



# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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## Ascension of the Lord Year A

24 May 2020

### COVID –19

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have dispensed all Catholics in Victoria 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 watching Mass online:

[melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass](http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass)  
[wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://wordonfire.org/daily-mass)  
[ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com)

12noon Mass Monday to Saturday  
Fatima Centre 205 Poath Rd  
Murrumbena

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Gregory Pritchard

### PARISH SECRETARY

Shobha Thomas

### ST ANTHONY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contact Veronica Blair for materials & details : [veronica.blair@cam.org.au](mailto:veronica.blair@cam.org.au)

### PARISH ACCOUNTANT

Bernard Negline

### PARISH FINANCE OFFICER

Sue Leong

### PARISH OFFICE

Tue & Thu: 10am—12noon

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

### TONY'S CAFÉ TEL: 0432 087 494

Tuesdays 12.30-1.30pm  
Thursdays 3-5.30pm  
*Take away meals only*

### ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

☎ 9563 6780

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### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

This is a Catholic charity dedicated to support persecuted and oppressed Christians, and to provide assistance in areas of great pastoral need. ACN is currently organizing a bouquet of Masses to be offered by priests in mission lands, that God will show his grace on our world, to all people in great need during this time. You can join this bouquet of Masses by providing a Mass offering: tel 1800 101 201 [aidtochurch.org/coronavirus](http://aidtochurch.org/coronavirus)

### TONY'S CAFÉ

Offers take away meals on Tuesdays 12.30-1.30pm and Thursdays 3-5.30pm from St Anthony's Hall. About 100 people are attending Tony's Café and receiving takeaway meals. Glen Eira Council provides tremendous support with large quantities of take away food boxes, hand sanitizer, etc. Council has asked Tony's Café to open on a third day each week. This is under consideration by Tony's Café committee. The *Entertainment Book* is now only available online. If you usually buy a book please visit [entertainment.com.au](http://entertainment.com.au) to purchase your new digital copy. All proceeds go to Tony's Café.

### COVID19 UPDATE

- St Anthony's School will welcome students in Prep, 1 and 2 from Tuesday 26 May. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 commence in full on Tuesday 9 June.
- St Anthony's Sunday School offers online class. Parents have received a letter about this.
- Access to St Anthony's School grounds, Padua Pavilion and the Glen is restricted until further notice.
- St Anthony's Tennis Club has reopened to members. Advice about court bookings and social tennis have been sent to club members.  
Enquiries Anthony Straford 0419 530 159  
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### HOLY ROSARY

For 20 years, during the month of May, a group of parishioners has prayed the Rosary together. This year all parishioners are invited to join their prayer, from the privacy of your home. Please pray the Rosary on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30pm, so that our prayer is united.

### ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to all who continue supporting St Anthony's with regular Stewardship. Many are now making their contribution electronically, while others are dropping their envelopes into the letterbox at the front door of the Parish House. This letterbox is emptied daily.

Current parish expenses include:

AGL Electricity	\$598
Red Energy - Gas	\$221
Gardens & Grounds	\$396
Catholic Church Insurance	
<i>April 2020 Instalment</i>	\$ 957
Dawson's Pest Control	\$ 385
South East Water	\$ 709

At this time our Parish facilities are not being used or hired except for Tony's Café. This is impacting on Parish income. We continue to rely on the generous support of St Anthony's parishioners in Parish Stewardship. Support for our priests and bishops ("Presbytery") and the Easter offering can also be given electronically or placed in the Parish House letterbox.

### ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH ACCOUNT

Bank: NAB  
Account Name: St Anthony's Church  
BSB: 083 347  
Account: 657 570 315  
Description: Your Stewardship Number or Name & Surname

### ST ANTHONY'S PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

Bank: NAB  
Account Name: St Anthony's Presbytery  
BSB: 083 347  
Account: 657 570 286  
Description: Your Stewardship Number or Name & Surname

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*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](http://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](http://cam.org.au/Commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people)

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Readings: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

## Holy Gospel

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

## Meditation

*Jesus Christ, Lord glorified on high,  
Look with love upon your brothers and sisters on earth.  
Your ascension is the hope of our future glory,  
and your presence near your Father  
announces our own entrance into the eternal welling.  
Let the desire for heavenly realities  
not make us neglect our work on earth.  
Let our hope for the future  
inspire in us a respect for the present moment.  
Let your ascension into heaven move us  
to make your glory dwell on earth.  
Make us witnesses to your presence  
among our brothers and sisters until the end of time.*

Jesus Christ is Lord of the world and Lord of history because everything was made for his sake. All men were redeemed by him and will be judged by him. He is over us, and the only One to whom we bend the knee in worship: he is with us as Head of his Church, in which the kingdom of God begins even now; he is ahead of us as Lord of history, in whom the powers of darkness are definitively overcome and the destinies of the world are brought to perfection according to God's plan; he comes to meet us in glory, on a day we do not know, to renew and perfect the world. We can experience his nearness especially in God's Word, in the reception of the Sacraments, in caring for the poor, and wherever "two or three are gathered in my name". *n110*

Even Christ cannot help someone who does not want to know anything about love; such a person judges himself. Because Jesus Christ is "the way, and the truth, and the life". He will show what is of lasting value in God's sight and what is not. Held up to the standard of his life, the full truth about all people, things, thoughts, and events will come to light. *n112 YOUCAT*

## Spiritual Communion

I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervour of the saints. *St Josemaria Escriva (+1975)*

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. *St Alphonsus Liguori (+1787)*

## General Intercessions

When our risen Saviour ascended into heaven, angels reminded his disciples that he would come back again. Until he comes, we continue his work by praying for all peoples and their needs.

1. That the Church on earth will ever keep to its Gospel mission of making disciples of all nations.
2. That the leaders of the world may realise that they must give an account of their work to Jesus Christ when he returns as our judge.
3. That no one will be so attached to this earth as to regret being called to eternal life in heaven.
4. That we may all come to the maturity of faith in the fullness of the risen Christ.
5. That all our dead may ascend to glory with Christ our priest and king.

God our Father in heaven, your Son is now seated at your right hand, enthroned in eternal glory. We make our petitions through him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer to our Lady Help of Christians

*Under the title of Help of Christians, Mary was chosen as Patroness of Australia by the First Provincial Synod, convened by Archbishop John Bede Polding, in Sydney in 1844. The fledgling colonies needed Mary's help at that time, as the nation does today.*

*We are helped through Mary's powerful intercession,  
and through the example of her life that we find in the Gospels.*

O Mary, Help of Christians, in our need we turn to you with eyes of love, with empty hands and longing hearts. We look to you that we may see your Son, our Lord. We lift our hands that we may have the Bread of Life. We open wide our hearts to receive the Prince of Peace. Mother of the Church, your sons and daughters thank you for your trusting word that echoes through the ages, rising from an empty soul made full of grace, prepared by God to welcome the Word to the world that the world itself might be reborn. In you, the reign of God has dawned, a reign of grace and peace, love and justice, born from the depths of the Word made flesh. The Church throughout the world joins you in praising him whose mercy is from age to age. *St John Paul II (+2005)*

Mary, Help of Christians. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

*Aid to the Church in Need*