

## The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

## **Solemnity of All Saints**

#### 1 November 2020

#### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The month of November is especially dedicated to the faithful departed: our parents, family, friends, pastors and parishioners who have died, and now wait on the Lord's mercy in Purgatory.

Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance.

Compendium n211

An envelope for November Masses for the deceased is included in the Stewardship envelopes. This can be returned to the letter box at the door of St Anthony's Parish House. Mass offerings can also be made to Aid to the Church in Need 1800 101 201 aidtochurch.org.

#### **WEEKEND MASS**

How glad we all feel now that restrictions have been lifted and life can return to normal!

- We will have 2 Masses next Sunday 8 November: 9am and 10am
- These Masses will be celebrated at the rear of St Anthony's Presbytery, 72 Grange Rd, Glen Huntly
- Please enter via the driveway. Please register on arrival
- Register your attendance: trybooking.com/BMMHE or phone Shanelle 0405 014 902. Registrations close 7 November 7pm. Please share this news with neighbours who do not have email
- Attendance is capped at 50 persons
- Parish Stewardship can be handed in at registration
- · On-street car parking only
- BYO folding chair, face mask, sun hat, hand sanitizer
- Driveway gate opens half an hour before Mass and will be closed when Mass commences. Late comers will not be admitted
- Public toilets not available
- Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral: Sunday 11am C31

#### ST ANTHONY'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to all who support St Anthony's with regular Stewardship. Parish facilities are not being used or hired except for Tony's Café. We continue to rely on the generous support of St Anthony's parishioners in Parish Stewardship. Support for our priests and bishops ("Presbytery") can also be given electronically or placed in the Parish House letterbox. Please remember to use your Stewardship Envelope, or include your name and Stewardship number with all donations to St Anthony's Parish and Presbytery. This helps us to keep a record of giving for acknowledgement.

#### St Anthony's Church Account

Bank: NAB

Account Name: St Anthony's Church

BSB: 083 347

Account: 657 570 315

Description: Stewardship Number or Full Name

#### St Anthony's Presbytery Account

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Account: 657 570 286

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#### MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE SEPTEMBER

Garden and Grounds \$ 600
CCI Insurance 2020/21 Instalment 1 \$2,959
AGL Electricity \$ 263

#### **TONY'S CAFÉ**

- Application to Community Food Relief Fund DHHS Victoria is being made for a new freezer, freezer alarm, commercial oven
- Tony's Cafe is collecting items for care packages for our guests. In particular single or double packs of toothbrushes, deodorant, either spray or roll on and suitable for both men and women. Please bring your donations to St Anthony's Hall on Tuesdays, Thursdays 9am 2pm or Saturdays 10.30am and 2.30pm by November 14.

 $\textbf{ST ANTHONY'S TENNIS CLUB} \ statcglen huntly @gmail.com$ 

Club and courts now open!

#### 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

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Contact the Parish Office

#### **PARISH ACCOUNTANT**

Bernard Negline

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Sue Leong

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

Thursday 10am—2pm

TONY'S CAFÉ TEL: 0432 087 494

Tuesdays: 12.30-1.30pm Thursdays: 3-5.30pm Saturdays: 12.30-1.30pm 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-tothe-safety-of-children-and-young-people

# Solemnity of All Saints Sunday 1 November

**Readings:** Apocalpse 7:2-4, 9-14; 1John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

## YOUCAT

What does the "communion of saints" mean?

The "communion of saints" is made up of all men who have placed their hope in Christ and belong to him through Baptism, whether they have already died or are still alive. Because in Christ we are one Body; we live in a communion that encompasses heaven and earth. The Church is larger and more alive than we think. Among her members are the living and the deceased (whether they are still undergoing a process of purification or are already in the glory of God), individuals known and unknown, great saints and inconspicuous persons. We can help one another even beyond the grave. We can call on our patrons and favourite saints, but also our departed relatives and friends whom we believe are already with God. Conversely, by our intercessory prayer, we can come to the aid of our dear departed who are still undergoing purification. Whatever the individual does or suffers in and for Christ benefits all. Conversely, this unfortunately means also that every sin harms the communion.

Stroll the halls of any maternity ward, and you'll see parents beaming with happiness over the birth of their child. You'll also hear them saying things like "I hope he grows up to be successful in life". I'm going to make sure she has every opportunity I never head".

Here are a few things you probably won't hear them say: "I hope she finds her way to sadness". "I'm going to make sure he gets picked on in school". No one wants that for their children! But these are the very types of characteristics Jesus blesses in today's Gospel.

Now, Jesus doesn't want us to actively seek out persecution and sorrow. But he wants us to know that following him may lead to such challenges. That's because the way of discipleship is often at odds with the ways of the world:

- In a world marred by resentment and vengeance, Jesus wants us to forgive and turn the other cheek.
- In a world focused on money and power, Jesus wants us to live humbly and give generously.
- In a world wounded by wars and divisions, Jesus wants us to love our enemies and work for peace.

Every saint, both known and unknown, has experienced this tugof-war between the world and the kingdom of God. And that's precisely why we celebrate them today: they "have survived the time of great distress" with their faith intact (Revelation 7:14). It's not just the saints. Every believer has their own times of "great distress" as well.

Isn't it helpful to know that you aren't alone in the struggle? All the saints are praying for you. The Holy Spirit is in you to empower and guide you. And you have your brothers and sisters in Christ. It truly is possible to "survive" even the greatest of temptations and take your place with all the saints in heaven.

Holy Spirit,
give me the grace I need
not only to survive
but also to thrive
as a disciple of Jesus!.
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## Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Monday 2 November

**Readings**: Isaiah 25:6-9; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 11:25-30

### YOUCAT

Can we help the departed who are in the condition of purgatory? Yes, since all those who are baptized into Christ form one communion and are united with one another, the living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. When a man is dead, he can do nothing more for himself. The time of active probation is past. But we can do something for the faithful departed in purgatory. Our love extends into the afterlife. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed. *n160* 

As we commemorate All Souls' Day today, we might light a candle in honour of our loved ones who have died. Or we might display their photos in our homes. Many cultures devote today to remembering deceased friends and family members — and to pray for them. But why exactly should we pray for the dead?

It's all about our desire for them to experience the joys of heaven.

We know that because Jesus died and rose from the dead, every one of us has the hope of heaven. Jesus has forgiven us, defeated death, and opened the doors to eternal life. But we also know that the effects of sin can still take their toll, even when we are in friendship with God. Think about times when someone forgave you for an angry outburst or hurtful word, but the pain that you caused that person still lingered.

Can any of that coexist with God? Those lingering consequences of sin? The mixed motives? No. Thanks be to God that when we die in friendship with him, we are saved. But for those persistent effects of sin, God offers us opportunities to be purified and cleansed even more deeply, like gold that is refined to remove impurities (Wisdom 3:6).

In his encyclical Spe Salve (Saved in Hope), Pope Benedict XVI says that when we come face to face with Jesus, "all falsehood melts away". As we encounter him whose love has conquered all evil, "we absorb the overwhelming power of his love" into our hearts. That love is so strong that it burns away whatever evil or sin remain in us. Pope Benedict calls this "the pain of love". It's something that can be painful – but joyful too – because it ultimately brings us salvation. We can look at it as God's way of loving the sin out of us.

So take heart! God wants to keep cleansing you, even after death. He wants to bring you into the joys of heaven – you and all your loved ones. So pray for your loved ones. Ask the Holy Spirit to help them pass through this "pain of love" so that they can see God face-to-face!

Lord
bring all those who have died
in friendship with you
into heavenly joy!.

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