



# St Anthony's Parish



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**THE 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B**

**7th November 2021**

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### ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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### ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS

**Coordinator:** Godwin Barton (0425 734 449) **Officers:** St Anthony's -Karina Dunne, Lorraine Tellis & Geetha Vincent  
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## MASS AND DEVOTIONS

### ST ANTHONY'S 8/11-14/11 MELTON SOUTH

#### MASS TIMES:

Monday 8/11 6.30pm  
 Tuesday 9/11 9.30am & 5.30pm  
 includes Holy Hour & Novena then Mass at 6.30pm  
 Wednesday 10/11 7.30am & 9.30am  
 Thursday 11/11 9.30am  
 Friday 12/11 7.30am & 9.30am

Saturday Vigil 13/11 5.00pm & \*6.30pm

Sunday 14/11 8.30am  
 10.30am  
 \*5.00pm

\*Mass is for unvaccinated parishioners

**Bookings are required for all masses.**

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**Attendees at all Masses must wear masks and check-in with the QR code upon arrival.**

### ST BERNARD'S 8/11-14/11 BACCHUS MARSH

#### MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 8/11 7.30am  
 Holy Hour 7.30pm  
 Wednesday 9/11 9.30am  
 Thursday 10/11 7.30am  
 Friday 12/11 9.30am  
**Providence and Friends Mass 12/11 11.00am**

**(Must present certificate of double vaccination)**

KSC and Parishioners and Memorial Mass 12/11 6.00pm

Saturday Vigil 13/11 \*5.00pm & 6.30pm

Sunday 14/11 8.30am  
 \* 10.30am  
 \*12.00pm

\*Mass is for unvaccinated parishioners

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**Attendees at all Masses must wear masks and**

#### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBET

#### MASS TIME

6.30pm

***If you need a Priest in the case of an emergency please call 0403 435 471***

#### PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

**Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference.**

#### REFLECTION ON BEING CONTENTED

Some time ago I heard on the radio, two English women discussing their Lottery win of forty million pounds. They gave each child one million (and considered that enough) gave several to different charities, some for themselves, but still had twenty million over. This had become a problem and even a burden. What shall we do with it? It seemed a real difficulty for them.

The widow in today's gospel had two small coins which she contributed to the Temple Treasury.

Jesus said it was **ALL** she had! Did she give so she could participate in the temple rites? Was she giving out of a sense of obligation and responding to criticism of the priests? Was this why Jesus criticised the priests for laying down burdens on the people? Did this lay a heavier burden on the widow to find the means to support herself?

When I read of CEO's, etc. being paid millions and then some more as bonuses for doing their job, I wonder, how can you **NEED** such an amount? The best car, biggest house, largest boat, best clothes, holidays etc do not bring contentment. Instead, they can sometimes create a greed for more!

St Mary MacKillop trusted in God to provide and many times was in debt or dire need.

But she was content and happy to believe God loved her and would

provide – and God did! Am I content with what I have?

Mary Fermio rsj



## PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

### NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

#### ***Join us for a brand new youth program Share Plates***

A Youth Outreach Program designed to assist teenagers with the transition through high school, tertiary education, employment and adulthood.

***Please see page 4 (next page) for all the details***

#### ST ANTHONY'S

##### PARISH OFFICE

Our office hours are:

Monday: 9.00am-1.00pm  
Tuesday: 9.00am-4.00pm  
Wednesday: 9.00am-5.30pm  
Thursday: 9.00am-4.00pm  
Friday: 9.00am-4.00pm

We have installed a new Phone System so there will be no issues getting through to us! But please be patient with us in these early days of operating it!

#### ST BERNARD'S

##### ST BERNARD'S WEBSITE-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of a couple of volunteers to update our website as news and information becomes available. If you have the ability to help us in this role, please call contact our Parish Office. Thank you.

##### KSC and PARISHIONERS MEMORIAL MASS

Deceased Members and Parishioners Memorial Mass will be held this Friday 12th November at 6pm.

All parishioners are welcome to remember those friends and family that have recently passed away.

##### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR A SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE AT ST. BERNARD'S

Under the Child Safety and Wellbeing Act 2005 (Vic), compliance with the Child Safe Standards which were introduced in 2015 in Victoria is a legal requirement for all organisations working with children and young people. Organisations in Victoria must comply with the standards if they:

- provide any services to children and young people.**
- provide any facilities specifically for use by children and young people who are under the organisation's supervision.**
- engage a child or young person as an employee, volunteer or contractor.**

The Safeguarding Committee will play a central role in assisting the Parish Priest, with implementation of the requirements of the Safeguarding Children and Young People policy and compliance with requirements of the child-safety standards frameworks.

Any queries, please call Godwin Barton on 0425 734 449.

#### **ST LEO THE GREAT-QUOTE ( Feast Day 10th November)**

*Never give up, even when fatigue makes itself felt, not even when your foot stumbles, not even when your eyes burn, not even when your efforts are ignored, not even when disappointment disheartens you, even when error discourages you not even when betrayal hurts you, not even when success abandons you, not even when ingratitude appales you, not even when incomprehension surrounds you, not even when boredom lands on you, not even when everything has the air of nothing, even when the weight of sin crushes you ... Call on your God, clench your fists, smile ... and start again!*

Source: [FAMOUS QUOTES - PHRASES OF SAINTS - 2021 \(booksbitesbrews.com\)](http://booksbitesbrews.com)

## FORMED

#### **We now have a parish FORMED subscription**

FORMED is a Catholic streaming service. We have purchased a parish subscription that you can access for free at home.

Please limit yourselves to one account per household. To register under our subscription, follow these steps:

1. Visit <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Input *St Anthony's & St Bernard's Catholic Parishes* in the "Find your Parish" box.
3. Input your name and email address.
4. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) on your preferred device to begin watching.

If you enjoy using FORMED, consider making a donation to our parish to help us keep providing this service.

Join us for a brand new program

# Share Plates

St Anthony's Parish proudly presents Share Plates: a three week Outreach Program designed to assist with the transition through education, employment and adulthood.

The program is delivered in 90 minute sessions on the below key topics:

**Physical and mental wellbeing:** share challenges - and solutions - whilst learning techniques on how to keep focus, balance and sustain positive momentum. Includes some light physical activity!

**Links and connections:** build a support network of people to assist you!

**Action in your community:** spend some time supporting worthy causes in your local community, while gaining valuable experience and connections.

**Talking in public:** develop and hone your ability to speak in a variety of situations and to a range of audiences.

**Employment support:** learn tailored ways to lift your job application game including resume and cover letters, plus interview techniques.

**Social and self-care:** build social skills and explore the value and importance of taking time for yourself and celebrating the positives!

This program is designed and supported by key local figures and is offered at such an affordable price to provide opportunity for our community! A must for all young people aged 15-19 – all ages welcome!

Location: St Anthony's Parish

Cost: \$10 per week

**SPECIAL OFFER: Register by 24 November and pay \$20 for all 3 sessions!**

Dates: Wednesdays @ 5.30pm, from 1 December to 15 December

To register, contact Brad:

0491 009 889

stanthonysparishoutreach@outlook.com

## WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT AND VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

### ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

**NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER:** 13th & 14th November  
**Please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. Thank you.**

#### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

**5.00pm Vigil:**  
**8.30am:** To be advised  
**10.30am:**  
**5.00pm:**

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**5.00pm Vigil:**  
**8.30am:** To be advised  
**10.30am:**  
**5.00pm**

*If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office Thank you*

#### **MASS COORDINATORS**

**5.00pm Vigil:**  
**8.30am:** To be advised  
**10.30am:**  
**5.00pm:**

### ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

**We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:**

Donald Abela, Lily Wakefield, Patrick Wakefield, James Tellis and Joe Stellini.

**Please pray for the Sick:** Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Melanie Fue, Bruce Hynes, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Maiava Kuno Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Uatoa Tuigamala, Dolores Turcsan, Clint Abela Wadge & Wai Walsh and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen



### ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

**NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER:** 13th & 14th November

#### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

**5.00pm:** John Thorne  
**8.30am:** Margaret Love  
**10.30am:** Lindorff family

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**5.00pm:** Colin Remedios  
**8.30am:** Peter Lafranchi  
**10.30am:** Anne Daly

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**November:** John Thorne

### ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

**We pray for the recently deceased:** Tilly Nabben

**We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:** Patricia & John Daly, Lorna Hives, James Tellis, Desmond Trask, and Mary Walsh

**Please pray for the Sick:**

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Chris, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Leonie Kervin, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Catherine Time, Susan Trist, Dolores Turcsan, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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# FAITH FORMATION

## ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

The Baptism Preparation Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Time: **6.30pm**

Next preparation meeting :**18th November 2021**

Location: **St Anthony's Church, MacKillop Room**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Both parents are required to attend these meetings. **We kindly request adults only** and a copy of the birth certificate. **Please be advised that Baptism applications must be submitted 2 months in advance.**

**Visit our website for detailed information and application forms.**

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.

**BAPTISM TEAM:** St Anthony's: **To be advised** St Bernard's: **To be advised**

**ADULT PREPARATION** Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Marcus or Fr Lucas .



### FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: Dacunha family 0469 863 253

Group 2: Kim & Villy Nguyen 0403 751 343

Group 3: Rohini Selvanayagam 0425 868 967



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the Month-3.00pm

### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

**[bow during the next line]**

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

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

### **FIRST READING** 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145**

**Commentator:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**All:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

### **SECOND READING** Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **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.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READING**

#### **33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B**

**First Reading:** Dan 12:1-3;  
**Second Reading:** Heb 10:11-14,18;  
**Gospel:** Mk 13:24-32



# Saint Anthony of Padua XI

## Anthony against the heretics Part 2

Anthony was not very long at Montpellier. We find him next at Toulouse, a vast field for his apostolic work.

And here, in this grand city — today one of the most beautiful and interesting in France, with its desecrated but still glorious churches and ruined cloisters — in St Anthony's day the Black Confraternity of the Albigensians was vigorously opposed by the White Confraternity of Catholics under the holy Archbishop Foulques. Here the contest between faith and error was still keen in spite of the great victory of the Crusaders under Simon de Montfort at Muret, ten years earlier.

St Anthony's next stay (1225) was at Le Puy-en-Velay in the heart of the Cevennes, which, though about 100 kilometres to the northeast of Toulouse, belonged to the Countship of Toulouse. If the tradition that St Anthony was Guardian here be true, he perhaps founded the first house of the Friars Minor in this beautiful mountain city, with its wonderful volcanic hills, the highest of which is crowned with a glorious grey cathedral built of lava.

Two legends come down to us from Le Puy.

A notary of Le Puy, of notorious life, was much discomposed by the fact that, whenever he met Anthony, the Saint bowed down to the earth — as the notary believed, in mock reverence.

One day he very angrily asked him (threatening him with death if he did it again,) why he chose thus to deride him publicly? To which Blessed Anthony made reply that he knew by revelation that the grace of martyrdom for which he had most earnestly longed and sought was denied him, but would be granted to the notary.

"And when this crown shall be given you," continued the Saint, "then remember me, I beg you, and pray for me." The notary laughed him to scorn but, shortly afterwards, touched by grace, he joined in a crusade organised by the Bishop of Le Puy against the Saracens, fought, and gained his crown almost as the martyrs of Morocco had won theirs.

The other legend is this:

A woman came to inquire of the Saint what manner of child should be born to her. Anthony told her she would bear a son, that his name should be Philip, that he would become a Friar Minor, and die a martyr, all of which things came to pass.

Anthony next went to the town of Bourges in central France, in 1225. Bourges is a picturesque town that clusters round its magnificent Gothic

Cathedral. The Franciscan convent, of which no traces are left, was near the centre of the town.

Not very far from the Cathedral stands the beautiful grey-stone church of St Pierre-le-Guillard, built, says tradition, by the heretic who was converted by Anthony's mule. The miracle may be related here.

Though the region was not a hotbed of heresy like Languedoc, the Albigensians were still both numerous and aggressive. Anthony preached to them continually and successfully, receiving many into the Church.

But an obstinate and crafty heretic refused, in spite of Anthony's exhortations, to believe in the Real Presence of the Body of our Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar.

Utterly devoid of faith, and trusting only to the evidence of his senses, the heretic refused to admit the truth of the Sacrament, simply because he could see no change take place in the bread and wine.

Touched by his incredulity, St Anthony asked him whether he would believe if his mule should kneel and adore the Body of God. Whereupon the man replied that he would keep his mule without food for two days, and on the third would bring it to the public square. There he would offer it a measure of oats, while the Saint should be present with the Blessed Sacrament in a ciborium.

"If the hungry animal leaves the oats to prostrate before the Body of Christ I will confess with heart and mouth the reality of the Sacrament."

To this the Saint agreed, adding that in case the mule refused to adore "it would in no way affect the Truth", but ought rather to be attributed to his — Anthony's — sinfulness.

Accordingly the starving mule was brought on the third day into the presence of a great crowd, in the midst of which stood St Anthony, bearing reverently the Blessed Sacrament, and near him the heretic with the oats.

The animal, left free to go wherever it chose, walked deliberately up to the Body of Christ, bent its knees reverently before the Saint who bore it, and remained kneeling till he gave it permission to rise.

On the very spot, says tradition, where the miracle took place, the heretic built the church of St Pierre-le-Guillard. Close by was built a small chapel, on the walls of which were a series of bas-reliefs representing the miracle. This was destroyed nearly a century ago.