

## The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

## **Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year A**

14 June 2020

### COVID -19

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have dispensed all Catholics in Victoria from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Bishops encourage the Faithful to continue active participation in the life of the Church, eg. time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or watching Mass online:

melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass wordonfire.org/daily-mass ewtn.com 12noon Mass Monday to Saturday Fatima Centre 205 Poath Rd Murrumbeena

#### PARISH PRIEST

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#### PARISH SECRETARY

Shobha Thomas

#### ST ANTHONY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Sue Leong

#### PARISH OFFICE

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# BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

**TONY'S CAFÉ** TEL: 0432 087 494 Tuesdays 12.30-1.30pm Thursdays 3-5.30pm Saturdays 12.30-1.30pm from 6 June

#### ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### **OPENOURCHURCHES.COM.AU**

Archbishop Fisher of Sydney calls Australian Catholics to sign a petition addressed to State Premiers and the Chief Ministers asking them to re-open our churches, that all Christians may practice their faith freely and openly:

openourchurches.com.au

catholicweekly.com.au has an interesting article on life without Sunday Mass during COVID19.

#### **TONY'S CAFÉ**

Tony's Café is a parish outreach for people who are having trouble putting a meal on the table. We are currently serving 200 takeaway meals in the Waratah Room St Anthony's Hall to families, seniors, singles, international students and anyone who comes along.

Tony's Café is open: Tuesdays 12.30–1.30pm; Thursdays 3-5.30pm; Saturdays 12.30 – 1.30pm (BBQ from 6 June.). Thank you to all volunteers and benefactors who make Tony's Café such a success. If you would like to help please ring 0432 087 494. Leave your name and contact number. Someone will contact you.

### PARISH UPDATE

- St Anthony's School advises that access to school grounds remains restricted. School gates (Grange Rd and Neerim Rd) are locked. The Glen, Mary Garden, Memorial Garden, Padua Pavilion and playground are closed. This is in accordance with current school policies and to contain sanitization in all school areas until further notice, with direct advice from the Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government.
- All of us wait on advice from Government on the progress of COVID19 and re-opening of workplaces, shops and society in general. For the moment limits remain on numbers of people in restaurants and other places where people gather, including churches. The Archdiocese of Melbourne has advised that Government restrictions must be interpreted strictly. We look forward to the day when restrictions are lifted, and all of us are able to attend Mass together.

#### ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to all who continue supporting St Anthony's with regular Stewardship. Many are now making their contribution electronically, while others are dropping their envelopes into the letterbox at the front door of the Parish House. This letterbox is emptied daily.

Parish expenses for May include:

AGL Electricity	\$285
Red Energy Gas *Tony's Café/Hall	\$152
Gardens & Grounds	\$396
Catholic Church Insurance	
May 2020 Instalment	\$ 957
South East Water	\$ 294
City of Glen Eira Rates	\$ 558
*Tony's Café/Hall	\$ 302

At this time our Parish facilities are not being used or hired except for Tony's Café\*. We continue to rely on the generous support of St Anthony's parishioners in Parish Stewardship. Support for our priests and bishops ("Presbytery") can also be given electronically or placed in the Parish House letterbox. Please remember to use your Stewardship Envelope, or include your name and Stewardship number with all donations to St Anthony's Parish and Presbytery. This helps us to keep a record of giving for acknowledgement.

#### ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH ACCOUNT

Bank: NAB

Account Name: St Anthony's Church

BSB: 083 347

Account: 657 570 315

Description: Your Stewardship Number or Name

& Surname

### ST ANTHONY'S PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

Bank: NAB

Account Name: St Anthony's Presbytery

BSB: 083 347

Account: 657 570 286

Description: Your Stewardship Number or Name

& Surname

St Anthony's Parish Office is open Tuesday and Thursday 10am—12noon. Tel: 9401 6336

Email: glenhuntly@cam.org.au

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

## The Most Boly Body & Blood of Christ Year A

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; 1Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

## The Word of God

The blessing-cup, which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ; and the loaf of bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? And as there is one loaf, so we, although there are many of us, are one single body, for we all share in the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world'. Then the Jews started arguing among themselves, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' Jesus replied to them: 'In all truth I tell you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise that person up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.'

John 6: 51-55

### Meditation

Let us take our place, dear brothers and sisters, at the school of the saints, who are the great interpreters of true Eucharistic piety. In them the theology of the Eucharist takes on all the splendour of a lived reality; it becomes "contagious" and, in a manner of speaking, it "warms our hearts". Above all, let us listen to Mary Most Holy, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a mystery of light. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know the transforming power present in the Eucharist. In her we see the world renewed in love. Contemplating her, assumed body and soul into heaven, we see opening up before us those "new heavens" and that "new earth" which will appear at the second coming of Christ. Here below, the Eucharist represents their pledge, and in a certain way, their anticipation: "Veni, Domine lesu!" (Rev 22:20).

In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope. If, in the presence of this mystery, reason experiences its limits, the heart, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, clearly sees the response that is demanded, and bows low in adoration and unbounded love.

Let us make our own the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an eminent theologian and an impassioned poet of Christ in the Eucharist, and turn in hope to the contemplation of that goal to which our hearts aspire in their thirst for joy and peace:

Come then, good Shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us, still keep us thine; So we may see thy glories shine in fields of immortality.

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

St John Paul II (+2005) Ecclesia de Eucharistia (2003)

### General Intercessions

Christ our Lord gives us his body and blood as real food and real drink, so that we may draw life from him. Longing to share in the Holy Eucharist, we bring our prayers to our Father.

- 1. For Pope Francis, our bishops and priests, that they may offer his holy sacrifice with reverent devotion.
- 2. For human society in our world today, that the social meaning of the Eucharist may inspire people to serve Christ in the poor.
- 3. For deeper devotion to Jesus really present in the Eucharist, that privately or in community, men, women, and children may come to adore him.
- 4. For ourselves, that we may truly "form a single body" in the communion of the Church, in prayer and charity.
- 5. For those nourished in this life by the Eucharist, that they may be raised up on the last day: Fr William Creed CSsR, Cheryl Rathgen....

Almighty God, be favourable to the prayers we offer. Accept them in union with the perfect prayer of your beloved son, the one acceptable victim and eternal priest, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## Family Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 19 June

Sacred Heart of Jesus, you have revealed your desire to reign in every Christian family. Today, we ask that you take complete possession of our home. We greatly desire that through sincere fidelity to you, our home becomes fragrant with love, peace and joy. Keep far from us all that can turn us away from you. Drain off feelings of strife; replace our bitterness with forgiveness; do not allow resentments and hurts to dictate what we do or say. May the flame of sincerity and understanding love burn brighter each day thorough our frequent participation in the Eucharist and the habit of daily family prayer.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, preside over all our gatherings and events. Be with us in all our joys and sorrows. If any of us should stray away from you and from us, may your merciful Heart bring themback to you and to union with us. May each member of our family be a committed Christian, faithful to the way of life you teach us by word and example.

And, at the end, when death comes, may we accept it with joyful hope in the resurrection and the final reunion of our family in heaven, where you own hand will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, be the mother of our family! St. Joseph, take care of each member of our family as you looked after the Holy Family of Nazareth!

May the grace and blessing of the Sacred Heart of Jesus be on us; the peace of the Sacred Heart envelop us; the merits of the Sacred Heart plead for us; the love of the Sacred Heart strengthen us; the zeal of the Sacred Heart animate us; the virtues of the Sacred Heart shine forth in our words and deeds. May the eternal vision of the Sacred heart be our lasting joy.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, be King of our home! In our home may you be glorified today and forever! Amen.