true with the 3 kings and all of us coming to know Jesus, as our God. Isaiah had predicted also that "They shall bring gifts".

The 3 Kings were: Theokeno (Melchior), Mensor (Casper), Seir (Balthasar).

Theokeno: (Oldest) also known as Melchior, well suited name meaning 'Gentle approach'. King of Arabia; Later, baptised by St. Thomas, Baptism Name Leo.

Mensor: (Youngest) also known as Caspar, well suited name meaning 'He is won by love'. Chaldean; King of Sheba. Later baptised by St. Thomas, Baptism Name Leander.

Seir: Also known as Balthasar, well suited name meaning 'He accomplishes the Will of God whole heartedly'. King of Tars and Egypt. Baptism of Desire.

Their journey to Bethlehem was 700+ hours (journey time only). They should have taken 60 days but accomplished it 33 days. Often travelled day and night. And good speed. Sometimes they sat on camels, otherwise walked beside the camels, praying, and singing as they went. They were composing songs as they went, and one intoning and others repeating after. In the quiet night their voice producing a very touching effect. Their hearts filled with joy and devotion. Their songs were something like "Over the hills we make our way, to visit the newborn king and our homage to pay"

The kings spoke of their vision of the star and all that happened during their journey. Their words were so simple and childlike. They always said we rather than I; "we have seen the star, we have come to adore the King of kings". And they with tenderest tears prayed fervently to Child Jesus 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, 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 find Jesus, then anyone can. Think of how many barriers they had to cross to get to Jesus. There was a culture barrier, a distance barrier, conveyance barrier, a language barrier, a racial barrier, a 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 reach him, then anyone can.

A new convert to Christianity was asked after a year long Religion class, "What is Christmas?" After a short time of thinking the young man replied, "is it not the day before the boxing day?"

