

The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

First Sunday of Advent Year C

28 November 2021

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 Saturday 9.45am-10.10am and 5.30pm—5.50pm

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: Vivien, Philomena Liew (Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested). **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ivy Niddrie, Clifford Graham, Daisy Rose, Ken Ryan

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Filomena Villamor

Please ring/email the Parish Office if you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter by email or would like a sick, deceased or anniversary of a family member mentioned in our newsletter



WE GIVE THANKS THAT YOUR LIGHT HAS OVERCOME ALL OUR DARKNESS.

MAY WE SHARE IN THE MYSTERY OF YOUR PRESENCE IN THE WORLD,

AND BE ALWAYS READY TO LIVE EACH DAY FOR YOU, O LORD.



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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Today's Readings Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28. 34-36 Responsorial Psalm To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia! Communion Antiphon The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. Next Sunday's Readings Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6. 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship	\$1,725
Presbytery Stewardship	\$ 995

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

Fathers' Day Appeal for Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne this weekend 27 & 28 November.

Appeal for Catholic Deaf, of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

At the next Weekend Masses of 4 & 5 Dec.



Plant Sale & Trash and Treasure this weekend Sunday 28 November Proceeds go towards repair & maintenance of our Church Please bring some cash along with you. Or use our new EFTPOS Terminal. Try it out. Donations of plants can be brought to the front of the church on Saturday 27th

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Christmas Dinner

We are on the way now, with offers of help already coming in. Don't forget to collect some **yellow** invitation and **green** helper forms from the porches after Mass.

Christmas Dinner will be served as a **takeaway meal** this year, from 12 noon on Christmas Day. All welcome.

Sunday School

Sunday School finishes on Sunday 28th November with a gathering in the church at 10am. Because the building is large, all parents, grandparents, siblings, friends & parishioners are welcome. Congratulations to all the children and their families who have attended this year and a special thank you to the catechists, who have worked hard to show the children the love of Jesus. Sunday School will resume in February 2022

Tony's Café

Tony's Café is collecting toiletries to make up care packs for our guests. Please consider donating some soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs or hair brushes, deodorant and other items. Leave your donations at the Parish House on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or bring them to the Parish Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, on Tuesday or Thursday. Thank you



EFTPOS Terminals are now at St Anthony's Church Foyer for MAINTENANCE DONATIONS ONLY (As of Now).

This is **NOT** for Stewardship/Thanksgiving Offerings (At the moment). Receipt can be printed from EFTPOS Terminal if required. More details at the Terminal.

Tell Someone Emotional Abuse Support Growing Report it Protection Sexual Abuse Abuse Physical Abuse safe Physical Abuse safe Physical Abuse safe Safety Young People Safety Bullying Training Sexting Working Together

In order to be compliant with the Safeguarding Requirements, all our Volunteers, Employees and Clergy, need to provide our Parish Office with their Signed copy of the Code of Conduct, Working With Children Check, Vaccination Certificate and for some Police Check. We are expecting to be audited shortly when we re-open. Please comply!!! Contact us via email on glenhuntly@cam.org.au

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS



Fr. Pat Jackson SAC has once again prepared a set of tools to help us reflect on the Advent Scripture Passages.

The Pallottine Formation Team will run this program for us at St. Anthony's Church, Glen Huntly on 4 consecutive Tuesdays, starting from 23rd Nov. 7pm. All Welcome.

Mass Schedule for St Anthony's Church

Vaccination status not asked.

Advent

Reflection

Mon. to Sat. 9.15am; and Sunday 5pm Maximum number of attendees: 50 people.

Double Vaccination proof required.

Saturday 6pm; Sunday 9am & 11am. Mask to be worn if more than 130 people.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

No more Via Zoom, but in person in church all Wednesdays at 6.40pm. Thank you to all the technicians and volunteers who made the Zoom Masses and Novenas possible.

Liturgy Roster—November 27-28	Liturgy Roster—December4-5
Sat. 6pm–N Mudalige	Sat. 6pm–N Mudalige
Sun. 9am–Y Jo-Sumarna & 11am–M Anthony	Sun. 9am–E Moraes & 11am–J Wong
Sun. 5pm—P Bates	Sun. 5pm—P Bates
Choir Practice	SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Volunteers needed.
Choir practice resumes in the church	To plan and take care of some of the social aspect
7.30pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday 1st December.	of the Parish, e.g. Cuppa after Christmas Masses.
All very welcome.	Let us know your availability.



ST ANTHONY'S GLEN HUNTLY CHRISTMAS DAY TAKEAWAY DINNER 2021 Christmas is a time when families come together to celebrate the Birth of Christ but this can sometimes be difficult, as we have recently seen, in 2020 and 2021

So this year, for our 29th Dinner, we are offering a traditional Christmas Day **TAKEAWAY** Dinner, available for collection at St Anthony's Hall between 12 and 1.30pm on Christmas Day. Or, if you live locally and are not able to come and collect a meal, we are happy to deliver to you at home.

If you would like to enjoy a delicious meal, please fill out a yellow invitation. If you know someone else who would like a meal, pass this invitation on to them. If you would like to help with the Christmas Dinner, please fill out a green form.

Both yellow and green forms can be collected from the doors of the church, or at St Anthony's Parish Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Caulfield East or at the front door of the Parish House, 74 Grange Road. All completed forms can be returned via email <u>stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com</u> or left at the following locations:

- Tony's Café at St Anthony's Hall, 164 Neerim Road Carnegie on Tuesdays between 12.30 and 1.30 and on Thursdays between 3 and 5.30pm
 - St Anthony's Parish House, 74 Grange Road, Glen Huntly in an envelope marked Christmas Dinner
 - For more information please contact us on 9401 6336 or 0432 087 494 .

Appropriate COVID 19 safety measures will be in place.

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

Wishing you all A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we enter this New Year we ask the Lord to bless our every moment of the New Year. The first day of the new year is also the best of days to look back at the year that has just passed, and be grateful for the many and various blessings we have received during the past year.

This very first day of the new Liturgical Year (Church Year) is also the First Sunday of the Advent Season. Anyway, why are these four weeks before Christmas called the "Advent"? The term comes from a Latin word (adventus) meaning 'coming, arrival'. It refers not only to the coming of Jesus at Christmastime; in fact, we can speak of three comings of the Lord and all are referred to in the Scripture readings of today. The 'three comings' are as follows:

1) The 'first coming' is the coming of our Lord as a Baby in Bethlehem, which we anticipate and prepare for in these four weeks of Advent anyway.

2) The 'second coming' is the coming of the Lord as King of kings at the end of the world. The Gospel of today speaks about in strong terms. So, the Advent Season is meant for us to prepare for the second coming our Lord as well.

3) The 'third coming' of the Lord is seldom spoken of as such. What we refer to as 'the third' is in fact the link between the first and the second comings of Our Lord. That is what is spoken about in today's Second Reading. It is the welcoming of Jesus into our lives in the 'here and now'. This is something which takes place every day.

If we want to celebrate the First Coming of Jesus and prepare for his Second Coming, then the way to do it is to be aware of his coming into every moment of every day. That is also the best way to be prepared.

"Mission Parishes"

On 22 May 2021, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli announced that the Melbourne Archdiocese would be undergoing a wholesale restructure - grouping Melbourne's 209 parishes into some 60 "Missions". There were also follow up meetings.

The Archbishop has called this restructure "Take the Way of the Gospel", which aims to:

- Form current parishes into "families of communities" called "Missions".
- Base "Missions" on demographic and financial statistics to achieve "effective use of material and ministerial resources".
- Ask parishes to identify potential Missions over the next 18 months, before moving towards a staged establishment of Missions over the next 3 to 5 years.

The Archbishop's aim is that the restructure will result in:

- Effectiveness in sharing the gospel;
- Vibrancy, vitality, viability of parishes; and
- Equitable sharing of resources.

We encourage you to visit the Archdiocesan website to learn more about the proposal: https://melbournecatholic.org/about/mission. The Archbishop says there is no fixed definition of what constitutes a Mission, and that it will depend on the needs of the faithful, and proper resourcing both material and financial. But it is envisaged that 5 or 6 parishes will be grouped together to be serviced by 2 or 3 priests who may/may not reside together.

To that end, St Anthony's Parish, Glen Huntly would form part of a "Mission" with a few other parishes in our area.

In our parish level we will be holding a meeting for parishioners in February 2022 to discuss the proposal and obtain feedback from parishioners.