

The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

5th Sunday of Lent Year A

29 March 2020

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/Guidancefor-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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CORONA VIRUS COVID-19

During this time, church and parish life is on hold. St Anthony's Church is closed. There is no weekend or weekday Mass. We are also unable to celebrate Holy Week.

St Anthony's Parish Office is open Tuesday and Thursday 10am—12noon. Baptisms and Funerals can be arranged through the Parish Office:

Tel: 9401 6336 or glenhuntly@cam.org.au

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

St Anthony's School and Tony's Café are closed.

St Anthony's St Vincent de Paul visits families in need each week.

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit Parish homes for family prayer. Contact Gladys 0450 917 655.

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 popolo* every Sunday for the People of God, the living and the dead, especially parishioners and those who reside within parish bounds.

During this time, it is good for all of us to use the opportunity for daily prayer, reading the Bible and the Scripture readings assigned for each day and especially Sunday, to pray the Rosary and our own favourite devotions. Helps for prayer accompany our Parish Bulletin today and each week.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The new series of Stewardship envelopes has been posted to all members of St Anthony's Parish Stewardship, along with receipt of giving and a thank you letter.

Parishioners who contribute by credit card / direct debit have also received this acknowledgment.

Thank you for your generous support of the mission of St Anthony's Parish!

During this time, none of our Parish facilities are in use, but we continue to receive bills for insurance, gas, electricity, water and rates. Groups which hire St Anthony's Hall and The Glen have cancelled regular use during this time. This impacts greatly on our Parish income and ability to pay bills.

Members of St Anthony's Parish Stewardship who contribute by envelope may like to contact St Anthony's Parish Office to arrange for bank transfer of their Stewardship giving.

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Stewardship envelopes, Mass offerings and Project Compassion can be dropped into the letter box at the front door of the Parish House. This letter box is cleared daily.

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

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READINGS: EZEKIEL 37: 12-14 ROMANS 8: 8-11 JOHN 11: 17-27

Holy Gospel

On arriving at Bethany, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother', said Jesus to her, 'will rise again'. Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

From a homily of Pope Francis

We all have within us some areas, some parts of our heart that are not alive, that a a little dead ... But if we become very attached to these tombs and guard them within us and do not will that our whole heart rise again to life, we become corrupted and our soul begins to give off, as Martha says, an odour (see John 11:39), the stench of a person who is attached to sin. And Lend has something to do with this. Because all of us ... can hear what Jesus said to Lazarus: He cried out in a loud voice. Lazarus, come out!

Today I invite you to think for a moment: Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ... Let us think: what part of the heart can be corrupted because of my attachment to sin, one sin or another? And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus, Come out! That all our soul might be healed, might be raised by the love of Jesus, by the power of Jesus. He is capable of forgiving us. We all need it! All of us. We are all sinners, but we must be careful not to become corrupt! Sinners we may be, but he forgives us. Let us hear that voice of Jesus who by the power of God, says to us. Come out!

Leave that tomb you have within you. Come out. I give you life, I give you happiness. I bless you, I want you for myself.

May the Lord today, on this Sunday, which speaks so much about the resurrection, give us all the grace to rise from our sins, to come out of our tombs; with the voice of Jesus, calling us to go out, to go to him.

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By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through Christ our Lord.

General Intercessions

At the time of Christ's suffering and death draws nearer, let us ask the Father to lead us through the dark moments of the passover of his Son to the glory of his Resurrection.

- 1. For the holy Church of God, that she may be defended from the snares of her enemies through the Spirit of Christ, who makes his home in her.
- 2. For all the peoples of this world, that they may be gathered into the Father's kingdom through the prayers and sacrifices of Christians in every nation.
- 3. For the dying, that they may pass peacefully and confidently through the gates of death to meet him who is the resurrection.
- 4. For those who mourn, that the Christ who wept for Lazarus his friend may console them in their grief.
- 5. For the sick, that Christ the healer will give them comfort and strength.
- 6. For the faithful departed, that the Lord may unbind them and let them go free in the kingdom of his glory.

Father, hear the prayers of your Church.

Bring forth to resurrection the people who trust in your promises.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer to Our Lady 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