



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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Third Sunday of Lent Year A

12 March 2023

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Leenus Neetany SAC

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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

Half an hour before all Masses
and Saturday 9.45am-10.10am

EUCCHARISTIC 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

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Margaret Carlei
☎ 9563 6780

✉ office@santglen.catholic.edu.au

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OUR SICK: Rosalba Germano, Remedios Patawaran, Mary D'Cruz, Jennifer Grace, Ethan Chan, Unborn baby boy, Jesudass Sebastian, Chrishanti Pereira, Isaac Ng, Leon Conlon
(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested)
RECENTLY DECEASED: Aniceto "Jun" Infante, Annette McGrath.
ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES: Phillippa Bradley, Meliton Villamor, Thiagarajah, Stellas Netto, Carmel McGrath

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WWW.MELBCATHOLIC.ORG/S/SUBSCRIPTION?ID=0012W00000LOJ5DAAT&REQ=SUBSCRIBE



The Samaritan woman's most desperate need was for God's love and cleansing, and the same is true for us. The same God who came in the flesh to free the woman at the well is sitting at the well of your life, ready to fill you with Living Water.



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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor

Today's Readings

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship \$1,770
Presbytery Stewardship \$ 892

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

Stewardship Envelopes and Receipts

Your Stewardship giving envelopes and receipts are now available to be picked up at the Church foyer. Please also pick up for your friends or neighbours who are unable to attend Mass at Church.
Thank you.

Stations of the Cross: on Fridays of Lent At St Anthony's, Glen Huntly

In the Morning after 9.15am Mass

In the Evening after 7pm Mass

Improve or learn English

Improve your **english** We are holding free classes on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall from 10am until 12pm for anyone who would like to improve or learn English. Contact Gwen Fitzgerald through the Parish Office or in the Church after 11am Mass on Sundays. All welcome.



SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

In order to be compliant with Safeguarding Requirements of the Archdiocese, all Volunteers need to do the Mandatory Online Training Module Face to Face on Monday 27 March at 7pm at the Glen Hall.
OR

If you prefer individual online training, click on the link below:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

All St Anthony's volunteers must complete the training. Any questions please contact us via email on: glenhuntly@cam.org.au

Liturgy Roster Mar 11-12

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	S Pflieger	L Pereira	R Aranha
Sun 9am	C Collins	Y Jo-Sumarna	R Meneaud
Sun 11am	K O'Sullivan	L Kornjadi	S Heuberger
Sun 5pm	J Kirkham	E Sebastian	N/A

Liturgy Roster Mar 18-19

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	P Bates	L Pereira	J Aranha
Sun 9am	Y Jo-Sumarna	C Collins	B Meneaud
Sun 11am	L Kornjadi	K Campitelli	A Francis
Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	N/A

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend



"Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne
(Book early to avoid disappointment)
Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Web: wwme.org.au

Lenten Walk: Thank You

Just over 30 parishioners attended the walk this year, travelling by the parish bus and private cars to Bacchus Marsh, via Altona. After climbing the 100 steps at Altona Meadows, we sat with the beautiful view then prayed for the city of Melbourne, clearly visible on the skyline. "As the Southern Cross shines in the heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation."

At Bacchus Marsh we walked and prayed the Stations of the Cross before enjoying some refreshments together. We thank God for a peaceful afternoon with the Lord and with our fellow parishioners and look forward to next year.

The following prayer we prayed at Altona Meadows, for our city, our state and our nation.

O God, powerful and gentle, you love this southern land and all its people, old and new.

The wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new.

May your blessings flow upon us as a stream in the desert.

May your spirit prompt us to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land

be for us a rock of strength.

May God who rules our southern seas

keep us safe in every storm.

May God who made our southern skies

turn our darkness into light.

As the southern cross shines in our heavens

so may Christ bring light to our nation.

As the waves encircle our shores so may your mercy

enfold us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN



St Anthony's School Open Days



Tours will be available on the following dates, or families can simply book an alternative time by calling the School Office 9563 6780.
Monday 20 March 9.30am -11.00am

Children's Liturgy

This takes place during the 11am Mass on Sundays.

The Gospel is presented in a way children can understand along with an activity to take home. Children will be taken to the school after the welcome at Mass and return for the Eucharistic Prayer. Parents are welcome to come along with their children.



Choir Practice

Every Wednesday @ 7.30pm
at the Church. All Welcome. We need more musicians and singers!

Extra choir practice Sunday 19th March after 11 am Mass. BYO lunch. All welcome.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

LISBON, PORTUGAL AUGUST 1-6, 2023

Our parish WYD 2023 participants are Gabriella Voges, Natasha Coutinho and Vincent Macasa.

Please pray for them and **use the link below to donate and help them with their expenses.**

Natasha Coutinho

worldyouthday.cdfpay.org.au/details?id=133

Gabriella Voges

worldyouthday.cdfpay.org.au/details?id=124

Vincent Macasa

worldyouthday.cdfpay.org.au/details?id=131

Phung Tran will be joining WYD as a Volunteer at the events at Lisbon.

WYD FUNDRAISING

Hot Cross Buns

Place your order at the church foyer by completing the order form with the volunteer there. All orders and payments must be finalised before Sunday 26th March (cash or card). Collect your Hot Cross Buns after Mass on 1st or 2nd April.

1st Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings (Chadstone)

This Sunday 12th March. Please help out as volunteers or as good customers.

Your support to our youth on this pilgrimage would be a big help for them to reach the Birth Place of Our Parish Patron.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

Book & Plant Sale Sat 18 March 9a—2p, 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds for the needs of the missions.
queries: 9817 3715.

Good Friday Appeal Fundraiser Sunday 26 March.

Cake stall, Trash and Treasure, Lolly Counting Competition, Activities for Children. Donations of cakes, slice, scones, jams welcome. Give for the Kids



Coming Soon !!! Easter egg raffle.

Proceeds to the Parish.

Lenten Scripture Reflection

Every Tuesday of Lent from 7pm to 8pm at our church. All Welcome!



Third Sunday in Lent Year A

Jesus and a Samaritan Woman at the well



Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus, Today's Gospel begins with a very ordinary scene: a thirsty traveler, a deep well and a thirsty woman. But something extra-ordinary happens. The two strangers begin a conversation. The conversation begins with a request for water. By the end of the conversation the identity of the thirsty traveler was revealed and the life of the thirsty woman was renewed.

The name of the woman is not known to us. What we know about her is that she was a Samaritan woman of bad repute. We also know that the Jews of that time treated the Samaritans badly. They even used to call them "dogs". In the case of this woman even her own people looked down upon her, because of her immoral life. But Jesus, in spite of himself being a Jew and in spite of having known what she was like, accepts her as a daughter of his own Father and reveals himself to her.

Jesus reveals himself to her but gradually; at first the woman sees Jesus only as a Jewish man, therefore calls him (may be scornfully) as "You a Judean". Then she recognizes him as someone greater than her ancestor, Jacob and therefore addresses him respectfully as "Sir". Still later she accepts him as someone sent by God and therefore calls him a "Prophet"; and still later she believes that Jesus is in fact the "Messiah", "The Christ", therefore runs into the village to proclaim him to everyone.

This faith journey of the woman was guided by Jesus himself. He led her from scornful attitude to worship, from misunderstanding to understanding, from darkness to light, from doubt to belief, from confusion to clarity, from thirst to the life giving water. In our lives, too, we need only to enter into a conversation with Jesus to know him in an intimate way.

It was her physical thirst for water that led her to the well. But, it was her spiritual thirst for the Messiah that led her to recognise Jesus. In the First Reading of today we heard that the Israelites were thirsty. They were thirsty both physically and spiritually: Physically for water; spiritually thirsty for the Promised Land. It was because of their thirst that God provided them with water miraculously and gave them the Promised Land.



Deep in every human being there is a thirst or yearning for God. Unless we really want to quench this thirst for God we cannot be led to the fullness of life in Christ.

A greater truth is that just as we thirst for God, God thirsts for us too. The thirsty traveler at the well was God himself. God thirsts for each of us, for our faith, our trust, our love and our lives with Him. Now at the well and later from on the Cross Jesus would be crying out "I thirst".

Jesus was physically thirsty for water, but much more he is thirsty for our souls.

A teacher asked her students of Grade 1 "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church and the poor, would I get into heaven?"

"No!" the children all answered.

"If I Prayed many prayers and did a lot of good works and cared for all, would I get into heaven?"

Again the answer was, "No!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

