



Hectorville
Catholic
Community

Annunciation Church

Love in all things

Parish Bulletin

Annunciation Church

20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073

1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B

3rd December 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:

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: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



REFLECTION: Advent is a time for looking both backward and forward. We look backward as we prepare to celebrate the historical birth of Jesus of Nazareth at Christmas. Before that birth people longed for the Messiah who would restore Israel to her former power. We identify with that ancient longing for restoration as we await Christ’s coming more fully into our lives and, also as we await His Second Coming. With that longing for restoration in mind, we recognize in Advent a time of preparation and anticipation. What we celebrate as having happened in the past points to what we anticipate is coming again. First, we recognize that Christ is born into our lives each day as we open ourselves to His grace and love. These moments of discovering birth in Christ are times when we can stand with the shepherds and hear glad tidings proclaimed. Advent is a season that prepares us to discover new birth happening over and over again for us in and thru Christ. We celebrate those birth times at Christmas. Second, we look forward in Advent to the culmination of Christ’s kingdom, when He will return in glory to fulfill the promise of wholeness as all creation responds to His healing presence. In our acclamation during the Eucharistic Prayer, we identify with this longing when we say “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again,” or similar words in the other acclamations. Through the Holy Spirit, this new age has already begun, and this too we celebrate.

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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

Office Hours 9am – 3pm

Monday to Friday

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Love in all things

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

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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

Monday 4th December - Saint John Damascene, Priest
Wednesday 6th December - Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Thursday 7th December - Saint Ambrose, Bishop
Friday 8th December –
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 9th December –
Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin



**Hectorville Catholic Community
WELCOMES:**

~ Riccardo Tommaso Giro~

~Zana Rose & Gia Lidia Carnevale~

who will receive their Sacrament of Baptism

Hectorville Parish Direct Giving App



You can now make your donations to the first and second collection online. Direct Giving via the Archdiocesan App is cashless, fast and secure. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese. Find a mass on your mobile phone and set up Direct Giving to the first and second collections as well as special appeals. Or contact the Parish office to set up Direct Debit or Direct Credit. The following website provides a direct link to your parish from a pc/laptop/tablet:

<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/hectorville>



PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Recently Deceased: Joseph Carbone, Emilia Mallamo

Those who have Died: Thomas, Maria & Joseph Loke. Cecelia Chen. Giovanni Amadio (1 mth), Iruthayaraj Jonas (1 mth). All souls in purgatory. Nicholas Girgolas & Alex Russo.

Those who are sick or need our Prayers:

David, Peter De Palma, Greg North, Harold & Alvin Morato, Angela Perilli, Anthony Migliarese, Klaus Engelmann, Carol Irons, Anthony Chang, Ersilia Covino, Dolores Marinez, Colin Graham 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*******

Wednesday 6th December – English Seniors Group

Thursday 7th December – Baptism Formation

ROSTERS

Sunday 10th December 2023

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

9.30am Italian: P Meola, L Petroccia, P Parletta, M Traforti, A Perilli

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

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

Altar Society: C Papalia & B Ferraro

NOTICES

- Christmas and New Year timetables and rosters have been placed on the tables at the entrance of the church for your collection.
- Advent Reconciliation (Penitential Service) will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm.
- Father Anthony's Birthday will be celebrated on Sunday 10th December after 11am with a shared lunch. Please bring a plate of food to share.

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 and Deacons of the Archdiocese. Thank you.

Advent Booklet

Please take home a copy of the Advent booklet from the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide. It is a free publication.



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.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Parishioners that have not yet received their planned giving envelopes and those who still need new ones are asked to please call the parish office to advise us.

~Father Jeevan Gabriel PP

Carpet Fundraiser – Book Drive



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 to the Parish to recover costs for the new carpets.

Advent Reflections

A series of Advent reflections looking at the significance of Christmas in the context of 'The Big Story of the Universe' – how do we connect the Big Bang to the stable in Bethlehem and Adelaide in 2023? Each session will include prayer, reading, reflection, sharing and discussion. To be held on each *Wednesday of Advent, December 6th, 13th, & 20th*. Time and place: 10am at the *Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St, Mile End* and 7pm, *Hallett Cove Catholic Church foyer*. All sessions 90 minutes. Presenter: Kevin Liston. For more information and to register for the first handout: E: Kevin.liston1@gmail.com or Ph: 0411 197 829.

Fundraising for Carpet Amount

Dear Parishioners, so far we have raised \$26, 495 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.

November Southern Cross and Australian Catholics Magazine

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.



Christmas Gifts for Children

The Hectorville-Tranmere

Conference will again this year deliver Christmas hampers and gifts for children to poor and struggling people in our parish area. We have always appreciated the generosity of parishioners who purchase and donate children's gifts for this worthy cause. You are asked to select a tag from the basket which is located on the eastern side of the church, near the Sanctuary. Please place your gift in this location any time, but **no later than Sunday 10th December**. Please do not wrap your gift, but do attach the tag so that we understand which child you meant the gift for. Thank you.

Christmas Cards and Calendars

The Hectorville-Tranmere Conference will be selling Christmas cards and Columban calendars after Masses on 25th/26th November and 2nd/3rd December. The cost of a packet of 10 cards will be \$7.50 and calendars will cost \$9.00. Cash only please.

Wool Donations

Dear Parishioners, I have a lady who is interested in knitting blankets for "Container of Hope" and is wondering if there were any parishioners who have any unused wool lying around not in use. If you do have wool you are willing to donate, please leave at the back of the Annunciation church or place it on the porch of Eva Geelen at 5 North Street, Hectorville.

Many thanks, Eva Geelen

Hectorville Parish Presents – Carols Sing Along



A night of Christmas Cheer! **Friday 22nd December at 7pm** in the **St Joseph's School Hall**. Bring your family and friends for a night of song, Joy & Celebration. Light snacks, Tea and Coffee provided.

Christmas Cribs/Mangers Blessing

2nd Weekend of Advent



After each Mass on the 9th and 10th of December, 2nd Weekend of Advent, you are welcomed to please bring your cribs/mangers and place them on the altar steps to be blessed.



Christmas Timetables

Christmas and New Year timetables and rosters have been placed on the tables at the entrance of the church for your collection.

Penitential Service for Christmas

Will be celebrated at the Annunciation Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th December.

Celebration of the Nativity Scene



Join St Francis of Assisi for morning tea and explore the large exhibition of Nativity Scenes from all over the world! To be held at **St Francis of Assisi Hall**, Corner of Graves St & Newton Road on the **Sunday 10th December 2023** from **10am until 12.30pm**.

Adoration at St Laurence's Church

On Fridays from 7-8pm there is a silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed, with opportunity for Confession. This began with Pope Francis' call for a day of prayer, fasting and penance on October 27, to obtain peace especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land. It is being continued with the same intention.

Young Adult Summer Eco Camp

This four-day event, **7th February- 12th February 2024**, is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to act for the care of our planet with hope. For more details see <https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>

The Monastery Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden that sits adjacent to St Paul of the Cross Church is a tranquil final resting place for loved ones' ashes to be interred. The garden has recently undergone some landscaping and we encourage the public to come and have a look at the new upgrade. Go to www.themonastery.net.au/memorial-garden for more information or contact our office on 8338 8700 for all enquires.

Public Rosary – Praying the Rosary for Peace

First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady (Saturday December 2) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (adj St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All welcome. For more information contact: Patrick Greenrod, Legion of Mary, 0414 769 635.

Advent Prayer

O Lord, as we enter this season of Advent, fill me with the hope of Christ. Help me to wait in great expectation for your great light to shine in this world, for all who are living in darkness to see the dawning of your light. May your light fill all the darkest corners of this world and may your love conquer all despair and hate, leading us all to a better life in you. This is the hope of Christmas, that the birth of a baby – Jesus Christ, your Son – will change the world, and will work a change in my own life. Lord, I pray to be filled with this hope that light will triumph over darkness, love will conquer evil, and Jesus will save us all. This I pray through your Son Jesus Christ, Amen.

~The Curate's Corner~

Return. So hopefully it's been a few months since we started evangelising our child. Now we're praying for them every day, offering up small sacrifices for their return, and we're beginning to have conversations about the faith. But we can't stop there, we must keep going!

Invite. The Gospels show that most people follow Christ because he asks them to. And if we look carefully at these moments, it's not just because he asks, but because they want what he offers. And it will be no different with our children. Once they've shown some curiosity, we need to invite them into the life of the Church, to credible witnesses who are full of zeal. But zeal is not the same as being overly intense, so be mindful of who might scare them away. Still, it's very important they meet a priest. He will be able to talk to your child, find out what's happening in their life, and will know what it's going to take to bring them back. And while we don't want to encourage a pick and choose attitude to our faith, we might consider which priest would be best suited to give them a positive experience.

Make a good confession. If our child has been away for some time, they're going to need healing and forgiveness. Like the prodigal son, sorrow and contrition are not the end of the story. Rather it ends with the father's embrace, a symbol of forgiveness and reconciliation. Still, it's likely they'll be nervous about this big step, just like we still sometimes get nervous about going to confession. So, to calm their apprehension we might tell them not to worry about how to make a good confession, because the priest will guide them through everything. Also, if it makes them more comfortable, they can confess to a priest they don't know.

Acknowledge obstacles and find a way forward. It's true our Lord meets us where we're at, but he doesn't want us to stay there. So, there might need to be some conversations about situations that hinder their path back to the Church. Unfortunately living together before marriage has quickly become the norm for young couples. They might think it's financially sensible, or a good trial run for marriage, but in almost every case cohabitation involves a sexual relationship. And this falls short of the Catholic moral vision, which rejects any sexual act outside of marriage. This is why talking to a priest is crucial. He will be able to avoid both immediate condemnation and ignoring the cohabitation and show your child a path back to God. It's also possible that our child has assisted in or had an abortion. And this harms not only the child who loses their life but everyone else who must live with what's happened. But there is no sin that God cannot forgive. So, if our child has been involved in an abortion, it's best they contact a priest to start the journey of healing. A final situation keeping our child away from the Church might be divorce and remarriage. While this situation will be addressed in depth later, we can say that while it may not be possible for them to receive Holy Communion, they are still a member of the Church, and the Lord still reaches out to them. If we have the desire, we can always find our way back to God, or rather he will always find his way into our hearts.

~Fr Anthony Beltrame