



The Parish of Saint Anthony Glen Huntly

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First Sunday of Advent Year B

29 November 2020

WEEKEND MASS

- There are 2 Masses each Sunday: 9am and 10.30am in St Anthony's Church, commencing Sunday 6 December
- Please register on arrival
- Register your attendance: trybooking.com/BMSUC or phone Shanelle 0405 014 902. Registrations close Friday 7pm. Please share this news with neighbours who do not have email
- Attendance is capped at 150 persons
- Parish Stewardship can be handed in at registration
- BYO face mask, hand sanitizer
- Church doors open 30 minutes before Mass and close at commencement of Mass. Late comers will not be admitted
- Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral: Sunday 11am C31

ST ANTHONY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome students, families and catechists at Sunday 10am Mass. A get together follows in the Glen.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Advice about this year's Christmas Day Take Away Dinner and registration forms is provided in the email attachment to today's newsletter.

TONY'S CAFÉ

- Tony's Café closes on Thursday 17 December 2020
- Tony's Café commences on Tuesday 2 February 2021
- Application to Community Food Relief Fund DHHS Victoria submitted for a new freezer, freezer alarm, commercial oven

ORDINATION OF PRIESTS AND DEACONS

In coming weeks new priests and deacons will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Melbourne:

Priests

Revs Jude Ezeme, James Baptist, Jude Johnson, Simeon Anthony

Permanent Deacons

Mario Chavez, Juma Lofornk, William Daw

Transitional Deacons

Jaycee Napoles, Kyaw Lin (Joseph) Aung, Samuel Pearson

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

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MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE OCTOBER

Garden and Grounds	\$ 360
CCI Insurance 2020/21 Instalment 1	\$2,959
AGL Electricity	\$ 263
Red Energy Gas	\$ 603
<i>Tony's Café \$204</i>	
South East Water	\$ 636
Educational Audio System—Outdoor PA System	\$1,720

ST ANTHONY'S TENNIS CLUB

A report on the club's activities 2020 is included in today's email attachment.

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

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

PARISH ACCOUNTANT

Bernard Negline

PARISH FINANCE OFFICER

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-Policy
cam.org.au/Commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people*

1st Sunday of Advent Year B

Readings: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

YOUCAT

How will the world come to an end?

At the end of time, God will create a new heaven and a new earth. Evil will no longer have any power or attractiveness. The redeemed will stand face to face with God—as his friends. Their yearning for peace and justice will be fulfilled. To behold God will be their blessedness. The Triune God will dwell among them and wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, sorrow, lamentation, or trouble. *YOUCAT n164*

What is the liturgical year (the Church year)?

The liturgical year, or the Church year, superimposes the mysteries of the life of Christ—from his Incarnation to his second coming in glory—on the normal course of the year. The liturgical year begins with Advent, the time of waiting for the Lord, and has its first high point in the Christmas season and its second, even greater climax in the celebration of the redemptive suffering, death, and Resurrection of Christ at Easter. The Easter season ends with the feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church. The liturgical year is repeatedly interrupted by feasts of Mary and the saints, in which the Church praises God's grace, which has led mankind to salvation. *YOUCAT n186*

General Intercessions

As Advent begins, we hear our Lord challenging us to be alert and ready for him. The prayers we offer for others express a faith that is attentive and alive

1. That the holy Catholic Church may be united in fidelity to the Pope and Bishops.
2. That politicians may act with integrity and keep God's ways in mind.
3. That people distracted by worldly pleasures may return to the saving Grace of the Spirit.
4. That each one of us gathered here may seek pardon and peace in the sacrament of penance.
5. That the sick will know God's healing and mercy: Bishop Elliott.
6. That mercy and love may perfect those who have died: Tony Camelleri

Hear our prayers, loving Father, as we prepare for the return of your Son, by hearing his word and offering his sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

Blessing of Family Advent Wreath

Lord God,
your Church joyfully awaits the coming of her Saviour,
who enlightens our hearts
and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.
Pour forth your blessings upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath;
may their light reflect the splendor of Christ,
who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.

Pope Francis

The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.

The origin of the Christmas crèche is found above all in certain details of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, as related in the Gospels. The evangelist Luke says simply that Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn". Jesus was laid in a manger. Coming into this world, the Son of God was laid in the place where animals feed. Hay became the first bed of the One who would reveal himself as "the bread come down from heaven". Saint Augustine, with other Church Fathers, was impressed by this symbolism: "Laid in a manger, he became our food". Indeed, the nativity scene evokes a number of the mysteries of Jesus' life and brings them close to our own daily lives.

But let us go back to the origins of the Christmas crèche so familiar to us. We need to imagine ourselves in the little Italian town of Greccio, near Rieti. Saint Francis stopped there, most likely on his way back from Rome where on 29 November 1223 he had received the confirmation of his Rule from Pope Honorius III. Francis had earlier visited the Holy Land, and the caves in Greccio reminded him of the countryside of Bethlehem.

On 25 December, friars came to Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farms in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present.

The Franciscan Sources describe in detail what then took place in Greccio. Fifteen days before Christmas, Francis asked a local man named John to help him realize his desire "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay". At this, his faithful friend went immediately to prepare all that the Saint had asked. On 25 December, friars came to Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farms in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present. This is how our tradition began. One of those present saw the Baby Jesus himself lying in the manger. From the nativity scene of that Christmas in 1223, "everyone went home with joy".