



Hectorville
Catholic
Community

Annunciation Church

Love in all things

Parish Bulletin

Churches of Annunciation & St Mark's
20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073

St Mark's Church: Cnr Reid Ave and Harrison Streets, Magill SA 5072

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C

28 November 2021

“Moved by God’s love, we the people of Hectorville Catholic Community work for fullness of life and joy for all by living out together our love for God, each other and all God’s creation.”

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.

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 33:14 – 16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25 – 28, 34 – 36

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

REFLECTIONS- God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night; As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright. All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might, when the Son of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light. Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the



poor; Still the earth is bruised and broken by the ones who still want more. Come and wake us from our sleeping so our hearts cannot ignore. All your people lost and broken, all your children at our door. Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true; Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do. Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew, Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.

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Mass & Confession Times

Annunciation Church

Sunday 8.00 am

9.30 am (Italian)

11.00 (Family Mass)

5.30 pm

Monday to Friday 7.00 am

Friday 9.15 am

Saturday – Novena 8.30 am

Mass 9.00 am

Public Holidays 7.00 am

Confessions

Saturday 9.30 – 10.30 am

St Mark's Church

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm

Sunday 9.30 am

Confessions Saturday

evening : Immediately following Mass.

Office Hours 9 am – 4.30 pm

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CHRIST THE KING FEAST AND FAMILY DAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters, it is with gratitude that I would like to express my words of appreciation and thanks for the success of Solemnity of Christ the King Feast. It was really wonderful and lot of people turned out to participate in the Holy Eucharist and the lunch. A special thanks to Peter De Palma and his team from Christ the King Committee for their tireless efforts, planning and organizing this event really well. I appreciate their hard work and dedication.

I also sincerely thank all the volunteers for their hard work.

I pray honestly that the Universal King Jesus bless you all and your families.

Fr. Jeevan Gabriel



Children Gift Tags for Giving Tree

Please take a child gift tag from the church doors next week. Christmas food and gifts for adults may be donated too.



Remember to return gift unwrapped to The Giving Tree by **2ND Sunday of Advent, 12th December.**

Thank you for your great generosity to those struggling in a challenging year. *St Vincent de Paul Society Hectorville Conference*

St Vincent De Paul Society will be selling the CHRISTMAS CARDS and COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2022 at Church doors this weekend at all masses. Cards \$5 a packet of 10 Cards and Calendars \$9 each.

Christmas Star Competition -This is open to all Parishioners- Children, Teens, Young Adults and the Young at heart. You can prepare the stars from any material, colour and design you want.



After completion, please place the stars at the side door (on the western side). The stars you have prepared will be used for our Christmas day celebrations in the Church. **Participation forms are available at the Church doors today. Competition closes on the 19th of December and the winners will be awarded prizes on Christmas Eve at the 7.30pm Family mass.** Thank you. Parish Office.

Advent Begins!

“Be vigilant at all times and pray.” [Luke 21:36a](#)

Advent begins with a call to vigilance as reflected in the passage above. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord’s coming. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and we woke up suddenly realizing that we forgot to prepare! Imagine if we had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course, we wouldn’t allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts.

The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendour and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready are we for Jesus’ coming. Are we preparing for it with the same fervour that we prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.? Are we looking forward to that day when He will return? Are we preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are we awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to us on a daily basis? If we find that we are not as prepared for His return in glory as we would like to be, make this Advent a time when we get our heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.



Advent Wreath

- 1st CANDLE** – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)
- 2nd CANDLE** – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)
- 3rd CANDLE** – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)
- 4th CANDLE** – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)
- 5th CANDLE** – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

Vacancies – Catholic Council for Integral Ecology

The Catholic Council for Integral Ecology, which was established a little over 12 months ago, is calling for Expressions of Interest from the Catholic community to replace two vacancies. Members must be able to commit to attending monthly meetings either in person or via Skype. Interested persons are asked to email Sarah Moffatt, Director of Pastoral Life and Mission E: smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au by December 3 2021.

The Council will seek to offer leadership to the South Australian Catholic community on issues of social justice, peace and care for creation, in line with Pope Francis' teaching in *Laudato Si'/Care for Our Common Home*. **Expressions of Interest are being called for from people who are willing to serve on the Council and are committed to helping develop ecological conversion at parish, school and agency level.**

Parish Pastoral Associate (Part-time) – Morphett Vale Catholic Parish-position available for the Morphett Vale Catholic Parish. Applications due by close of business (5pm) on Monday November 29, 2021.

Parish Office Assistant (Part-time) – Sevenhill Parish - position available for the Sevenhill Parish. Applications due by close of business (5pm) on Friday December 3, 2021.

Campus Minister – Aquinas College -Aquinas College, Adelaide's only Catholic university residential college, is seeking a part-time Campus Minister to begin in February 2022. For further information on the role and details on how to apply, visit the College website (<https://www.aquinas.edu.au/employment/>) or contact E: stephanie.hamra@aquinas.edu.au. Applications close Thursday December 9.

Men's Retreat – 'Back to grace'

Where: The Monastery

When: Commencing 6pm December 3 finishing with evening Mass Saturday December 4 2021.

Cost: \$150 per person includes all meals, accommodation and guided retreat. Please contact Donna at the Monastery to discuss financial assistance.

Registrations or additional information: contact the Monastery on E: Conference@themonastery.net.au or P: 8338 8700.

Mary MacKillop Precinct

Final Bethany Centre events for 2021

With the end of the year looming large on the horizon, our program is winding down. However, there are still two December events on our Bethany Calendar:

Monday December 6, 6.30am-8.30pm - **Josephite Reconciliation Circle** (monthly gathering – new members welcome!) Enquiries and registration P: 08 8130 5900 or E: infosaj@sosj.org.au

Saturday December 4, 9.30am-12.30pm - **Final of the Mystics Series: A Morning with St John of the Cross** with Angela Hazebroek.

St Joseph's Chapel - Mary MacKillop's much-loved place of prayer is a peaceful 'oasis' for people of all backgrounds. You are welcome to come and spend some quiet time here. The chapel is open during the same open hours as Mary MacKillop Museum, i.e. Tuesday – Sunday(10am to 4pm).

Christmas-New Year Closure

The Mary MacKillop Museum and Gift Shop will close at 4pm on Thursday December 23, and reopen on Tuesday, January 11 2022.

**RENEWING THROUGH ADVENT
BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT
CHURCH DOORS TODAY. THEY ARE
FREE. PLEASE TAKE A COPY FOR YOUR
ADVENT MEDITATION.**

Saints of the Week

St Andrew:30th November 2021

St Francis Xavier:3rd December 2021



ROSTER

Sunday 5 December – 2nd Sunday of Advent Annunciation Church

8.00am R SantoPietro, B De Conti, B Barrett, P Burger & M Quadros.
9.30am A Di Troia, M Abbennante, J Kolaj, R Fabris, D Di Troia & G Allevi.
11.00am G Costa/N Milte, D Tremonte, I Icolaro, P Maio & L Fernando.
5.30pm L Patino, T Romeo & M Phuah.

St Mark's Church

6.00pm(Vigil)N Porcaro, A Van de Weyer, F Colagrossi, M Van de Weyer & A Colagrossi.
9.30am B Rabbitt, N Martini, M V Host, P Barratt & S Carson.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Annunciation Church: A De Iacovo, F Crisci & M Carpenelli.

St Mark's Church: S Carson & S Ahmed.