



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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4th Sunday of Lent Year A

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COVID –19

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have determined the following actions during this period:

- Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.

- All other gatherings are suspended. cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID19

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed 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 participating in a Mass online:

bit.ly/MassOnDemand
melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass
wordonfire.org/daily-mass

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THU & FRI: 10AM—12NOON

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS,
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CORONA VIRUS COVID-19

During this time much of church and parish life is on hold. Wednesday Rosary and Novena, as well as Friday Way of the Cross is cancelled. There will be no weekend or weekday Mass. We are also unable to celebrate Holy Week in the usual way.

Please note that St Anthony's Church will be open each Sunday 10am—12noon for private prayer. Members of St Anthony's Parish Stewardship may like to contact St Anthony's Parish Office to arrange for bank transfer of their Stewardship giving. Containers at the altar step will receive Stewardship envelopes and other donations for the clergy, Mass offerings, Project Compassion, etc. This is supervised by parish collectors.

St Anthony's Church is also open Monday to Saturday 10am—12noon for private prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Saturdays 10am.

St Anthony's Parish Office is open Thursday and Friday 10am—12noon. Baptisms and Funerals can be arranged through the Parish Office: tel 9401 6336 glenhuntly@cam.org.au

The Parish Pilgrimage Walk scheduled for next Sunday 29 March has been postponed until further notice.

The Good Friday Appeal will not be conducted in the usual way. There will be a special fund raiser for the Royal Children's Hospital later.

Tony's Café Tuesday 12.30pm, Thursday 5pm.

Fr Pritchard is very happy to visit the sick at home and in hospital. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit for Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. He will continue to celebrate private Mass each day.

All parish priests celebrate Mass *pro populo* every Sunday for the People of God, the living and the dead, especially parishioners and those who reside within parish bounds.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 5 April

St Anthony's Church open 10am—12noon
Blessed palm is available for collection before the Cross at the altar step

Holy Thursday 9 April

St Anthony's Church open
10am—12noon, 7—9pm
Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday 10 April

St Anthony's Church open 10am—4pm
Adoration of the Cross at the altar step

Holy Saturday 11 April

10am Sacrament of Reconciliation

Easter Sunday 12 April

St Anthony's Church open 10am—12noon
Easter water available at the Baptism font

Project Compassion boxes can be placed in the container at the altar step, supervised by parish collectors

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship Pledge 2018	\$2,291
Credit card/Direct debit	\$ 670
First collection loose change	\$ 660
Parish Stewardship Envelopes	\$ 985
Total income for last week	\$2,315

Thank you!

**Members of
St Anthony's Parish Stewardship
can collect their new series
of envelopes today
from the main porch
of St Anthony's Church.
This series commences
weekend 4-5 April.**

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

A Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Victoria

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria.

This morning (18/3), the Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, and outdoor events of more than 500 people will be disallowed, effective today. Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully.

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

- Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.
- All other gatherings are suspended. For clarification of any concerns, please contact your local diocesan authority.

We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation. Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families.

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass).

We encourage our priests to continue to celebrate Mass for the spiritual good of God's people, the intentions of the faithful and the alleviation of the present crisis. We assure our people that the Mass is being offered for you in our parishes and that while you are not physically present, you still participate spiritually and that you are close to the hearts of your pastors in the Eucharist.

We urge the clergy to make themselves available to visit individuals, especially those who are unwell and vulnerable. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

Again we encourage you to regularly consult your local websites for further details of local arrangements.

Tomorrow further pastoral guidelines will be shared in the Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst. Clergy and religious should consult with their Ordinary if any questions remain uncertain.

All of this is happening during the Season of Lent, a time of preparation for the Easter mysteries. While we are invited to be self-sacrificial at this time, we must remember the words of Jesus upon appearing before his disciples after his resurrection: Again and again he said 'peace be with you.' (Jn 20:19) Let us not panic, nor be anxious, nor reduce ourselves to caring only for ourselves. This is a time to be sensible, practical, prayerful, and to share Christ's peace with those who are struggling to feel calm and safe.

Thank you for all your patience, prayers and resilience.

+Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

+Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat

+Most Rev Shane Mackinley
Bishop of Sandhurst

+Most Rev Patrick O'Regan
Bishop of Sale

4th Sunday of Lent Year A

READINGS: 1 SAMUEL 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

EPHESIANS 5: 8-14

JOHN 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Holy Gospel

As he passed by, Jesus saw a man blind from his birth ... He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." ...

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ...

They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Wake up from your sleep,
Rise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you.

Ephesians 5: 14

Meditation

If you were blind, you would have no sin (John 9:41).

How's your eyesight? What do you see when you look at the world around you? That seems to be the issue in today's Gospel. As the story opens, we meet a man whom every one assumes is a sinner because he is blind (John 9:2). But by the end of the story, Jesus says that those who claim they can see are really the ones in darkness.

What did these Pharisees claim to see in this man? A sinner—both because he had been blind and because he dared to challenge their authority. And what they saw moved them to berate him and throw him out of the synagogue.

A similar thing happened when they saw Jesus. Because he had performed a healing on the Sabbath, they saw him as another sinner. No one who was righteous would dare break the Law of Moses! Again, what they saw moved them to persecute him all the more.

But what did Jesus see in the blind man? Not a "sinner" to be condemned and expelled, but a child of God in need of healing and salvation. And what he saw moved him to act with mercy.

And what did the blind man see in Jesus? Not a "sinner" who broke the Sabbath, but the Messiah who brings freedom and restoration. And what he saw moved him to bow down in worship.

So let's ask again: how is your eyesight?

Jesus wants to help us see the world as he does. He wants us to see people not as sinners under God's judgment but as brothers and sisters who are offered the same mercy we have received. He wants us to withhold our own judgment and show kindness instead. Because that's how Jesus sees people. It's how he sees you.

So as you gaze at the crucifix and at the Host at Mass today, let Jesus' loving gaze pierce your heart. Let him heal your blindness so that you can see the world through his eyes.

"Jesus, open my eyes! Help me to see as you see."

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Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

General Intercessions

Healed of his blindness, the man born blind proclaims, "Lord, I believe!" With that faith in Christ the light of the world, we come to the Father in prayer.

1. That Christ the light of the world may ever shine through the unity and charity of his Church.
2. That Christ the light of the world may cast out rivalry and the worship of power from the minds of the leaders of nations.
3. That Christ the light of the world may kindle hope in the hearts of those who know that death is near.
4. That Christ the light of the world may renew our faith as we practice prayer, fasting, and generosity.
5. That Christ the light of the world will give the sick comfort and healing: Mary D'Cruz, Peter Murphy, Bev Chandler, Virginia Potts, Martha Palacio, Jonathon Zdilar ...
6. That Christ the light of the world may raise the dead to eternal glory: Fr Peter Robinson, Bernadette Arathoon, Sherry Senn

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayers to Our Lady and St Joseph during Coronavirus

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Pope Francis

St Joseph
you were receptive to God working in your life.
Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.
You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:
may your prayers assist our local Church
to respond to those in need.
You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:
help us to follow his example of love.
You were part of God's plan for all humanity:
assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.
You spent your life in service:
may we be mindful of others,
particularly the elderly and vulnerable,
caring for them in these difficult days.
You trusted in the clear primacy of God
over all history and every situation:
help us to grow in faith
and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

*The 4th Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday from the entrance anti-
phon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who
were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling
breast." (Is 66:10-11).*

*Rose Mass vestments give us a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at
Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Holy Week.*

*Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm"
as we approach the darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's
an opportunity to savour and bring to mind what awaits us on
Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead,
and that our hearts will always be filled with joy! Laetare Sunday
also lifts our spirits, and sheds the light of faith and hope, during
these difficult times.*