

# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

## First Sunday of Lent Year C

## 6 March 2022

**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** Saturday 9.45am-10.10am and 5.30pm—5.50pm

**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

OUR SICK: Vivien, Glennys Smith, Alfredo Palo, Merlynn Roman, Selvyn Pereira, Archie Baines, Bev Chandler, Christine Mannix (Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested) RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Salamito

**ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES**: Dorothy Elias, Winifreada and Victor Fernando

Please ring/email the Parish Office if you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter by email or would like a sick, deceased or anniversary of a family member mentioned in our newsletter





- Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.
- Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.
- Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.
- Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.
- Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.
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- Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.
- Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.
- Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.
- Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.
- Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.
- Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS On Fridays of Lent

After 9.15am Mass and after 7pm Mass.

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** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days. **Today's Readings** Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 **Responsorial Psalm** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. **Gospel Acclamation** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! **Communion Antiphon** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. **Next Sunday's Readings** Gen 15:5-12. 17-18; Phil 3:17 – 4:1; Lk 9:28-36



Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes now available in Church Foyer

**St Anthony's Choir** The choir and band are looking for more members, for Sundays, especially for Easter. Feel free to come to a practice on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm or

contact Veronica: veronica.blair@cam.org.au Liturgy Roster (Readers)—Mar 5-6 Sat. 6pm–N Mudalige

Sun. 9am–M Dwyer & 11am–C Hampson Sun. 5pm–D Mitchell

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

Income

\$ 1,200 \$ 700

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

Church Stewardship

Presbytery Stewardship

#### **Baptism Preparation Change of Dates for Lent only**

During Lent, we will be having Masses on Fridays at 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

As a result our upcoming Baptism Preparation dates for March and April will now be:

Wednesday 9 March @ 7.30pm

Wednesday 6 April @ 7.30pm

We will resume to our normal Baptism Preparation dates (second Friday of every month) from the month of May onwards

## Legion of Mary

We are seeking new members. This enables us to use our talents with home visits and prayers. Please contact Gladys Zill or the Parish Office.

Liturgy Roster (Readers)—Mar 12-13 Sat. 6pm–P Bates Sun. 9am–E Moraes & 11am—L Korniadi Sun. 5pm—E Sebastian

### Aid to the Church in Need launches Emergency Appeal for Ukraine

The people of Ukraine are going through a lot of suffering. Please keep praying for peace and protection for this country and its inhabitants who have already endured so much suffering and pain. Despite difficulties and hardship, the Church promises not to abandon its faithful, whatever might happen. To make an offering please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine



#### LEGO Day for Children, 20 March 2022 St Anthony's Parish Hall 12pm—3pm

This event is an initiative by some of our young parishioners, for our Parish. Please help to make this a success.

Entrance fee \$10 per child. (This comes with a door gift!). Free for accompanying parents and children under 3 years old. Food and drinks also available. All proceeds go towards our Parish.



The activity is called Lego Day for kids to come together to build Lego as a community. There will be Lego displays (exhibition) and other Lego activities on the day. Entrance fee will go towards our Parish Maintenance.

More details to follow. All Welcome!

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation** Monday 11 April @ 7pm Lenten Regulations 2022 Available in the Church Foyer

### Pray with Pope Francis for World Peace

God of Mercy, We pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war. For all the lives lost, homes seized and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May the Spirit of wisdom and humility enliven our global leaders. May we affirm the dignity and rights of all. May we seek peace. Amen.

### **Prayer for those facing Floods**

God of all compassion, We pray for those who have been devastated by the floods and rain. Protect those who are trapped in floodwaters, no home, isolated and lay sleeplessly at night concerned for their own and neighbours safety. We pray for the safety of police officers, firemen, and volunteers involved in rescue efforts as they respond to overwhelming conditions. We pray that the roadways will be clear and dry soon. Amen

### Pan Cake Sunday: Thank You

Last Sunday, being the last before Ash Wednesday, we followed our parish tradition and served pancakes after each Mass. These were prepared at the hall last Saturday afternoon by eight cooks and served warm with a choice of butter, lemon, sugar, jam, maple syrup and ice-cream. The balance was donated to Tony's Café where they were much appreciated.

We gratefully accepted \$420.30 in donations. Expenses amounted to \$117.85. The profit of \$302.45 has been donated to Caritas via Project Compassion. Many thanks to all involved. It was lovely to see the community talking, eating and laughing together.



### St Anthony's Parish Primary School Now taking Enrollments for 2023

SCHOOL TOURS 9AM—11AM Wed 9 March 2022, Tues 15 March 2022 OR BY APPOINTMENT

Please ring 9563 6780 to make a booking for a school tour. Principal@santglen.catholic.edu.au Website: www.santglen.catholic.edu.au

# Do you feel like being called to serve?

In 2020, Pope Francis outlined his prayer for vocations that "deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church." He asks everyone to pray for permanent deacons. In the Archdiocese there are permanent deacons in a number of parishes with some aspirants in training.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME & SEE!** An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

Further information: https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au



### Good Friday Appeal fundraiser and Lenten Walk

The Good Friday Appeal Fundraiser is in the planning. Preparations for our usual Lent Pilgrimage Walk are under way. This will probably take place in early April. More details for both these events coming soon.



**Lenten Reflection Sessions** 

Every Monday during Lent at 7pm at St Anthony's Church. All Welcome!



## **First Sunday in Lent C**

The Gospel for this Sunday is about the temptations of Jesus in the desert; some prefer to call it the triumph of Jesus in the desert. Traditionally the desert was seen as the land which was not blessed by God; a place where the jackals roamed, and the demons wandered; A land where



there was no security, no clear path, no sure exit, a land totally lacking comfort and consolation; a place where one has nowhere to hide, a place where there is no shade, too hot in the day and too cold at night. The desert was considered as a place of trial.

Such was the place where Jesus came face to face with his enemy, satan. There Jesus was fasting for forty days and forty nights; and he was really hungry. All these conditions were advantageous to satan. We read that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus to such a situation. It means that it was God, who gave satan every possible advantage in his confrontation with Jesus, and God placed Jesus in the most vulnerable position.

In spite of all the advantages that satan had and the disadvantages that Jesus had, Jesus was to emerge the winner; and he did. It means, "There is no place or situation where God does not have the upper hand. God is in charge. He reigns supreme. This also means that there is no situation where with the help of God we cannot have an upper hand over satan." For Jesus, this personal and face-to-face confrontation with satan was essential since Jesus was determined to win the temptations on our behalf and for our sake; While He Himself remains unbeaten. This conflict was to determine whether Jesus or satan will have the humanity. Satan was also determined to keep Jesus away from the cross. He didn't want Jesus to die. He desperately sought to keep him from the cross. Only that way satan could have humanity for himself.

Jesus offered Satan no sympathy whatsoever, and made no effort even to begin to bargain or make a compromise with him. No give and take. Therefore, Jesus' answers were immediate, sure, definite and unyielding. He did not consider even a bit, for; He knew every bit would be connected to invisible strings. With the Word of God, Jesus silences the devil. In all three responses to the temptations, the weapon Jesus used was the same; He says, "It is written". God's Word is a powerful weapon against the devil. It's powerful because it's the truth, and satan being the father of all untruth cannot handle the truth. Yet we shall not take satan so easy. For, he has his subtle ways. In the first and third temptation satan had a hidden agenda. It meant 'obey satan or give up Jesus' Sonship'. His relationship with His Father is put to test. Later when Jesus is on the cross, satan would be trying this subtle trick again "if you are the Son of God, come down from the cross"; A call

The temptation in the wilderness was an attempt by satan to gain a foothold on Jesus. But Jesus did not give up; did not give us up. Now during this period of Lent it is our turn to prove our love and loyalty to Jesus and never give Him up. *Keep well and keep safe*.

to give His sonship and also to give up the cross; which would mean giving up humanity.