

Parish Bulletin

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Mass & Confession Times

Sunday:

Mass	8.00 am
Italian Mass	9.30 am
Family Mass	11.00am

Tues - Friday 7.00 am

Saturday:

Novena	8.30 am
Mass	9.00 am
Vigil	6.00 pm

Public Holiday 7.00am (Not on Mondays)

Confessions Saturday 9.30 – 10.30 am

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5th November 2023

"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:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING:

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

REFLECTION:

In this week's Gospel, Jesus calls out those who lay heavy laws on others but do not practice what they preach. Jesus criticizes the religious leaders for not practicing what they preach. This theme highlights the importance of congruency between one's words and actions in religious life. The religious authorities are blamed for laying heavy burdens on others while not lifting a finger themselves. This theme centres on the unjust imposition of religious obligations without personal commitment.

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus advises against using titles like "Rabbi" and emphasizes the value of humility. This theme promotes a down-to-earth approach over seeking social or religious status. Similarly, Jesus emphasized the importance of faithful leadership and sincerity in religious matters. He urged leaders to avoid hypocrisy and to remain true to their beliefs, setting a genuine example for others. In essence, the readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that faith isn't just a private matter; it's about how we treat others and the authenticity we bring to our relationships. True faith shines through in our actions, care for one another, and our commitment to living by the values we profess.



Hectorville Parish is a Child Safe and Family Friendly Environment. Our Child Protection Officers 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.

PARISH ONLINE

Website: www.hectorvilleparish.com.au email: admin@hectorvilleparish.com.au FB: facebook.com/HectorvilleParishSA/ YouTube channel: @hectorvilleparish1405 Live streaming is available for weddings and funerals. Cost: \$100



PARISH CENSUS

Are YOU new to Annunciation Church, Hectorville Parish? **OR**_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)? If so, please fill in the census form linked to the QR CODE above and press submit. While you are there, check out our Parish website!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

11.00am Mass every Sunday

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday 9th November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Friday 10th November - Saint Leo the Great, Pope. Saturday 11th November - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop



Hectorville Catholic Community

WELCOMES: ~ Sofia Reveruzzi~ ~ Raffaele Albert Cocca ~

~ Valentina Cristina Napolitano ~

who will receive their Sacrament of Baptism

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 within 2 weeks of purchase. We encourage all parishioners to use this opportunity to remember your loved ones.

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PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Recently Deceased: Kathleen Tiltman



Those who have Died: Sister Edoarda Lo Curcio, Eulogia Curioso, Adriano Rodil, Teodora & Natividad Dumalaon, Irenea & Vicente Canaria, Fidel & Magdelena Toriano Angelo & Carolina Martini, Angelina Reginato, Giuseppe Di Bellonia, Giocondo Traforti, Antonio & Giovannina Russo, Giuseppe & Carmela De Vizio, Pietro & Domenica Vaiana, Giovanni & Carmela Lepore, Maria Tirri, Lina Malveggio, Angelo & Diodoro Cocca, Angela LaVista, Incoronata & Guiseppe Angelino, Maria Michele, Souls of the Newnes family, Pellegrino Meola and all departed family members, Antonio Formato and all departed family members, Silvio Carfora

Those who are sick or need our Prayers:

David, Peter De Palma, Greg North, Angela Perilli, Emilia Mallano, Anthony Migliarese, Klaus Engelmann, Carol Irons, Anthony Chang, Ersilia Covino, and those who are sick in nursing homes, hospitals or are housebound.

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

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*****MEETINGS THIS WEEK*****

Wednesday November 8th – Italian Senior Group Thursday 9th November - Baptism Formation

<u>ROSTERS</u> Sunday 12th November 2023

<u>8am:</u> B Barrett, M O'Donnell, C Turk, P Burger, B De Conti, D Richardson

<u>9.30am Italian</u>: P Meola, L Petroccia, P Parletta, M Traforti, A Perilli

11am: M Kenny, T Romeo, N Milte, P Watson, C Orlando, G Parletto, E Geelan

Saturday 6.00pm: D Richardson, O Ferreira, G Ferreira

Altar Society: C Papalia & B Ferraro

NOTICES

- There will NOT be a morning tea or shared lunch next Sunday. We will be gathering for Christ the King feast on the 26th November instead.
- A Thanksgiving Mass for all Volunteers will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Friday 1st December in Annunciation Church.

Fundraising for Carpet Amount

Dear Parishioners, so far we have raised **\$22, 053** for the new carpets, if you would still like to offer your donations please feel free to do so. Eftpos is available at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity and your support.

CARITAS Australia

Dear Parishioners, Caritas Australia sends their **heartfelt thanks** to the Hectorville Parish for their generous donations to Project Compassion for the raised amount of **\$3626.00**.

Catholic Mission Month Collection

Dear Parishioners, The total amount raised for Catholic Mission Month was **\$2,332**. Thank you for your support and generous contributions.

Memoriam Book

On All Souls Day -November 2nd- The Memoriam Book will be placed in the foyer of the Annunciation Church and stay there throughout the month of November. Prayers will be offered for the repose of the souls of the deceased relatives and friends names, written down in the book. **November envelopes are placed on the pews for you to offer masses for your loved ones.**

Ladies Lunch

The Knights of the Southern Cross of Hectorville invite all the Ladies to come to our lunch and enjoy a three course meal at **Tranmere in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall on Sunday, 12th of November 2023 at 12:30pm.** Cost: \$25.00 per person. Soft Drinks and water provided but please bring your own wine and please advise if any dietary needs. If interested, please write your name on the sheets found at the tables by the entrance doors to the church or contact Mike Boyle or Otto Moscon. (Phone numbers are on the sheet). Funds raised will go to St Vinnies. Bookings close on 5th of November.



Family Group Event "Meet and Greet"

Dear Parishioners, our last family group event was a big success with 23-30 people attending with quite a few

new people attending as well. We enjoyed a shared lunch, we played Bocce, and the children had fun at the playground. The next family group event will be held in conjunction with Christ the King feast on Sunday 26th November after the 11am mass.

For further information please contact: Ellen de Souza - PH 0417205539. Waruna Jayasinghe ph 0488477563. Kevin Sequeira, Linus Ng, Margaret Carusi. Neil de Souza-PH 8331 1599.

St Vincent De Paul

Please note: If any donations for St Vincent De Paul are left outside of the large containers (on the side of the church) they are considered rubbish and will NOT be taken by St Vinnies. If your donation does not fit into their donation containers please take it to the local St Vincent De Paul Shop at Shop C, 544 Lower North East Road, Campbelltown, SA, 5074.

Attention Volunteers

SAVA (screening and verification authority of the Archdiocese of Adelaide) recently audited the Hectorville Parish office to ensure that our Working with Childrens Check records are up to date. Parish office is asking that if you have an expired WWCC or have renewed it elsewhere, that you please inform the Parish office. If you are an "occasional volunteer" (volunteering 7 or less times per year) the Parish Office is required to keep a record of when you Volunteer, so we also ask that you advise the Parish Office on 8336 9988. Please note that if you do not have a current Working With Children's Check you are unable to undertake any volunteering roles within the parish.

<u>Carpet Fundraiser – Book Drive</u>



Give your old books a new home. Drop off your old fiction or non-fiction books to the parish office or in the boxes at church. (cut off date 29th October). A book sale will be held on the 3rd of December in the school hall. We'd appreciate you scanning the books you're donating for appropriate

content. No magazines and textbooks, please. Thank you for your generosity. We will also be selling (new) baby clothing. All proceeds will go the Parish.

Volunteers Mass And Dinner



A Thanksgiving Mass for all Volunteers will be celebrated at **6.00pm on Friday 1st December** in Annunciation Church followed by a light

meal which will be provided in the Hall. For all Parish Volunteers, Committee Members, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers, Cleaners, Children's Group etc. Please ring the Parish Office at 8336 9988 to rsvp and make a note in your diary.



Feast of Christ the King and Parish Family Day Sunday, 26th November

This year we will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King with a Solemn Mass at 11.00am. After 11am Mass there will be a procession of the

blessed sacrament around the school grounds and a final blessing in the hall, followed by a shared BBQ lunch and free drinks. We invite all our parishioners to come together to celebrate. Please bring a plate to share.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new planned giving envelopes have been placed on the tables at the back of the church in alphabetical order. We have issued from 5th November 2023 to the 21st July 2024. The remainder of the envelopes will be distributed later in July 2024. We thank all the planned givers for your incredible support of the parish and we apologise for the delay in sending out the new envelopes.

~Father Jeevan Gabriel PP

<u>New Edition of November Southern Cross and</u> <u>Australian Catholics Magazine</u>

The Australian Catholics Magazine, summer edition is now available. This is a free publication, please take a copy home. The new Southern Cross November 2023 edition is also now available for \$2.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

I'm guessing you've been at Mass and heard the priest say, "Today I'm offering the Mass for..." or heard someone ask the priest, "Father, would you offer a Mass for..." But what does it mean to offer the Mass for someone?

Well, there is a longstanding tradition in the Church that priests offer Mass for a specific intention. The intention might be for someone who's sick, or someone who's died, or just in thanksgiving for a blessing received. And we do this, because the priest is the one who acts "in persona Christi" (in the person of Christ). He shares in Christ's priesthood and brings its powerful effects into our lives. So, when the priest offers Mass for a specific intention special grace may be obtained because it is Christ himself who prays for this intention.

Now when making this request, it is customary to make an offering to the priest. That by offering up something of our own, something we've worked hard for, we unite ourselves more closely with Christ who offers himself in the sacred Host. A monetary offering is a physical expression of the spiritual offering we make at the altar, in union with the offering at Calvary.

But it needs to be stated very clearly that there is never any charge for a Mass to be offered for a particular intention and that the offering is not a payment for the Mass nor is it a payment for the name of the deceased or sick person to be in the newsletter. The priest will always offer Mass for a particular intention regardless of the offering. And to avoid any abuses, the Church regulates this practice in the Code of Canon Law.

During the month of November it is customary for Catholics to ask that Mass be offered for the repose of the soul of their deceased relatives and friends. In this month we pray with particular intensity for the souls of the dead, because we believe in the purification of the soul from the hurt caused by sin. If we're being honest, it might just be the case that we do not die in a state of perfect holiness, free of every attachment to sin, and so before a soul is able to see God face to face it must be purified.

So just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, we can also offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls in purgatory, and there is no better prayer of intercession that could be offered than that of the Mass because it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father. So, if this is something you are used to doing, keep it up; but if you've never offered a Mass for your loved ones, I really encourage you to do so this November. If you wish to have a Mass offered for your deceased relatives or friends this November, special envelopes will be available in the pews, and these can be placed in the collection baskets or returned to the Parish Office or directly to one of the priests.

~The Curate's Corner~

Return. If we want our child to come back to the faith, we've got to equip ourselves, because at the end of the day, we can't give what we don't have. But now it's time to start planting some seeds of faith in their lives. And as any gardener knows, before that can happen, there's a lot of preparation to be done. We need to prepare the hearts and minds of our children so that one day they will be ready to hear the good news and accept it.

Sharing Uunconditional Love: If our child is like most, the first thing he needs, way before he's open to anything we say about God, is unconditional love. He needs to know that we're not out to prove a point but just want to love him and forgive him without exception. But how do we get this message across? Well, our love needs to be unmistakeable. The great danger we face as parents is that our desire to let our children know how strongly we disapprove of their actions will be greater than our desire to let them know that no matter what they have done they are still loved. Yes, love does not validate poor choices or lower the moral bar, but it does take every opportunity to say, "I simply want what's best for you." Now this might not be an easy message to get across, particularly if our child is prideful, or has no sense of sin. So, firstly we must forgive him and ask for forgiveness ourselves. We could easily list the hurts, disappointments, and broken promises that our child has delivered over the years, but we can't expect our children to accept God's forgiveness, if they don't first see it at work in us. So, apologise for any harsh words we've sent their way, apologise for times we weren't there for them. Next, we need to take an interest in their life. Even if it's of no interest to us, any sign that we're genuinely interested in what they're passionate about, simply because it's interesting to them, will warm our relationship, build more trust, and increase the possibility that they'll be open to discussions about the faith. Finally, they need to feel welcome and wanted in our homes. We can have non-negotiables like no partners sleeping over, but our deepest concern is their heart not their actions, so don't create too many requirements for coming home. If our homes are like the father's in the parable of the prodigal son, they might just come home to the faith.

Passing on Helpful Resources: When those who leave the Church are surveyed, many say they received superficial answers to life's big questions, or their doubts were belittled and dismissed. So, consider sharing a video or an online article about something they might be interested in. Maybe it's a Catholic perspective on parenting, economics, relationships, or sport. Word on Fire, Bishop Barron, Ascension Presents, and Fr Mike Schmitz are all great options. Pick content which will catch their attention and boost their impression of the Church and God.

Something to think about: Commit to a concrete expression of your unconditional love for your child and send them an article or video that might interest them. You never know where a word of encouragement might lead.

~Fr Anthony Beltrame