



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year) Year A

1 January 2023

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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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
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OUR SICK: Rosalba Germano
(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested)
RECENTLY DECEASED: Ian Davis
ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Jim Griffiths

PLEASE RING/EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE PARISH NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

**31 Dec. 2022 Sat. Vigil Mass 6pm,
Late Night Mass 11pm.**

1Jan. 2023 Sun. 9am, 11am, 5pm.



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

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever

Today's Readings

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Responsorial Psalm

May God bless us in his mercy

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

Church Stewardship \$3,912
Presbytery Stewardship \$1,990

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

A RESOLVE

For Every Morning of the New Year

I will this day try to live a simple & sincere and serene life & repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking & cultivating cheerfulness & magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence & exercising economy in expenditure, carefulness in conversation diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust and a child-like trust in God

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Liturgy Roster Dec 31-Jan 1

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	L Pereira	N/A	TBA
Sat 11pm	V Furtado	N/A	TBA
Sun 9am	F De Marte	N/A	T Ho
Sun 11am	L Nguyen	N/A	S Heuberger
Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	N/A

Liturgy Roster Jan 7-8

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	S Pflieger	L Pereira	J Aranha
Sun 9am	J Jo-Sumarna	C Collins	B Meneaud
Sun 11am	M Anthony	J Wong	A Francis
Sun 5pm	J Kirkham	E Sebastian	TBA

Parish Office partially closed

The Parish office will be attended to on skeleton working hours between 1 January—10 January 2023.

Please email or leave a voice message and a staff member will get back as soon as possible.

A prayer for the health of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Pope Francis asked for all of us to say a special prayer for the pope emeritus Benedict, "who, in silence, is sustaining the Church," he said. "Remember him — he is very ill — asking the Lord to console him and to sustain him in this testimony of love for the Church until the end."

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God,
You are the everlasting health of
those who believe in You.

Hear our prayers for your sick servant Benedict.
Amen.

**CHILDREN MUST
HAVE ADULT
SUPERVISION**



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

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!

Masses during the Holiday Season

Our Mass times remain un-changed during the holiday season (between Christmas and New Year and beyond)

Weekdays: (Mon—Sat): 9.15am

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

Please read our Weekend Newsletters and remain updated.

Thank you everyone!

Christmas Liturgies

Congratulations and thank you to all who, in any way, enhanced the celebration of Christmas across all Masses last weekend. Many people contributed this year, from the choir and band, readers, special ministers, sacristans, collectors, the group who set up the crib, the flower arrangers, the preparers of refreshments right down to the children who enacted the nativity at the family Mass. Apart from these particular ministries is the one which is perhaps the most important of all and that is the prayer which we offer together. Led by Father Leenus and Monsignor Diamond, our prayer is enriched by every person present in the church and every person united with us by their desire to be present. This most valuable aspect of our common prayer is available to all and enriches us all. Let us be grateful to each for their contribution

“We will open the book.
Its pages are blank. We
are going to put words
on them ourselves. The
book is called
Opportunity and its first
chapter is New Year's
Day.”

EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE

thegoldchaser.com

Columban Calendars 2023 (Cost \$10)

Now available in the Piety Stall.

Tony's Cafe

Tony's Café will reopen on Thursday 2 February 2023.

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 and Legion Of Mary Praesidium Of Our Lady of Fatima resumes on 3 Feb 2023 at 10am in the Church.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul will return on 16 January 2023.



Christmas Dinner

Just when we thought we had Christmas Dinner organised, and after 30 years of experience and service, God planned a day of surprises for us. First, we realised that we couldn't use the hall. Ah well, we can cope. And then we realised it would be very hot. Oh well, borrow some marquees from the school. Then a request from the Age newspaper to send a reporter and a photographer. Yes, we can manage that. An unexpected increase in numbers? No worries. But then came something from left field. The donation of over \$20,000 worth of groceries from parishioner Shane Cosgrave, who has recently bought a supermarket in Highett and had an excess of stock with a fast-approaching use by date. We've never had that before!! So what can we do? We can set up a pantry. The guests were overjoyed with this unexpected largesse and so were we. And Shane was happy too! "I just couldn't throw it all out," he said. "Thank you for taking it."

We thank God for Shane, who grew up in this parish and for all his goodies. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the dinner, enabling us to serve over 300 meals. A full report will be published soon. The smiles on the guests' faces and the thanks we received told us you had succeeded in making their day a good one. Well done everyone for being as generous as God is and thank you once again for being the best parish we know in the Diocese.



1st January 2023
New Year & the SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOTHER OF GOD

A son telephoned his parents to wish them 'A Happy New Year', and when his Dad answered the phone, he asked his dad, "Well Dad, what's your New Year's resolution?" His dad replied, "To make your mother as happy as I can all year,"

When his mom got on the phone, he asked her "what's your New Year resolution mum?" and she replied, "To see that your dad keeps up his New Year's resolution."



Today is 1st January, and we are standing on the threshold of a "New Beginning". The first month is named after the Roman god Janus, an appropriate personification for the start of the New Year. The one special thing about the god Janus is that he is two-faced. He has a face looking backward and a face looking forward. So, January comes to us as an opportunity to look to the past year with gratitude, and to look to the future with much hopes. That is why the god Janus became the symbol of New Year.

This is also an opportunity for us to pray to God for his blessings as we enter the New Year with fresh resolutions. In the First Reading of today, we have an example of Levitical blessing, "The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

On 1st January each year, the Catholic Church celebrates "World Day of Peace" as well. On this day our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked us to pray for peace in the world and especially for peace in Ukraine.

The life of Jesus begins with Mary. Therefore, it is appropriate that we begin the New Year with a Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Since Mary is the Mother of God she is the mother of joy. So the traditional greeting on this first day of the New Year is one of joy: "Happy New Year!"

Today's special feast affirms that the Blessed Virgin Mary is truly the Mother of God. This Catholic Dogma finds its origin from the passage found in the Gospel of Luke. After the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Upon her arrival, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit expressed her joy and exclaimed, "How is it that the Mother of God come to me?"

In 431 A.D, the Council of Ephesus affirmed that Mary is truly the Mother of God because "according to the flesh" she gave birth to Jesus, who is truly God. So, on this New Year Day, let us turn to Mary, our mother, with all our needs and hopes, confident that she will never fail us and give "A NEW BEGINNING FOR A NEW YEAR!"

A couple was doing their New Year shopping in a crowded shopping mall. After a while, the wife was surprised to find that her husband was nowhere around. She was quite upset and decided to call him over the mobile phone to ask him where he was. In a calm voice her husband answered the call, 'honey, you remember the jewelry store we went into, 5 years ago, and you fell in love with a diamond necklace we couldn't afford, and I had said that I will buy it for you one day?' At this the wife was overjoyed and her eyes went sparkling, and with overflowing love for her husband, in a chocking voice she said "yes, yes I remember the jewelry store, the jewelry store". The husband said, "well, I am sitting in the bar right next to it".

