



Hectorville
Catholic
Community

Annunciation Church

Love in all things

Parish Bulletin

Annunciation Church

20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B

17th 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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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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8,19-28

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



REFLECTION: The 2nd reading for today’s 3rd Sunday of Advent resonates with a profound message of hope and anticipation. As we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing in the Advent season, this passage invites us to immerse ourselves in a spirit of continuous joy, prayer, and gratitude. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in all circumstances give thanks," Paul writes, encapsulating the essence of Christian life, especially poignant in the time of Advent. This call to perpetual joy is not an invitation to ignore the realities of pain or suffering but to maintain a hopeful stance in the face of life's challenges. The anticipation of Christ's coming reminds us that joy is rooted not in our current circumstances but in the promise of God's faithful presence and ultimate salvation. In this season of preparation, Paul's exhortation to hold fast to what is good and abstain from every form of evil serves as a guiding principle. This period of waiting is not passive but an active journey of spiritual refinement and alignment with God's will. As we await the celebration of Christ's birth, we are called to embrace a holistic sanctification, "spirit, soul, and body," as Paul articulates. This process involves a conscious and continuous effort to nurture our relationship with God through prayer, embrace joy in our daily lives, and express gratitude in all circumstances 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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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 21st December – Saint Peter Canisius, Priest.
Saturday 23rd December - Saint John of Kęty, Priest.



Hectorville Catholic Community WELCOMES:

~ *Christian Michael Cavuoto*~
~ *Elio Michael Barton*~
~ *Liam Rene Fernandes*~

who will receive their Sacrament of Baptism

Hectorville Parish Direct Giving App



You can now make you 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 yourmobile 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: Antonio Feo, Emilia Mallamo (1mth), Giuseppe Piantedosi, Amalia Piatedosi, Anna Rinna (1mth), Santina Feo (1yr),

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*******

-No Meetings-

ROSTERS

Sunday 24th December 2023

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

9.30am Italian: A Perilli, P Meola, A Mignone, N Ianera

11am: N Pinneri, A Canaria, J Canaria, E Geelen, P Watson, P Maio

Saturday 6.00pm: D Richardson, J Shearer, A Ozgo, J Ture, J D'Angelo

Altar Society: C Piantedosi & M Frangiosa

NOTICES

- Christmas and New Year timetables are on display on the church doors, the website and on facebook.
- Carols sing along will be held on Friday the 22nd December in the St. Joseph's school hall at 7pm.
- The Parish office will be closed from Monday 25th December 2023 and re-open on Monday 8th January 2024. For any emergencies or sick calls please call the following number for any assistance: 0419866890 or 83369988 to leave a message.
- Father Jeevan will be on leave from the 7th January 2024 until the 15th February. In his absence Father Anthony will be in charge. Please contact him for any parish related matters.
- The new roster for the Altar Society, January-March 2024 has been placed on the table at the entrance of the Church.

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

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 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.

December Southern Cross and Australian Catholics Magazine

The Australian Catholics Magazine, summer edition and the December Southern Cross is now available. These are free publications, please take a copy home.

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



Carols sing a long will be performed by the members of the Annunciation Church Choir. It will be an evening of Christmas Cheer and fun! **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 Timetables



Christmas and New Year Mass timetables are on display on the church doors, the website and on facebook.

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.

Music at the Cathedral in December

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.



Confession and Prayer for Peace, Every 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.

An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion,
We turn to you with heavy hearts
As we consider the needs of your family.
Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people,
Each of us loved by You
And called to live in peace and justice.
We lament the dreadful loss of life,
Destruction of property and loss of human dignity.
We are pained by so much suffering.
We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.
Help your people find a way forward.
Enable everyone to look each other in the eye,
And embrace each other as sisters and brothers,
As they find your image in every face.
We ask that courage and grace
Will help create a wiser and more gentle future,
Where everyone has a home.
God of wisdom, come to our aid.
Amen.

by Michael McGirr, 2023

~The Curate's Corner~

Return. It's time now to address some of the moral objections our child has to the Church. But we need to tread carefully. Beneath these objections can be a lot of pain and self-doubt. But this is what Christ wants to save us from.

The Church hates gay and lesbian people.

Response: "Same sex attraction isn't incompatible with Catholicism, but those who struggle with it need love, support, and guidance."

Let's hear what the Church says about this. "Tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved... The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity." Notice that homosexual actions not inclinations are sinful. We all have wayward inclinations, but just experiencing a desire is not sinful, it's acting on it that's wrong. More can be said on the sinfulness of homosexual actions but encouraging them is never a loving thing to do. Rather, we must acknowledge the great cross carried by those who experience these

inclinations. They don't need to be convinced of their misery; they just need to know they can be loved. And once they have experienced the love of Christ, they will be open to reordering their lives.

What's the problem with living with my boyfriend/girlfriend? We love each other.

Response: "True love leads to marriage not a temporary living arrangement."

Cohabitation is clearly a moral problem, but if our child doesn't yet love God, he won't be interesting in moral arguments against it. Instead, here are some non-religious reasons. Firstly, more than half of couples who cohabit before marriage, end up divorcing after marriage. Why? Because their relationship is not grounded on a permanent commitment and there is less resolve to work through issues. Next there's a higher risk of single motherhood for women who cohabit. Cohabitation fosters enough intimacy to conceive a child, but often not enough commitment to stay in the relationship when an unplanned pregnancy occurs. Finally, it's much harder to end a cohabitation relationship than a dating relationship. Once you buy a house, have a routine, and get a dog it's much harder to cut your losses and accept that a relationship just isn't working out.

I'll come back when the Church stops oppressing women.

Response: "Yes, women can't be priests, but priests aren't everything."

Yes, the priest delivers homilies, celebrates the sacraments, and looks after the parish, but the priesthood is not a profession. Instead, it's a relationship. The priest stands in the person of Christ and lives out his supernatural fatherhood. Reserving the priesthood to men is not a judgement on women. It's just that a woman can't be a father any more than a man can't be a mother. And remember it's holiness, not a pointy hat that makes someone powerful.

The Church is behind the times on abortion and contraception.

Response: "The Church is pro-woman; it loves both the mother and her child."

We need to show our child why these are harmful for women and then offer positive alternatives. Contraception is seriously sinful because it rejects the possibility of life and turns the other person into an instrument of pleasure. What's more, it encourages promiscuity, domestic violence, pornography, and divorce because it separates sex from a life-commitment and the raising of children. Also, many forms of it have harmful effects on a woman's body. But we're not condemned to have endless amounts of children either. There are natural ways to space out and delay the conception of children when good reasons call for it. If you want more information, please ask me about Natural Family Planning. Finally with abortion it suffices to say that the foetus is not a clump of cells but a child. There may be situations when conception is violent or unwanted, but the answer is never to take away the life of the innocent child. And the feelings of brokenness and guilt women and men are left with tell us as much. But again, what's needed here is healing not condemnation.

~Fr Anthony Beltrame