

Parish Bulletin

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Love in all things

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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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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

12th 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:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia.



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

<u>REFLECTION</u>:

In this week's Gospel, the immediate significance was directed against the Jews. they were the chosen people; their whole history should have been a preparation for the coming of the Son of God; they ought to have been prepared for him when he came. Instead, they were quite unprepared and therefore were shut out. The gospel reading is also a warning to us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute; it is too late for a man to acquire a skill, if he does not already possess it, when some task presents itself to him. Similarly, it is easy to leave things so late that we can no longer prepare ourselves to meet with God. It is also a warning that there are certain things which cannot be borrowed. The foolish virgins found it impossible to borrow oil, when they discovered they needed it. A man cannot borrow a relationship with God; he must possess it for himself. Spiritual readiness, preparation and growth do not just happen. They come as a result of intentional habits built into one's life. Making sure we have enough oil: spiritual fuel comes from habitually taking time for prayer and being alone with God. They come through reading God's Word; living a sacramental life; performing acts of service for others; being morally faithful and obeying God with love.

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

Wednesday 15th November -Saint Albert the Great, Bishop Thursday 16th November - Saint Margaret of Scotland Friday 17th November - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Saturday 18th November - Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul



Hectorville Catholic Community WELCOMES: ~Lila Ferrara ~

~ Layton Gregory Cameron ~ ~ Sumyan Antonio Kc ~

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: Giovanni Amadio, Antonio Romeo

Those who have Died: Luigi, Giuseppe, Angelo & Maria Barbato, Filomena & Giorgio Carmine Ciccarello. Mario Campagnale, Giovanna Altamura, Giuseppina (1yr) & Ferdinando (5yrs) Minella, Vincenzo (sen) & Vincent Cosmai, Vito Pietrobon, Sylvia & Patrick Barron. Giovanna, Maria, Natale & John Destro. Assuntina Petroccia & all family members. Nicola Caruso, Antonio & Libera Barricelli, Luigi & Maria Iuliano. Kerin O'Brien. Cristin, Teresa & Thomas Tungaraza. Fr Diago D'Souza, souls of the Aguior, Pereira & D'Silva Family.

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, Joseph Carbone, and those who are sick in nursing homes, hospitals or are housebound.

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

****MEETINGS THIS WEEK**** **No Meetings**

ROSTERS Sunday 19th November 2023

8am: N Martini, B De Conti, B Barrett, D Richardson. P Burger.

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

11am: M Canil, G Costa / A Canaria, R Foresto, C Orlando, A Manuelrayan, F Canil, P Maio

Saturday 6.00pm: A Ozgo, A Hamann, A Cole, **D** Richardson

Altar Society: B De Conti, B Fabris

NOTICES

- There will NOT be a morning tea or shared lunch this 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 \$24, 353 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.

Catholic Mission Month Collection

Dear Parishioners, The total amount raised for Catholic Mission Month was **\$3,613.15**. 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. Please advise if any dietary needs. If interested, please contact Mike Boyle or Otto Moscon. (Phone numbers are on the sheet by the doors). 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.

<u>Carpet Fundraiser – Book Drive</u>



Sunday December 3rd, 8.30am – 3pm. Take your pick from an amazing selection of books and DVDs. A beautiful collection of baby clothes will also be on sale. All funds collected will go towards the new carpet in church. The purchase of one book is \$2 and if you buy any 3 books it is \$5 All proceeds will go the Parish.

Anointing Mass

For the sick and elderly of the Parish Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 16th November at 1pm** I the Annunciation Church followed by afternoon tea in the school hall

<u>November Southern Cross and Australian</u> <u>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.

Vocations Prayer Vigil

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Friday November 24 PROGRAM:

5.15pm - Evening Prayer in the Cathedral
5.45pm Mass – main celebrant, Fr Dean Marin Vicar General and concelebrating priests
6.30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8.15pm - Benediction

Supper provided in the Cathedral Hall at 8.30pm. All are welcome to join this Vocations Prayer Vigil at anytime during the evening.

Volunteers Mass And Dinner



A Thanksgiving Mass for all Volunteers will be celebrated at **6.00pm on Friday 1**st **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

Henley Beach Parish

Please join us at Henley Beach Parish on **WEDNESDAY November 15** for our Praise and Worship Evening.

We will begin in the hall with finger food from **6.30pm** and then into the Church from 7-9pm. There will be live music to support worship and our guest speaker Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General, will share with us a personal



reflection, 'What are you waiting for?'. For catering, please use the QR code. For further information or to register please don't hesitate to call Barb Conlon 0439 305 543 or the Henley Beach Parish Office 8356 8888. All are welcome!

<u>A Celebration of SA's Italian Migrants</u>

Sunday November 12 at 3pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The event will be held during the Adelaide Italian Festival week and will honour Italian immigrants. Refreshments will be available to purchase after Mass.

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're like most Catholic parents, we might not remember the last time we had a conversation with our child about faith. But if we want to bring them back to the Church, all that needs to change. If we know what we're doing, it's always possible to have a good conversation about faith, no matter what our child is like. It shouldn't be rushed into, and it may take months of prayer, fasting, equipping ourselves and planting seeds of faith, but once our child is ready, it's time to have a conversation about God.

Create opportunities to chat: As our children get older it often happens that our conversations are not like they used to be. And before we know it, they might not go much deeper than sport or when the grandchildren need to be picked up. But if we want to have a conversation about faith, we need to already be having meaningful conversations. So don't begin with religious questions, our child needs to know we care about all their life, not just whether they are going to mass. But when it feels like the right opportunity, we need to take a risk and ask the question: "Can I ask you something, I wonder if you'd be up for talking about spiritual things sometime. I know you have a mixed relationship with the Church, but would you be open to talking about it with me? I just want to listen and hear what's going on in your heart and mind." This won't be an easy question to ask, and it's likely our child won't be overly positive, but we need to resist the urge to remain silent. Any resistance to talking about God, could never come from God, so take heart and push through whatever awkwardness there is. What's the worst that could happen? Maybe they brush us off, or get annoved, but that's nothing compared to gift of faith.

Listen first, then listen some more: Once we've started the conversation, it should be clear that we're here to listen. This will disarm our child and make it easier to persuade him later on. Also we'll get to hear their actual thoughts and feelings which may be different from what we guessed. And finally, we give our child the opportunity to vocalise the reasons he moved away from the Church. It might be the first time he has done this, and he might just start to realise that his position against the Church is not as solid as he once thought. Here are some questions which might help the conversation along: How would you describe Catholicism? How do you handle the difficult parts of your life? What gives your life meaning? What makes you happy? Do you pray, and what does that look like? Have you ever had any moments when you felt close to God? And if not, is that something you'd like?

As you listen carefully, try not to think about what you're going to say next. And once he's finished repeat his thoughts back to him in your own words. This is critical. Start with something like, "So if I understand you correctly, you think..." and then narrate back his thoughts. Show him that you listened, and that you grasp his thoughts and beliefs. This will set the stage for what happens next.

~Fr Anthony Beltrame