



# The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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**First Sunday of Advent Year A**

**27 November 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

**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

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**OUR SICK:**

*(Names of the sick will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested)*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bernadette Jennings

**ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES:** Filomena Villamor, Barbara O'Sullivan,  
Paul Vella

PLEASE RING/EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE PARISH NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

**Most Welcome  
Bishop  
Tony Ireland  
on your three day  
Pastoral Visit to us.**

**Thursday. 24th,  
Saturday. 26th,  
Sunday. 27th  
November 2022**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO  
BISHOP TONY**



**Happy  
New  
Liturgical  
Year!!**



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<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

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

#### Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord .

#### 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

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

### Last Week's Stewardship Collections (loose & envelopes)

Church Stewardship \$1,275  
Presbytery Stewardship \$ 729

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

### Attention all Tony's Cafe Volunteers.

All past and present volunteers are invited to come and enjoy a light lunch together at the hall on Sunday 27th November at 12.30. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome.

### World Youth Day in Lisbon 2023.

If you are aged 18-35 and would like to be part of the Lisbon WYD, please contact Cindy or Phung after 11am Mass on Sundays.

For more information:

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

#### Zoom Details:

Tuesday 29 November 2:00pm – 3:00pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83837025461?pwd=VWJlajlhV1V5aVV6UDU5bjNDZUs3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3702 5461 Passcode: 782652

### Masses for next week

Weekday & Weekend Masses resume as usual.  
Thank you for all your prayers and best wishes for Fr Leenus' speedy recovery

### Liturgy Roster Nov 26-27

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	P Bates	L Pereira	TBA
Sun 9am	C Collins	Y Jo-Sumarna	B Meneaud
Sun 11am	K Campitelli	C Hampson	S Heuberger
Sun 5pm	J Kirkham	E Sebastian	TBA

### Liturgy Roster Dec 3-4

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Sp Minister
Sat 6pm	P Bates	L Pereira	TBA
Sun 9am	F De Marte	C Collins	R Meneaud
Sun 11am	K O'Sullivan	J Wong	J Ferguson
Sun 5pm	E Sebastian	J Kirkham	TBA

### Free English Language Classes

On Tuesdays at 10am free English Classes will be offered to those interested.

If you or anyone else you know would like to learn English please contact either Gwen Fitzgerald, Fr Leenus or the Parish Office.  
Venue for the classes: TBA

### Subscription to St Anthony's Newsletter

If you have not already subscribed, please click on the link below to subscribe to our newsletter:

<https://www.melbatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj5DAAT&req=subscribe>

If you are experiencing difficulty or require help, please ring the Parish Office who are happy to assist.

### Draft Christmas Timetable

A draft Christmas Timetable is displayed in the church foyer.

Please let us have your feedback as to the timetable by Thursday 1 December so that we can make changes if necessary.

**CHILDREN MUST  
HAVE ADULT  
SUPERVISION**



### Child Safety—Your Responsibility

As parents or family, it is your responsibility to care for and supervise your children, when attending Mass, within any church facilities, at morning tea after Mass, at special events in the parish, in the carpark, everywhere and at all times.

## **Bishop Anthony Ireland's Pastoral Visit to our Parish**

**24,26,27 November 2022**

### **Hearty Welcome to Bishop Tony Ireland.**

#### **Thursday 24th Nov. 2022**

The first day of the three day visit has been successfully completed by Bishop Tony.

#### **Saturday 26th Nov. 2022**

*(8.45am Rosary, 9.15am Mass, 9.45am to 10.15am Adoration, Confessions)*

10.45am Bishop arrives and meets with Safeguarding Committee

11.15am Open Parish Forum at the Glen (no clergy). All Welcome.

Opportunity for parishioners to speak with the Bishop about priorities, goals and challenges

Questions posed:

Where do you find Jesus in the life of your parish?

Where would you like to see the parish in 5-10 years?

How will this be achieved?

12.30pm Lunch at the Glen (follows on from Forum)

1.30pm Parish visits (including Holy Communion to home bound) accompanied by Parish Priest

5.30pm Reconciliation, 6.00pm Vigil Mass, hospitality

#### **Sunday 27th Nov.2022**

9.00am Mass, 10.00am Visit Sunday School in the Glen, 10.20am Meet with Youth at the Glen.

11.00am Mass, hospitality, 12.30pm Lunch with Clergy, 1.30pm Bishop departs



### **St Anthony's Glen Huntly Christmas Day Takeaway Dinner 2022**

Christmas is a time when families come together to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Sometimes this can be difficult, especially during COVID. So this year, for our 30th 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 [stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com](mailto:stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com) or left at the following locations:

Tony's Café at St Anthony's Hall, 164 Neerim Rd, Carnegie on Tuesdays between 12.30 and 1.30pm and on Thursdays between 3 and 5.30pm

St Anthony's Parish House, 74 Grange Rd, Glen Huntly in an envelope marked Christmas Dinner.

For more information please contact us on 9401 6336 or 0432 087 494



### **Transport requested**

A parishioner from the Koornang Rd end of the parish would like transport to either 11 am or 5 pm Mass on Sundays. Please contact Veronica via the Parish House if you can help. Thank you.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is restarting soon. Watch for more details.



### **Advent Reflection Sessions,**

**4 Mondays in a row. Starting from 21st November. 7pm to 8pm in our church.  
Your names on clipboard would be appreciated.**

## First Sunday of Advent, Year A

### Stay Awake

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Firstly, I wish you all A HAPPY NEW YEAR though it sounds strange to hear new year wishes in November. In fact today is the 1st day of the New Liturgical Year. The very 1st Season of the Liturgical year is that of Advent, a time of preparation and waiting for the Lord.



Today being the first day of a new year anyone would expect the readings to be about the beginning of the world, about the creation story or the like. But today's readings, especially the Gospel deals with the last day. How do we justify this choice of the readings? The readings seem to be unfit for the first day of the liturgical year. Has the Church made a mistake in choosing them for today?

The choice of the readings is not by mistake, it is done on purpose. Because, Advent is a time of preparation not only in view of Christmas but equally a time of preparation in view of the end times, as well.

At the same time, the Church wants us also to live in the present, because, Jesus not only HAD COME 2000 years ago; He not only WILL COME in the future; but also He EVER COMES in our present time. That's why today's readings speak also about staying awake at all times.

"Staying Awake" is not to be understood as the opposite of "Going to Sleep". Much more, it means that we should be "Vigilant" and "Alert". More than "physically staying awake", what is meant here is "Spiritually Staying Awake" That is to say, 'a spiritual awakening' of our lives is called for during Advent Season. In other words, "the spiritual awakening" of our lives is not something that can be put off for a later date.

Our moral failings should be 'dealt with' at the earliest. When the Lord comes, whatever that may be unacceptable to Him shall not be found in our lives: and whatever may be pleasing to Him should be found. Staying Awake is to 'actively looking for the opportunities to serve, to do good works, to reconcile, to make amends and avoid wrong choices. Being awake is to look for different ways to grow in intimacy with the Lord and make spiritual progress.

The Bible reminds us that, anyone who wants to make spiritual progress is bound to be at war with the enemy. And if we are at war we cannot but be alert; like the soldiers stay awake and are alert and watchful. St. Peter in his letter (1 Peter 5:8) says, "Be alert and watch out! Your enemy the devil is roaming around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to eat. Be firm in your faith and resist him".

Let us then, take advantage of the present moment and stay awake and be ever ready to welcome Jesus into our lives today and every day. Keep safe and keep well.

A Protestant pastor and his team are going around raising funds to build a new church. They go to a Catholic Priest and say "father, we are from the neighboring Protestant Parish, we have a small, old church, we are planning to pull it down and build a bigger new church in its place. Please donate". The Catholic priest is confused and he thinks it is wrong for a Catholic to donate towards a Protestant church. After some hard thinking he gets an idea, and he rushes to his room and comes back with a Cheque, he hands it to the Protestant pastor and says, 'it is not for building the new church, but to pull down the existing one'.