

The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

The Ascension of the Lord Year C

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

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: Remedios Patawaran, Nicole Nucci, Lesley Buicke, Bev Chandler *(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested)* **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Leonilda Torcasio **ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES:** Ignacio Ortiz, Charles Krstanovich

Please ring/email the Parish Office if you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter by email



Novena to St Anthony

from Friday 3 June to Saturday 11 June, As we are celebrating the Feast here on Sunday 12 June, 2022

Those who would like to pray the Novena online may click on the suggested links shown on the next page.

To pray at home you may take away the printed copies of the Novena booklets available at our church foyer.

On days of the Novena (Fri. 3 Jun. to Sat. 11 Jun) the Novena prayers will be said in our church at 8.45am followed by Mass at the usual time.

Transport for 11am Mass on Sunday 12 June Feast of St Anthony

If you would like transport to attend the 11am Mass on Sunday, please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday 7 June. Also, if anyone is able to assist with transport, please let us know by Tuesday 7 June.

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 Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go,

alleluia **Today's Readings** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

Responsorial Psalm God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia! Communion Antiphon Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia Next Sunday's Readings Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23

Liturgy Roster (Readers) May 28-29 Sat. 6pm: P Bates & L Pereira Sun. 9am: C Collins & D D'Souza Sun. 11am: L Korniadi & C Hampson Sun. 5pm: L Shelton & E Sebastian

Liturgy Roster (Readers) June 4-5

Sat. 6pm: P Bates & N Mudalige Sun. 9am: Y Jo-Sumarna & D D'Souza Sun. 11am: K O'Sullivan & M Anthony Sun. 5pm: J Kirkham & L Shelton



Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

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| Church Stewardship | \$ TBA |
| Presbytery Stewardship | \$ TBA |

Government Grant

We thank the Minister for Multicultural Affairs of the Victorian Government for awarding our Parish a Grant of \$97,000 + GST, to repair and upgrade the Parish Hall roof, floor, corner-utility room and a Kitchen-freezer food-storage room. Our minimum matching contribution is to be \$32,333.00 + GST.

We specifically thank our local Member of Parliament, the Hon Steve Dimopoulos, who visited our Parish, inspected the planned works, and actively supported our successful application.

Our plan is to start in June and complete the works before the end of October 2022.

Please email your suggestions/ideas on using the refurbished hall, with expanded events and programs, to actively support our Parish.

Walking Group

Our next walk is on Friday 3 June after 9.15am Mass. All welcome to join in a cuppa after Mass and then enjoy an easy walk.

Novena to St Anthony of Padua

Friends & Devotees of St Anthony

In the lead-up to the Feast of the Patron Saint of our Parish, let's be encouraged to pray the Novena to St. Anthony, linking the following Web-resources. Please right click on the links. You could add your personal petitions to make it a personal Novena. We plan to demonstrate this method after each Mass:

- Day 1: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjmlXJPr4uw</u>
- Day 2: St. Anthony of Padua Novena Day 2 YouTube
- Day 3: St. Anthony of Padua Novena Day 3 YouTube
- Day 4: St. Anthony of Padua Novena Day 4 YouTube
- Day 5: St. Anthony of Padua Novena Day 5 YouTube
- Day 6: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W67ztaNk2ys
- Day 7: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cj1t8NoYE8
- Day 8: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u83pTqsXB8A
- Day 9: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Din02jO0Yc

Volunteers in our Parish are available to assist you to make use of this resource. We can also email this to you if requested, by contacting the parish office. You can find the links in our Parish Web page too. Booklets are also available to take home if you wish to pray the

Novena at home





Child Safety—Your Responsibility

This Weekend at all Masses members of our Safeguarding committee will be addressing the congregation regarding our Safeguarding responsibilities.

All Volunteers need to comply with Safeguarding requirements which includes a signed Code of Conduct and Working With Children Check.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

This 10 day pilgrimage into the story of the foundation of the Congregation by Julian Tension Woods & Mary MacKillop in Penola and how their vision unfolded. Applications close 1st September 2022 (pilgrims must be vaccinated). Contact: Annie Bond rsj 02 8912 4818





Feast of St Anthony of Padua, Patron Saint of Our Parish & School.

This will be celebrated on Sunday 12th June.

Our Regional Bishop Anthony Ireland will be the

Principal Celebrant at the 11am Mass.

The 11am Mass will be followed by Prayers at the Statue of St. Anthony in front of Church,

and then there will be a social gathering and Sausage Sizzle and refreshments near the School.

Everyone please join in.

Next Zoom Meeting will be held on Monday 30 May at 7pm.

All are welcome to join the zoom meeting! Zoom link details below

Meeting ID: 991 3107 3588, Passcode: YqM0D9 https://zoom.us/j/99131073588?pwd=Tmd4SXRIVnRzYUpWOUVoOE9tOU9YZz09

Catholic Mission Appeal this Sunday 28-29 May 2022 What we do for our brothers and sisters, we do it for God. Because God is invisible, we see Him in our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Mission will partner with the community and Church in Ethiopia, for a goat rearing centre to provide milk for families suffering from malnutrition.



Monsignor Diamond's 80th Birthday Celebration:

A Report

Celebrations for Monsignor Diamond's birthday went with a swing. Monsignor Diamond' celebrated a Mass for 242 parishioners, including members from Monsignor's family. Fr Leenus assisted at the Mass. Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Archbishop Emeritus Denis Hart were present in choir.

In his homily Archbishop Emeritus Hart reflected upon Monsignor's academic credentials, which have earned him the nickname "the Oracle". However he continued, Monsignor is not only a fount of knowledge, but a priest of the people, at the service of the community, seeing Jesus in others and allowing them to see their gifts. Archbishop Comensoli also addressed the congregation encouraging more vocation to priesthood.

The Mass was followed by lunch. The Parish Hall looked cheerful, decorated with blue and white cloths and balloons and full of people including Monsignor's family, Archbishop Hart, Father Brendan Lane, Father Leenus and Monsignor himself.

This was our first big parish social event since the lockdowns and parishioners were there in force, enjoying each other's company as much as the entree and spit roast main course. A large vanilla slice cake was brought in, after which young and old joined in dancing. A recorded video clip sent by Raphael Wong was much appreciated by Monsignor, the Toreador song being a particular favourite for all Geelong supporters.

Many thanks to all who assisted with the overall planning, organised the reservations, helped with donations, assisted with the set-up and pack-up, participated in the entertainment and came along on the day. The registration system worked well in terms of catering (for 190) although sadly some people were unable to attend after all, as Covid made itself felt in the community.

We thank God for Monsignor Diamond and his eighty years of life. And we are grateful that we have come safely to this point and can look forward with optimism to St Anthony's Feast Day and many other. Once again a big Thank You to Monsignor Diamond and to all.

| Total collected | \$5,490.00 |
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| Expenses, including catering and consumables plus GST | \$4,805.50 |
| Nett surplus: (to be rounded and gifted to Monsignor) | \$ 684.50 |

Ascension of Our Lord

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Today Jesus is saying goodbye to his dear disciples. For 3 eventful years they had been together. As an intimate group they had been through good times and bad. Jesus had changed their lives dramatically for the better and in ways they could have never imagined. And now he is taking farewell from them. He is going away. The disciples can't digest the fact that their Master is about to leave their company.



They had always called him their Master, but he was very much of a friend to them; a friend to all, a doctor, a teacher, a wonder worker, in fact he was all to all. But from now on they would never be the same. Even he rose from the dead and continued to be with them. During those 40 incredible days their joy was doubled, their hopes raised, their doubts vanished. But now he says he is leaving for his home.

Then he asks them to gather on a mountain top. They realise that Jesus is not joking, he is serious about leaving. They obey. There on the mountain top Jesus gives them a purpose in life, an impossible mission to accomplish, at least it seemed impossible.

Then he surprises them with a good news! And they are overjoyed to hear him say "I will be with you until the end of time". Oh! what a comforting assurance! But immediately then he is being lifted up. His leaving was not by walking away, or by getting into some sort of a cart and moving on. He is going up towards the skies. As he is gong up, he doe not forget to bless them. Something more than wonderful to keep looking at. But their eyes are welling up. They can't hold back their tears. No one is able to say anything!

There someone else appear to them to speak to them. Angels of course, saying that Jesus will return as they saw him go up. It's no time to feel lost or abandoned, rather a time to live with a purpose, to walk with our chins up. After all we are not alone! He is indeed with us. Jesus had also warned them not to venture into any mission unless and until they are filled with the Holy Spirit. Now we have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Counsellor, the Advocate. Remember the following three great truths:

It is by the virtue of his Passion and Death that Jesus forgave our sins and redeemed us from eternal death

It is by the virtue of his Resurrection that Jesus returned to us the divine life we had lost because of our sins. It is by his Ascension into heaven that Jesus made it possible for us to enter into heaven.

One weekend a man goes out fishing. The whole day he catches nothing at all. Feeling ashamed of returning home empty handed, he goes to a fish market, makes a good choice of a big fish, and pays for it. As the shop keeper was about



to hand him the fish, he says 'no, no, you just throw it to me, and I will catch it'. Having done that, he goes home happily and declares it to his wife, 'I caught the fish, I caught the fish'.