

The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

Second Sunday of Lent Year C

13 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

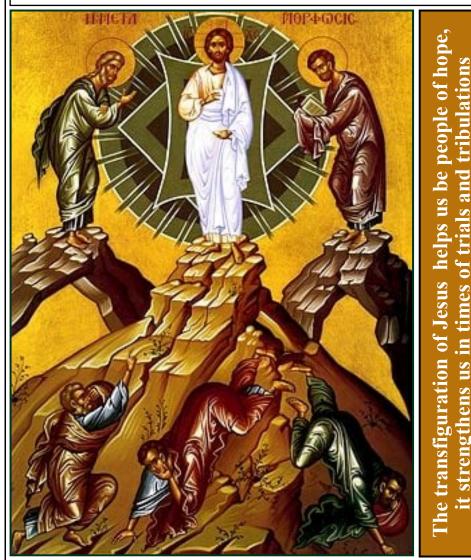
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Contact the Parish Priest/Office

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, Merlynn Roman, Selvyn Pereira, Archie Baines, Bev Chandler, Christine Mannix, Joel Saray, Jason Yu (Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested) RECENTLY DECEASED: Mariammah Arulanadam ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: David D'Silva, Martina and Rocco Marinelli

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



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 Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. Today's Readings Gen 15:5-12. 17-18; Phil 3:17 – 4:1; Lk 9:28-36 Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my light and my salvation. Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my

beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. . Next Sunday's Readings Ex 3:1-8, 13-15: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12: 1 k 13:1-9

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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 12-13 Sat. 6pm–P Bates Sun. 9am–E Moraes & 11am—L Korniadi Sun. 5pm—E Sebastian

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Income

\$ 1,195 \$ 622

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

Aid to the Church in Need Emergency Appeal for Ukraine

Please pray for peace and protection of this country which is going through a lot of suffering.

Despite difficulties and hardship, the Church promises not to abandon its faithful.

To make an offering: www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine



Church Stewardship

Presbytery Stewardship

Legion of Mary

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

Parish Office.

Liturgy Roster (Readers)—Mar 19-20 Sat. 6pm–L Pereira Sun. 9am–C Collins & 11am—J Wong Sun. 5pm—D Mitchell



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

Coffee and refreshments available from 10 am Build LEGO[®] with your door prize.

See the great displays created by other young people.

Enjoy the company of LEGO[®] enthusiasts.

BUY A \$2.00 RAFFLE TICKET AND

WIN A LEGO[®] CHESS SET VALUED AT \$80

Entrance \$10 per child (this comes with a door gift!).

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Free for accompanying parents (donation appreciated) and children under 3 years old.

Light meals available include omelets, toasted sandwiches,

curry puffs, Devonshire Teas, good coffee and cakes.

This event is an initiative by our young parishioners.

All proceeds will go to our Parish so come along and help make this a success.

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.

Lenten Walk Sunday 3 April

Our Lenten Walk will be on Sunday 3 April after 11am Mass. The destination is the Shrine at Ta Pinu, where we will make the Stations of the Cross and spend time in the Adoration Chapel. More details to follow



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



Plant Sale in Spring

Start raising your seedlings now for a nice display in Spring. Empty pots welcome but after Easter please. More details to follow.

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

SCHOOL TOURS 9AM—11AM 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



SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS (PLEASE COMPLY)

In order to be compliant with the Safeguarding Requirements, all our Volunteers, Employees and Clergy, need to provide our Parish Office with their Signed copy of the Code of Conduct, Working With Children Check, and for some Police Check.

We are expecting to be audited shortly. Contact us via email on glenhuntly@cam.org.au

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal St Anthony's Youth

The young people are starting their Good Friday collection early this year with their virtual tin shake. Just click on the link and add your donation to give them a helping hand and support the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. https://www.virtualtinshake.com.au/fundraisers/StAnthonysYouthGroup





Lenten Reflection Sessions

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



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

Second Sunday in Lent C

There is always something special about mountain tops; something spiritual. To be there is like being closer to God and in the presence of God. Perhaps, that is why when we are at our best, we tend to say, 'I'm on a mountain top of my life'; and when we are at our worst, we tend to say, 'I'm in a deep valley of my life'.

Peter, James and John had the amazing vision of the Transfiguration of Jesus on top of a mountain. There they also had the vision of Moses, the greatest law giver of Old Testament and of Elijah, the greatest prophet. It was there that the disciples could hear a clear voice of God the Father; All these in one place and at one time. It was a mountain top experience for them. Peter wanted to remain in that experience for ever. He didn't want to come down.

But in a few moments time, the greatest law giver, Moses and the great Prophet, Elijah, both the OT personalities disappeared giving way to the Beloved Son of the Father. Now on Jesus is to be their only focus. And after having told the disciples to listen to Jesus, the heavenly voice too faded. And the first words they had to listen from Jesus were "be not afraid", and then next words were "let's go down". (to the reality of daily life).

Jesus had good reasons to leave the Mountain Top and come down to the valley. When they came down, they found the reality of life waiting for them. There was a demon possessed boy down in the valley. The boy needed Jesus to heal him. And Jesus did heal the boy; and everyone was astonished at the majesty of God. The majesty of God is now experienced down in the valley too. If they would have stayed up on the mountain top, the suffering of the boy would have continued.

The majesty of God can to be experienced down in the valley, as well; out there where the real life is; in our daily life situations; Not only where everything is nice and neat; not only when we are at our best. But whenever and wherever the people are suffering and in need of relief, we can experience the presence of God in a tangible way. But then, if the reality of ministry is waiting down in the valley, why climb the mountain at all? Down in the valley of life aren't there many hungry to be fed, Jobs to be done, sick to be cared for, sorrowful to be consoled? Why did Jesus and his disciples take this time away from their busy schedule and go up the hill? And why do we take valuable time away from our busy lives and go to church? Why don't we understand that work is worship?

Jesus knew that the disciples needed to see for themselves that there was more to Jesus than meets the eye. This vision was meant to strengthen the disciples' faith, and to prepare them for the difficult days ahead. Jesus himself needed the confirmation by his heavenly Father, about his ministry ahead. In a short time Jesus was to climb another mountain carrying the Cross. Prior to that, Jesus needed to be empowered, encouraged and supported by his heavenly Father. We too need times set apart to be with God in prayer, because we too have rough roads to tread. There are times we feel so frustrated and discouraged; feel so low. Our hard times are not meant to keep us away from God-experience, rather to bring us closer to Him, to feel his presence even when we are at our lowest.

Though we can feel the closeness of God anywhere and anytime; be it on a mountain top, or in a deep valley, Jesus is there to accompany us in our joys and sorrows; yet, meeting him in the Eucharist is something very special an spiritual. Many of us spend our daily lives in the valley of toil and hardship; of loneliness and helplessness. When we are at our worst, let's not feel abandoned by God. The mountain experience of the disciples gives us strength as we walk our lives enduring hardships and sorrow. The Transfiguration of Jesus gives us hope and courage as we draw closer to him during this season of Lent.