



Hectorville
Catholic
Community

Parish Bulletin

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

Annunciation Church

Love in all things

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

11 December 2022

“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:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 35:1 – 6, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING:

James 5:7 - 10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

the Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2 - 11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Parish Priest

Fr Pat Lopresti

Assistant Priest

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School Principal

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Office Manager

Mrs Bertilla Fabris

Planned Giving Coordinator

Mr Aldo Perilli OAM

Parish Pastoral Chair

Mr Angelo Piantadosi

Parish Finance Chair

Mr Rob Holling

Planned Giving Chair

Mrs Julieta Navarro

Work, Health & Safety Officer

Mass & Confession Times

Annunciation Church

Sunday 8.00 am

9.30 am (Italian)

11.00am (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

Office Hours 9 am – 4.30 pm

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REFLECTION

In today’s letter from St James the metaphor of waiting for rain is given to us as a way of understanding what it was like to wait for Christ. In this season each year we remember that humanity waited through a long, dry and exhausting period for the sign of new life in Jesus. For generations people looked to the heavens every day for a sign that today would be the day when God’s salvation would come. Then, one night, in a way no one could have ever imagined, with no fanfare, a child burst forth into the world and established the final reign of God’s love.

Advent is the time when we recall what it was like before Jesus came and how much we need him to keep coming again and again in our daily lives.

Hectorville Parish is a Child Safe and Family Friendly Environment. Our Child Protection Officer's are: Franco Canil (0419 183 936) and Danika Tremonte (0439635454).



FIRST AID KIT is located in Sacristy (where Priest's vest) on right hand side.

WEBSITE FOR THE PARISH-

Please log on to www.hectorvilleparish.com.au

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HectorvilleParishSA/>

Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbn7ewjW1ExoIY-1z3XdSA>

Live Streaming is available at Annunciation Church for Weddings and Funerals:-
Cost: \$100.00



[Or Link To Parish Census For On WEBSITE IF YOU](#)

Are new to Annunciation Church, Hectorville Parish?

Have you recently changed your address, or

Have not filled in the Parish

Census form online, or

Have had people permanently arrive in your household (a new birth or marriage)

Please fill in the census form linked to the QR CODE above and press submit.

While you are there, check out our Parish website.

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

Children's Liturgy - 11.00am Mass

Every Sunday

Saints of the Week

St Lucy: virgin, martyr: Tuesday 13 December

St John of the Cross, priest, doctor: Wednesday 14 December

Communication Trial

Over the next few weeks, we will be trialling two new communication initiatives amongst a small group of Parishioners and volunteers. A mass text messaging service will be introduced to communicate urgent updates and upcoming events. Additionally, a volunteers' communication portal through Slack will be trialled for volunteer absences, updates and announcements. Stay tuned.

PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Recently Deceased:

Jaro Korcek, Antonia Romeo.

Those who have Died:

Enrico Scarsella, Pietro Totani,

Giuseppina Minella, Antonio Feo

Amalia Piantedosi, Giovanni, Assunta and

Pino Pezzuto.



Those who are sick or need our Prayers:

Fr Pat Lopresti, Kevin Hannagan, Elisabeth,

Greg North, Angela Perilli, Lina Visentin,

and those who are Sick in Nursing Homes, Hospitals and the housebound.

May the Good Lord give them comfort and peace in their suffering

ROSTER

Sunday 18 December 2022

8.00am: N Martini, C Turk, B Barrett, D Richardson, P Burger.

9.30am A M Silvestrino, G De Cianni, A M Moschetta, T Romeo

11.00am M Canil, G Costa/A Canaria, R Foresto, C Orlando, L Fernando, F Canil, P Maio

5.30pm A Ozgo, J Newnes, C Green, M Phuah, M Cheah

Altar Society: C Papalia, B Ferraro



Hectorville Catholic Community WELCOMES

NO BAPTISMS TODAY

who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend

SPECIAL COLLECTION

will be taken TODAY at all Masses for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Appeal

The Otherway Centre is the home of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) and the cultural hub of Centacare. Money raised from the help fund activities that bring the community together and provide vital healing and yarning opportunities to strengthen cultural and spiritual connections. Located at Stepney, the Centre has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider community for more than 30 years.



CHRISTMAS CRIBS BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS CRIBS TODAY

At all Masses today, so please bring them along.



Christmas Timetables are available at Church doors today.

Please take one.

ALSO NOTE:

AVAILABLE AT CHURCH DOORS TODAY

- Christmas Cards (for St Vincent de Paul (as above))
- Advent booklets
- Bible Diaries (at a cost of \$10 each)

THE GIVING TREE

St Vincent de Paul Society Members need your help to make delivery of Christmas Hampers possible. Please donate non-perishable food and Christmas food under the Christmas tree at the side of the altar. If you wish, take a child's gift tag and please return gift unwrapped. **CLOSING DATE for donations is TODAY.**



God bless you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

You will find Christmas offering envelopes along the pews today. Please take one, make your donation and place on collection plate at Mass. This money goes to the support of the Priests of the Archdiocese. Thank you

SPECIAL COLLECTION for UKRAINE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting an Advent Appeal for the people of Ukraine. This will be taken up on **Sunday 18 December** at all Masses, and monies will support: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

for Christmas

will be celebrated in Annunciation Church at **7.00pm on Wednesday 14 December.**

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no TAMIL MASS today at 3.00pm. This Mass will be celebrated **next Sunday 18 December at 3.00pm.**

There will be **Second Sunday lunch** today in the Hall, following the 11am Mass. All welcome.

School Term ends on Wednesday 14 December, with Year 6 students graduating on Tuesday 13 December. We wish them every blessing for a beautiful Christmas break and every best wish in their new schools.

The last 9.15am Friday Mass will be celebrated on Friday 16 December and will resume in February once school returns.

ALSO: Committee Meetings, group gatherings and prayer groups will take a break during January. These will resume in February.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society's Hectorville-Tranmere Conference will be selling CHRISTMAS CARDS and COLUMBAN CALENDARS after all Masses **TODAY and next Sunday 11th December** to raise funds for the assistance of people in need in our area.

A packet of 10 cards will cost \$7.50

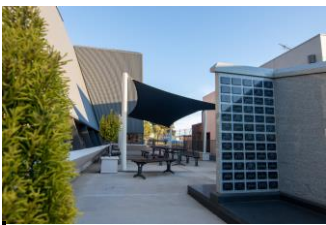
Calendars will be \$9 each

CASH ONLY PLEASE

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Italian Seniors Group:** Wednesday 14 December in Christ the King Room.
- **Baptism Formation:** Thursday 15 December in Annunciation Church.





MEMORIAL CROSS

As a valued Parishioner or simply as part of the Hectorville Catholic Community you have the opportunity to have a granite memorial plaque for your family and/or other loved ones to be affixed to the Memorial Cross and each year blessed by our Parish Priest in an annual All Souls Day ceremony.

PLEASE NOTE: Each individual plaque is \$330.00. The plaques are in memory of the departed and will be affixed as soon as possible after purchase.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Are you retired and have 2 hours to spare on a Monday morning?

Come and join the Parish Count Team to assist with counting duties. Join a fun group and give back to the Hectorville Parish Community. Enthusiasm and a smile required. Please call Nick on 0448 921 146



PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES OF OCEANIA

Fiji, 5-10 February 2023

God, you revealed yourself in Christ Jesus as loving, merciful and just.

Guide our Bishops of Oceania as they meet together to further Pope Francis' call to become a listening Church.

Open their hearts to the voice of the Holy Spirit, that they might truly discern and faithfully serve the needs of your People and your World.

Colour our way of life and give witness to your presence among us.

You who live and reign, God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

The star of hope has to appear again



but it will come only when our hearts seek it, when there is a passion for it – a sighing, striving, and aching for the great mercy to come. Yes, the star will return, and then it will shine not just for a few, but it will quickly spread its brilliance over the whole world. –

Christoph Blumhardt

ADVENT REFLECTION

3rd Sunday of Advent

Today we celebrate "Gaudete Sunday," the Third Sunday of Advent. The Latin word *Gaudete* means "Rejoice!" On this Sunday, we take a short hiatus from the mostly penitential, sombre nature of Advent and rejoice in the nearness of the celebration of Christmas. To signal this, rose vestments may be worn by the celebrant, instead of the typical violet for Advent. One may also note that the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose coloured. Rose signifies joy. Thus, today's second reading calls us to "rejoice always." Christian joy goes beyond a mere emotion and, therefore, supersedes circumstances.

The joy we have in Christ can remain regardless of what challenges we are facing in life. That is because we know God is in control of our circumstances. He is "faithful," as Paul says. Therefore, we can "rejoice always" and "in all circumstances give thanks" because we have hope in God. Still, in order to experience the fullness of this joy, the Apostle Paul indicates that we must obey God. We must listen to the Spirit of God and "refrain from every kind of evil." We are called to be "perfectly holy." This is the true path to joy: sanctity. Following God's will and allowing His grace to transform us leads to true happiness. Let us, therefore, seek Him, trust Him, and obey Him to find the deep joy that can only be found in God.

