

ST AGNES[†]

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly is a welcoming and hospitable faith community, celebrating God's compassion and love for all. As an Anglo-Catholic church, our faith, worship and community life finds its ultimate expression in encounter with the Risen Christ in Scripture and Sacrament. Together we are committed to growing in spirituality and service as disciples of Jesus, glorifying God and serving our local community.

You can find out more about us at www.saintagnes.org.au.

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Congregational Evensong
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Text marked with ♪ is sung to the Mass Setting by Michael Dudman. Please stand when the bells are rung.

OPENING HYMN

1. Holy Spirit, come confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

2. Holy Spirit, come console us,
come as advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

3. Holy Spirit, come renew us,
come yourself to make us live:
holy, through your loving presence,
holy, through the gifts you give.

4. Holy Spirit, come possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

*William Brian Foley 1919-
TIS 413*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

♪ **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the ✠ glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts

[10.44-48]

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;

**His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.**

The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.

**Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**

With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.**

Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

**For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of John.

[4.7-21]

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung

GRADUAL HYMN

**1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'**

**2. Hallulujah! not as orphans,
are we left in sorrow now;
hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**3. Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day;**

intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix 1837-98
TIS 517

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia**.

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' **Alleluia**.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

[16.16-24]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.' Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying to us, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"; and "Because I am going to the Father"?' They said, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"? We do not know what he is talking about.' Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the

anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a period of reflection

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together stand to affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
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.
We 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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the ✠ resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the Church and for the world. Each petition ends with...

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The final petition for all the faithful departed ends...

May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

All stand.

GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. The strife is past, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
now let the song of praise be sung:

Alleluia!

2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus has his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:

Alleluia!

3. On the third day he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
let us take up the great refrain:

Alleluia!

4. He closed the frowning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell:

Alleluia!

5. Now by your stripes, our wounded King,
your servants free from death's dread sting,
that we may live in you, and sing

'Alleluia!'

*Anon., Latin
in 'Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum', Cologne, 1695
tr. Francis Pott 1832-1909 alt
TIS 367*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues in thanksgiving...

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**♪ Blessed ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues with the prayer of consecration...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**♪ Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

... we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**♪ Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

♪ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:
For we all share in the one bread.

The priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung

♩ **O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**
**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**
**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices may be given here.

The priest prays the post-communion prayer, followed by

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The priest pronounces this blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing

in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia:
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN

**1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**2. O loving wisdom of our God,
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**3. O wisest love, that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**4. and that a higher gift that grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

*St John Henry Newman 1801-90 alt
TIS 141*

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

NEW OUTREACH – SAINT AGNES' WEEKEND PANTRY!

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly has recently entered into a partnership with Glen Eira CIS (Community, Information & Support) to provide an outreach to serve those in need in our local area. This will operate alongside our existing mission and outreach commitments to the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) and Dixon House, and is a successor to the wonderful 'Winter Shelter' programme we have hosted in previous years.

The partnership involves hosting staff and volunteer training at Saint Agnes' for Glen Eira CIS and also a monthly community lunch or afternoon at the church for those most in need.

However we are also trialling a weekly 'Weekend Pantry' programme on Saturday, Sunday and Monday where food and assistance will be available for those in need at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly in collaboration with Glen Eira CIS.

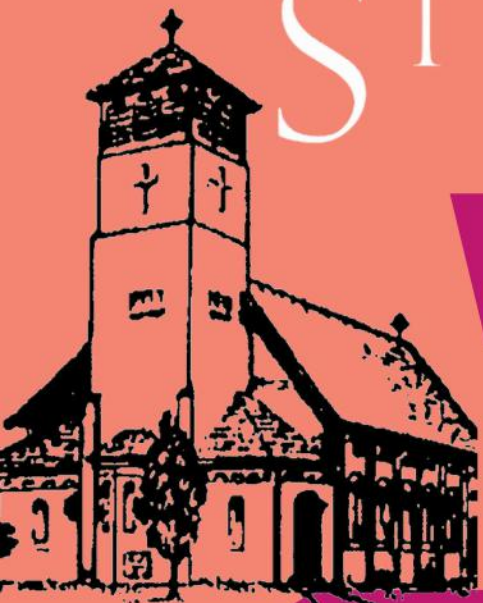
If you'd like to learn more – or would be interested in volunteering – please contact the Vicar!

CHORAL EVENSONG TONIGHT 6PM SAINT JOHN'S FINCH STREET

Don't miss Choral Evensong tonight at 6pm at Saint John's Finch Street – the first under the direction of our new Director of Music Rowan Swarbrick! Music includes the Introit 'Das Agnus Dei' by Max Reger, Preces and Responses by William Byrd, Canticles by Stanford as well as his anthem 'Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem', an organ postlude by Herbert Howells, as well as the cracking hymn 'The Old Hundredth'! All followed by wine and cheese – do join us!

VICAR AWAY 6 TO 17 MAY INCLUSIVE

The Vicar will be away from the parish from the 6th until the 17th May inclusive. He will be in France attending the latest round of conversations of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC). Peter Richards will be at Saint John's Finch Street on Sunday 12 May, and Ken Hewlett at Saint Agnes'.



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WEEKEND PANTRY

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY
9:30AM - 3:30PM

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly, 114 Booran Rd



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GLEN EIRA CIS -
COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND SUPPORT



Songs of
Farewell...

A Showcase Concert of the Parish
Choir of Saint John's Finch Street
Friday 24 May 2024 7PM
Tickets: \$30/20 followed by cheese & wine

Featuring the 'Songs of Farewell' by
Charles Parry together with the 'Funeral
Sentences for Queen Mary' by Henry
Purcell and other music by Elgar, Reger,
Whitacre, Ramsay and Swarbrick

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