



Hectorville  
Catholic  
Community

Annunciation Church

*Love in all things*

# Parish Bulletin

Annunciation Church

20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B

10<sup>th</sup> 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.”*

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Sagaya Arokiasamy  
Work, Health & Safety Officer  
Deirdre Richardson  
Sacramental Coordinator

### 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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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



**REFLECTION:** In today’s gospel, John the Baptist is baptizing people in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. The passage begins by referencing the prophets Isaiah and Malachi, indicating that John the Baptist’s ministry is a fulfillment of prophecy. This theme underscores the continuity of God’s plan as revealed through the prophets. Preparation for the Messiah: John’s role as a forerunner for Christ highlights the theme of preparation for the coming of the Messiah. His preaching and baptizing in the wilderness were meant to prepare the hearts and minds of the people for Jesus. John’s declaration that he is not worthy to untie the sandals of the one coming after him illustrates his humility. It sets an example for the proper attitude of a servant of God, acknowledging one’s own unworthiness in comparison to Christ. The act of baptism in the Jordan River by John symbolizes purification and repentance. This ritual act points to the inner transformation that is required for a renewed relationship with God. John distinguishes his baptism with water from the coming baptism with the Holy Spirit by Jesus. This theme introduces the Holy Spirit’s significant role in Christian life and points to the deeper, transformative work that Jesus will accomplish. John’s ministry marks the transition from the prophetic tradition of the Old Testament to the new era inaugurated by Jesus. This theme reflects the shift from the law and prophets to the grace and truth brought by Christ.

**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

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**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 11<sup>th</sup> December - Saint Damasus I, Pope  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Saint John of the Cross, Priest,



### **Hectorville Catholic Community WELCOMES:**

~ Antonio Alessandro Mastrullo~  
~ Amelia Borrelli~  
~ Nico Adriano Paradiso~

*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: -**

**Those who have Died:** Elena Bria, Filomena Musolino, Enrico Scarsella (RIP), Pietro Totani, Rosa Limone. Egidio, Angelo & Carmela Mignone. Carmine & Mafalda Pirone. Pasquale Zanon & Family. Emilia Piotto & Family.

#### **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\*\*\*\*\***

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – PPC Meeting**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Italian Seniors Group**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Baptism Formation**

### ROSTERS

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

**9.30am Italian:** AM 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

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.
- Father Anthony's Birthday will be celebrated this Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. There will be morning tea after 8am & 9.30am and shared lunch after 11am mass. 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.



### 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

The total amount raised from the Hectorville Book Drive was **\$1,300**. Thank you to everyone who helped organize this fundraiser and to those who donated and purchased books.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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.

### 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/>

### Advent Booklet



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



St Vincent de Paul Society  
good works



### Christmas Gifts for Children

As the **Hectorville-Tranmere Conference** will be delivering Christmas hampers and gifts for children to poor and struggling people next weekend, **your gift donations need to be brought to the church by the 11 am Mass today, 10th December**. Please do not wrap your gift, but do attach the tag so that we understand which child you meant the gift for.

We are very grateful for the wonderful and generous response to this cause, which will bring joy to the children whose families are struggling just to put food on the table. Thank you.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 this weekend, 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.

### Confession and Prayer for Peace, Friday Night at St Laurence's

Every Friday at 7pm there will be an hour of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed at St Laurence's Church, North Adelaide. The intention is to ask for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. St Laurence's Church is on the corner of Hill St and Buxton St, North Adelaide. Come when you can, even if only for a few minutes. Confession will be available from 7.30pm.

## **Penitential Service for Christmas**

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

### **Music at the Cathedral in December**

**Friday 15 December at 7.30pm**

Christmas Choral Concert with orchestra  
(Repeated at Holy Cross Church, Goodwood on Sunday 17 December 12.30pm)

**Saturday 16 December 7.30pm**

Organ Carols Recital – Dr Amir Robin-Karas

**Tuesday 19 December 1pm**

End of Year Organ Student Concert

**Wednesday 20 December 7pm**

Christmas Carols – James Lloyd  
Congregational participation encouraged.

**Sunday 24 December 11pm**

Christmas Carols with the choir  
Congregational participation encouraged.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent Prayer**



O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### **~The Curate's Corner~**

**Return.** Hopefully we're getting to the bottom of why our child is no longer interested in the Church. And our conversations may have brought up some theological and moral objections, but it's likely personal experience is at the heart of why they're not coming. So today we'll look at how to respond to some of these.

**"Mass is boring and I don't have time for it."**

**Response:** "You won't want to miss Mass once you learn what's really going on."

Often, it's not the case that our child has thought about the faith and disagrees. Instead, they just want to sleep in, or take kids to sport, or find Mass boring. And it's true, Mass is long and boring if you don't love God. But the cure is not to make Mass more modern as some keep saying, rather it's to help our child fall in love with God. So, if he says Mass is boring, acknowledge that, don't dismiss it. Mass is not meant to be repetitive and boring

but life-giving and powerful. This will make them more open to what you have to say next, namely what is Mass and why it matters. If they see that Mass is the making present again of Calvary, it's not a social gathering, and that Holy Communion is the body and blood of Christ, not bread and wine, they'll no longer think Mass is boring.

**"The Church is too focused on rules and making people feel guilty."**

**Response:** "The Church doesn't add to our guilt; it takes it away."

People love to joke about "Catholic" guilt, but Catholicism is the answer to the guilt we already have. Through Baptism and Confession God forgives our sins. We're great at sinning, but God is even better at forgiving. And his plans are much better than anything we could come up with. Our child might say the Church has too many rules, but these exist to keep us from taking wrong turns and heading down paths that only lead to emptiness and misery. And if they disagree, ask why depression, anxiety, and suicide are so common since society has replaced God with technology and our own will. God's plan makes us free.

**"The Church is full of hypocrites."**

**Response:** "The Church is full of sinners, but our faith is in Christ not sinful men."

I'm sure we know of a priest who's been unfaithful. Maybe it was abuse, or running off with a woman, or drinking too much, stealing Church money or just being lazy. The Church is full of sinners, and many are priests. So, if our child brings up this objection, who can blame them for being upset. We should affirm their disappointment, and only after this suggest a few points to bring them around. Firstly, the overwhelming majority of priests are not criminals and low lives, but men trying their best. And these problems are not unique to the Church: schools, sporting clubs, the defence force and many businesses also face these issues. And lastly, we shouldn't be surprised that the Church is full of sinners. It's not a justification but more proof that we need a saviour.

**"I had a bad experience and I can't see myself coming back."**

**Response:** "I'm sorry that happened, but the Church is bigger than one bad parish or priest."

Maybe a homily, or experience in confession, or a rude parishioner has rubbed our child the wrong way. There are many potentially bad experiences because the Church is full of sinners. So, if a bad experience is keeping our child away from the Church we should say, "I'm sorry that happened," but then suggest that a bad experience shouldn't colour our entire perception of the Church. If we're honest, we've been rude or offensive heaps of times; not because we're good Christians, but because we need healing and forgiveness. So, they might avoid a certain parish or priest for some time if they're still hurting, but let's help them see that a bad experience is not worth cutting ourselves off from the source of life and grace.

*~Fr Anthony Beltrame*