

ST AGNES[†]

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

15th February 2026

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: Evensong & Benediction
(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. The symbol  indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made. Please stand when the bells are rung.

OPENING HYMN

1. Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2. Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4. Holy and blessèd Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,

through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

John Marriott 1780-1825 alt
TIS 447

✠ 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.

Let us pray.

Silence is held as we gather our hearts and minds into the presence of God

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.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 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.’ Jesus said ‘This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God’s forgiveness.

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.
Christ, 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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
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:
Here it is customary to bow for the duration of the words 'receive our prayer'
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
with the Holy Spirit,
in the ✠ glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 Deuteronomy.

[10.12-22]

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[119:1-8]

Blessed are those whose way is blameless:
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Blessed are those who keep his commands:
and seek him with their whole heart;**

Those who do no wrong:
but walk in the ways of our God.

**For you, Lord, have commanded us:
to persevere in all your precepts.**

If only my ways were unerring:
towards the keeping of your statutes!

**Then I should not be ashamed:
when I looked on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with sincerity of heart:
as I learn your righteous judgements.

**I will keep your statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

[3.1-9]

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung

GRADUAL HYMN

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.
3. Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north,
all Christlike souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

*William Arthur Dunkerley
(John Oxenham') 1852-1941 alt
TIS 459(ii)*

Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia**,
Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

[5:21-37]

Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of silence and a musical 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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
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,

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until '...became truly human'
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 *here it is customary to make a slight bow*

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

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

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. Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to let the captive free,
and take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with help and mercy
to those who suffer wrong,
to raise the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls condemned and dying
were precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is love.

James Montgomery 1771-1854 alt
TIS 275

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,** *here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist*
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, and
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.

A period of deep silence is held with silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung

♫ **O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us 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.

Notices may be given here, after which please stand. 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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest pronounces the blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; *here it is customary to bow, or genuflect on the left knee* and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

INTERMENT OF ASHES

The ministers and congregation move outside to the Memorial Garden during the closing hymn together with the ashes of Dorothy Nola Mullett (1.8.1923-11.9.2023) for interment in the Memorial Garden

CLOSING HYMN

**1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

2. under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all of us away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
remain our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748
TIS 47

At the place of interment, the priest continues

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Romans 14:8-9

We believe that Jesus died and rose again. Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Peter 1:3

We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of the world. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Into the Lord's most gracious mercy and protection we have entrusted our sister Dorothy, and we now commit her ashes to their resting place, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again for us. To him be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, grant that we, with all those who have believed in you, may be united in the full knowledge of your love and the unclouded vision of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life of all who believe in him, and who has taught us not to grieve, as people without hope, for those who sleep in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that when we depart this life we may rest in him as, our hope is, our sister does, and that at the resurrection on the last day we may be found acceptable to you, and receive the kingdom prepared for all who love and fear you; grant this, merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our mediator and redeemer. **Amen.**

The priest concludes

Now to him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with everlasting joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Jude 24 & 25

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 9:30AM WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

There will be two Ash Wednesday services offered in the Parish on 18 February as we enter into the Lenten season – a simple service with Imposition of Ashes at 9:30am at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly, and a choral service also with Ashes at 6pm at Saint John's Finch Street, followed by a meal and the first session of our Lenten Study. All are encouraged to observe this important day in the calendar.

LENTEN STUDIES – WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM AT ST AGNES' HOUSE

The Lenten programme for this year has been published and includes details of the Lenten Study being offered this year focusing on 'The Way of Blessedness', reflecting on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, led by Fr Marc Billimoria. All are welcome to join – the first session will run after our Ash Wednesday Supper in the Church at Saint John's Finch Street, and thereafter on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 6:30pm at Saint Agnes' House, 116 Booran Road, Glen Huntly.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS - 'CALLED TO CARE' & 'HOLY HABITS'

Two 'self-guided' resources for your Lenten reflections are commended this year. 'Called' to Care' produced by Anglican Overseas Aid, whom the parish has supported as a mission partner, features a series of weekly Scripture readings, reflections and questions for pondering. It is available in booklet form at the back of the church. 'Holy Habits' is an online daily reflection by Episcopalian nun and unlikely TikTok personality Sr Monica Care. You can access it using the QR Code featured on the Lent 2026 poster.

DAILY OFFICES DURING LENT

This Lent you can commit – as best you are able – to praying the 'Daily Office' – Morning and Evening Prayer – each day from Monday to Friday at 9:15am and 4:45pm in the Church. Come along and join us for as many days as you are able.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND?

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly parishioner Moses Basp, a refugee from Papua New Guinea has recently been granted a bridging visa including work and study rights. He is a qualified primary school teacher with excellent English language skills. He has already been a great asset to so many with his willingness to clean windows, weed gardens with general gardening maintenance, lay paving bricks, and do some heavy lifting. Please pass his details onto anyone who may require his help and please keep him in mind for any employment opportunities. His labour is \$25ph and he can be contacted on 0460708319

Saint John's Finch Street and Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly

Ash Wednesday - 18 February

9:30am at Saint Agnes' and 6pm at Saint John's

'Way of Blessedness' Lenten Study

Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Saint Agnes' House

Lenten Taize Evening

Tuesday 17 March, 7pm at Saint Agnes'

Lenten Labyrinth Meditation

Friday 27 March, 5pm at Saint Agnes'

Daily Office Challenge - 9:15am and 4:45pm

Daily throughout Lent at both churches

'Called to Care' by Anglican Overseas Aid

Self-guided weekly study

'Holy Habits' with Sr Monica Clare

Self-guided daily reflections online use QR



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Worship & Event Highlights 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday February 18, 9:30am*

SRI LANKAN LUNCH *Sunday March 22, 12noon*

LENTEN TAIZE EVENING *Tuesday March 17, 7pm*

LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK *Friday March 27, 5pm*

GOOD FRIDAY *Friday April 3, 12noon*

EASTER DAY VIGIL *Sunday April 5, 6am*

JAZZ & AFTERNOON TEA SOIREE *Sunday June 14, 1:30pm*

HOPPER & CURRY NIGHT *Wednesday August 5, 6pm*

DEDICATION FESTIVAL *Sunday November 15, 9:30am*

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK *Wednesday December 9, 6pm*

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING *Friday December 18, 6pm*

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS *Thursday December 24, 9pm*

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