

The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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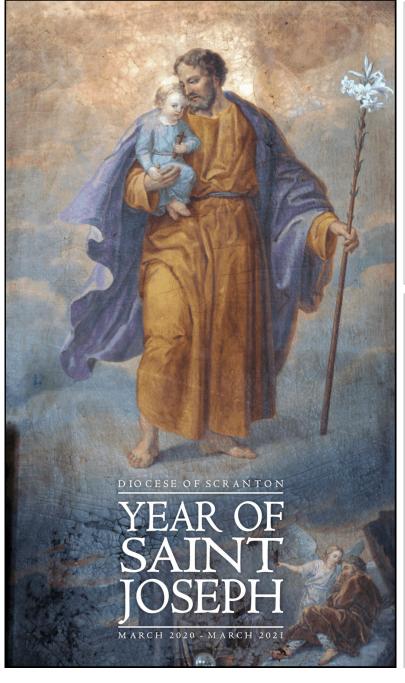
The Baptism of Our Lord. Year B.

10 January 2021

Parish Office will reopen on Thursday, 14th January 2021; 10 am-2 pm.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6pm; Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 5pm. Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 9.15am.

To Register your Mass-attendance, please use trybooking.com/BNSXJ (Jan.2021), or text Shanelle on 0405014902 or on your arrival use QR Code or the manual register at the Foyer. (Note: Registering via trybooking is possible for Sun 9am and10.30am Masses only) Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays after the Morning Mass, until 10am.



Year of St. Joseph.

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" (With a Father's Heart), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from, 8 Dec. 2020, to 8 Dec. 2021.

At the conclusion of his Letter, Pope Francis adds the following prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together.

Prayer to St. Joseph.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage, and defend us
from every evil. Amen.

Guidelines during the Current COVID Restrictions.

In the light of the current guidelines from the Archdiocese of Melbourne and directives from the State Govt. of Victoria, St Anthony's, Glen Huntly requests all our church attendees to observe the following guidelines.

- Despite your prior registration, arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass time, to ensure adequate checking in. In the last 10 minutes seats may be allocated to earlier arrivals.
- Church doors will be closed once the maximum number of 125 people are in.
- To enter and to exit the church, please use the Front Entrance only. (The side-doors may be left open for ventilation purpose only).
- If you are feeling unwell please get tested and stay at home.
- On arrival at the church foyer all must sanitize their hands.
- All attendees must wear face masks inside the church.
- Once inside the Church, follow the signage.
- All attendees must register their contact details using any of the following means:
 - 1. Manual registration. (the next 2 options are preferred)
 - 2. QR Code. (and confirm it with the Registration Volunteer)
 - 3. trybooking. (and tick off your names in the trybooking list at the foyer)
- On Weekends, please make your offerings at the church door before or after Mass.
- All must try to keep 1.5 meter distance from each other at all times.
- Please sit facing the yellow labels on pews.
- All must sanitise their hands before receiving Holy Communion.
- As you proceed to receive Holy Communion follow the floor markings
- Holy Communion will be distributed in the following order:

First, the musicians, the singers and the congregation on school-side of the church. Second, the congregation on the Grange Rd side of the church.

If possible please give a helping hand in sanitizing the church after the Mass. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer, adapted from a message from Sister Bridget Tighe of Caritas Jerusalem.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

Keep Safe and Keep Well

Change of Sunday Mass times

As of now, the Weekend Masses are on Saturdays 6pm, Sundays 9am, 10.30am and 5pm.

It's obvious that the interval between 9am Mass and 10.30am Mass is a bit too short.

We cannot make any change to the January Mass timings.

But from the first Sunday of February we would like to shift the 10.30 Mass to 11 am.

Please let us know your opinion before 21st January.

You may email, ring or leave your voice message on our parish office number.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of more volunteers to monitor Contact Registration and to supervise
Sanitization at the Church foyer before and after Mass.

Those interested in volunteering, please let the Parish Office know.

God bless your generous effort.

Rose petals wanted

If you have a garden and some time please save the petals from your roses. Let them dry out and keep them in a brown paper bag for use later in the year. You can bring them to Mass or leave them at the Parish House on Thursdays. Thank you.

Tony's Café

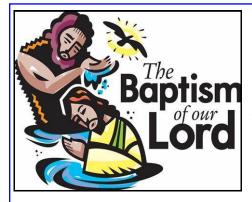
It's a parish outreach meal program which is run by volunteers in the parish hall, 164-168 Neerim Rd. At the moment we are serving takeaway meals only and giving out a food parcel during January on Tuesdays from 12.30 - 1.30 pm. Please enter the hall using the black gates in Neerim Rd. All very welcome.

Sunday School

Sunday School Education in the Catholic faith is available for all children on Sunday mornings during school term. Classes run from 10 to 10.45 am and include preparation for the Sacraments. Last year we met online, but this year we are hoping to return to face to face learning in the Glen and Parish House. More details to follow.

Music and Singing

St Anthony's Choir and Band Singers and musicians very welcome. Please speak to a member after 10.30 Mass or email veronica.blair@cam.org.au



Why do we get baptized? What happens to us in Baptism? What does Catechism of the Catholic Church say about it? It says: 1. By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, and all punishment for sin. 2. By Baptism we become a new creature, adopted child of God, who has become a partaker of the divine nature, a member of Christ and co-heir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

3. Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

So, in fact Jesus had no need to be baptized at all. He did not have the stain of the original sin or did he have any personal sin, to be washed away in Baptism. He is the beloved Son of God, God himself and therefore no need to be adopted as a child of God by Baptism. And again he did not need to become a member of the Church by Baptism, for He is the head of the Church. Yet Jesus got himself baptized, mainly for three reasons.

- a) To fulfill all righteousness.
- b) To set us an example that we should follow.
- c) To reveal Himself as belonging to God and being the Christ.

By getting himself baptized Jesus was also taking upon himself the burden of our sinfulness. He was letting himself be counted as one among us, even though he was sinless.

In coming to John our Lord virtually said, "Though sinless, and without any personal taint, yet in my official capacity as the 'Sent of God,' I stand in the room of many, and bring with me the sin of the world, for which I am the propitiation."

Since Jesus shares in our humanity we can now share in His divinity. Our standing before God is wholly dependent on His standing: we are "accepted as the Beloved," not on our own, but solely by Him and his merits.

So, whatever he did, he acted on our behalf. His baptism was one such act of righteousness, not for himself, but for our sake. "He became one of us: He who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in him."

Now since his life was on a level all its own, whatever happened during his lifetime, was on our behalf, including his baptism. Now if Christ, who was without sin, insisted on being baptized, then we, who are His sinful followers must be baptized as well.

If there was anyone who did not need baptism, it was Jesus Christ. But Jesus himself submitted to baptism in all humility, so should we.

Next Sunday: 17th Jan. 2021. Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19. Responsorial Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20. Gospel: John 1:35-42

Roster for next Weekend, 16 and 17 January 2021

Mass time	Commentator/Reader	Special Minister	Registration Volunteer	Sanitization Volunteer
Sat. 6pm	M. D'Souza	TBC	TBC	TBC
Sun 9am	M Dwyer	TBC	TBC	TBC
Sun 10.30	J Wong	TBC	S D'Mello	TBC
Sun 5pm	E O'Keefe	TBC	TBC	TBC