



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 21 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

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PARISH SECRETARY
Shobha Thomas

ST ANTHONY’S SUNDAY SCHOOL
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PARISH ACCOUNTANT
Bernard Negline

PARISH FINANCE OFFICER
Sue Leong

PARISH OFFICE
Tue & Thu: 10am—12noon

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
📞 9563 6780
✉ office@santglen.catholic.edu.au

ST MARY MACKILLOP ROSARY BEADS
Aid to the Church in Need have produced Rosary beads, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Born in Melbourne in 1842, St Mary of the Cross is Australia’s first saint. These Rosary beads will be available in October. If you would like to order the special Rosary beads, please email your request to St Anthony’s Parish Office. Payment \$40 can be made to St Anthony’s Church account:
Bank: NAB
Account Name: St Anthony’s Church
BSB: 083 347
Account: 657 570 315
Description: Rosary beads and your name & surname

PARISH UPDATE
• Sincere thanks to all parishioners who continue to support St Anthony’s with regular stewardship. 30 June is the end of the quarter when priests receive their stipend. The Presbytery account also provides support for:
Archbishop Comensoli & bishops 5%
Priests Remuneration Fund 12.5%
Priests Retirement Foundation 12.5%

The Priests Remuneration Fund supports priests in parishes where the people cannot provide the minimum stipend. The Priests Retirement Foundation provides for retired and sick clergy.

• The current series of St Anthony’s Parish Stewardship envelopes runs until September. Sincere thanks to all stewardship members for your faithful and regular support with envelopes and electronic giving. A Parish Finance Report to 30 June is in preparation.

• 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.

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.

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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.
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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-Policy
cam.org.au/Commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Holy Gospel

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid of them. Everything now covered up will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of human beings, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. 33. But the one who disowns me in the presence of human beings, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Meditation

Three times Jesus calls out to his listeners today: "Have no fear!" What are we not to fear? To have no fear at all would probably not be the right thing. Because there is a lot that quite naturally frightens us as human beings. We are afraid of anything that threatens us and anything against which we feel powerless. Many people have to be anxious about their jobs today with more and more jobs being "streamlined away". Worrying about health can be a heavy burden, as are problems in relationships, marriage crises, and the accompanying loss of security that threatens. At its deepest level, it is probably the fear of losing what is dear to us. And because everything in this world is transitory, everything is always and everywhere endangered as well, and from this comes so much of the fear in our lives. It is just this fear that we should overcome, even if it seems almost impossible. Jesus gives three steps for doing this. The fear of rubbing people the wrong way is the first thing to overcome. It often cripples us from expressing our convictions. This prevents many Christians from publicly answering for their faith. What Jesus said should come out and not remain in the sacristy, because his good news should reach all people. This is why Christians should not fear professing their faith in Christ before others, so that one day he will not have to say to them: "I do not know you!" With this, we are now at the second "Have no fear." Only one loss is really to be feared: losing God. For whoever loses him loses everything. Whoever has him cannot be harmed by any other loss. I will never forget meeting a campmate of Alexander Solzhenitsyn. In the Siberian Gulag, according to his experience, the ones who were most likely to survive were those who did not strive to maintain their physical survival at all costs, those who feared the death of the soul more than that of the body. Viktor Frankl experienced something similar in Auschwitz. Death, which is certain for us all, is not the greatest evil. It is worse to lose one's soul, to become heartless. Whoever fearlessly gives his life to fight for good, for others, and for God does not need to fear death.

How can such inner freedom be won? Jesus' third "Have no fear" shows the way: Trust in God! Your Father in heaven knows what you need. He cares for all of you, down to your very hairs. He loves even the sparrows and, how much more, you! St Teresa of Avila speaks to this attitude in a famous prayer:

*Let nothing trouble you,
Let nothing frighten you,
Everything passes.
God never changes.
Patience obtains all.
Whoever has God
Wants for nothing.
God along is enough.*

Cardinal Christoph Schonborn OP

General Intercessions

The Lord listens to the needy. He is always ready with help that never fails. We have only to ask. So let us seek the compassion of the One who cherishes even the smallest sparrow.

1. For the Church which dispenses the abundant free gift of divine grace.
2. For nations enslaved by sinful systems of oppression and terror.
3. For men and women who suffer fear, worry and ill health.
4. For men and women discerning the call to be priests or religious.
5. For those who have come into the presence of our Father:
Cheryl Rathgen

Father of all creation, we commit our cause to you, and praise you for caring for us in our need, by giving us your own Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Church honours this week 3 martyrs who were not afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul (Mt 10: 28).

*Monday is the memorial of martyrs from the Reformation in England:
Sts John Fisher and Thomas More.*

Wednesday is the solemnity of St John the Baptist.

St John Fisher was born in Yorkshire, England, and was ordained a priest at the age of 25, after a brilliant career at Cambridge University. He distinguished himself by combating the Protestant heresies and especially the theses proposed by Martin Luther. At the age of 35, while remaining Chancellor at Cambridge, he became bishop of Rochester. He was confessor to the mother of Henry VIII, Elizabeth of York, and was renowned for his humanistic as well as his theological learning. He was a friend of Erasmus of Rotterdam, to whom he gave a chair at Christ's College at Cambridge. Erasmus said of Fisher: "There is not a man more cultured, more admired or more holy." Fisher's episcopal residence was like a monastery because of its austerity and the daily Liturgy of the Hours as well as the discipline of the domestics. Because he defended the validity of the first marriage of Henry VIII, he was imprisoned for the first time in 1533. Later, he was interned in the Tower of London because he refused to take the oath of loyalty after the king married Anne Boleyn and rejected papal authority over the Church in England. He was beheaded a month after Pope Paul III had named him a cardinal.

St Thomas More was born in London and studied at Oxford and in London. He was twice married and was a member of Parliament. Together with Pico della Mirandola (whose biography More had written in 1494) and Erasmus (who was More's close friend), More was an outstanding humanist. His most famous work, Utopia, is a book of political philosophy, showing a society based on the natural virtues. Eventually More became Chancellor to Henry VIII, succeeding Cardinal Wolsey. He was opposed to the king's divorce and after three years he resigned as Chancellor and refused to recognise the king's spiritual supremacy. After imprisonment in the Tower of London, he was beheaded on July 6 at the age of 57. St John Paul II proclaimed him patron of politicians and statesmen (2000).

The Solemnity of *St John the Baptist* is observed on 24 June. It celebrates the holy birth of 'the greatest of all the prophets'. St John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High," John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom," whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah," John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

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