

Weekly Income

Thank you for your contributions.

3-Dec-17	St Anthony	St Thérèse
Envelopes	\$842.10	\$1,763.30
Loose	\$155.30	\$697.60
Totals	\$997.40	\$2,460.90
Aps Nov 2017	\$1,365.00	\$1,050.00
St Therese Parish Fair 2017	\$42,415.40	
St Anthony Multicultural Fair	\$41,039.70	
St Anthony Gold Coin Collection	\$171.00	
St Therese Loan as at 31/10/17	\$413,375.39	

The time of Advent returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!" Pope Francis

Take time in this frenetic commercially busy time to encounter Christ

UPCOMING EVENTS

PPC Meeting:

St Anthony First Wednesday.

St Therese Third Wednesday.

Finance Meeting:

St Anthony Second Tuesday of the month. St Therese Third Friday of the month.

Liturgy Meeting Combined:

Last Wednesday of the month. St Therese Small Hall

Baptism Combined:

Every Second Saturday of the month. Parishes take turns.

Adoration: *St Therese every first Saturday of the month.*

ANOINTING MASS: *St Anthony First Tuesday, 9am. St. Therese First Friday. 11am*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE at St. Anthony • Saturday 9:45am
at St. Thérèse • Friday 10:30am,
• Saturday 8:45am(on request after mass)
• And with an appointment at anytime.

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH at St. Thérèse • Tuesday, Thursday 5:30pm

CSsR Morning Prayer with Parishioners - St Anthony . Friday 8:15am

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Benediction: Saturday

St. Therese 8am.

St. Anthony 9am

ROSARY at St Anthony • Monday to Sunday 8:30am
at St Thérèse • Tuesday, Thursday 6.10pm and Saturday 7.30am

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR at St Thérèse • Friday 9am–10:45am First Friday of the month before anointing Mass at 11am

BAPTISMS 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30am, *except January*

MARRIAGES require at least SIX months' notice ☎ 275 3559



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY	11th December	FRIDAY	15th December
<u>ADVENT WEEK 2, YEAR B.</u>		<u>ADVENT WEEK 2, YEAR B.</u>	
Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85		Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1	
Luke 5:17-26		Matthew 11:16-19	

Mass 9am St Anthony

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Mass 11am St Therese

TUESDAY **12th December**

ADVENT WEEK 2, YEAR B
Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96
Matthew 18:12-14

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 7pm St Therese

WEDNESDAY **13th December**

ST LUCY V.M. (M)
Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103
Matthew 11:28-30

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 9am St Therese

THURSDAY **14th November**

ST JOHN OF THE CORSS (M)
Isaiah 41: 13-20 Psalm 145
Matthew 11:11-15

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 7pm St Therese

SATURDAY **16th December**

ADVENT WEEK 1, YEAR B
Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11 Psalm 80
Matthew 17:10-13
Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 8am St Therese

SUNDAY **17th December**

St. Anthony Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 9am. St Therese 8am, 10am & 6pm Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B.

ISAIAH 61: 1-2,10-11;
MAGNIFICAT;
1THESSALONIANS 5:16-24;
JOHN 1:6-8,19-28.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.

Christmas is a time of exchanging gifts. If you wish to gift food or presents for the needy families and children at Christmas, please bring them to the parish office during working hours. If you're bringing it on Sundays, please leave them at the back of the Church. Many thanks to you all for your generous support over the year.

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANING ST. THERESE.

Thank you to the Tongan Community for looking after the grounds this weekend. As of the 16th of December is the cleaning for Christmas. We need more working bees'. We invite all the members of the ethnic groups, prayer groups, youth group, PPC, finance and liturgy committees' to kindly come and help us. Lita Gaugau will coordinate the works. The Tongan community will look after the grounds on the 13th of January, 2018.

GATHERING OF THE TREASURED ADULTS.

The Christmas gathering of the treasured adults will be on Monday the 11th of December from 10am to 12:30pm. All those who are above 60 are welcome to join this yearly celebration. Please contact Filipo Motulalo for assistance.

ALTAR SERVERS FUNDRAISER

The Altar Servers are selling sausage sizzle, cup cakes, religious items and raffle after 8am and 10am Masses this weekend Sunday the 10th of December. Please see Francis or Sialei if you would like to help.

ST ANTHONY PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday 16th of December at St Anthony Church grounds from 10am until 2pm. More details to come from the Parish pastoral council members, St Anthony's.

PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

Reconciliation service for Christmas will

be on Wednesday the 20th of December at 7:30pm at Therese church for all the families and friends of both parishes in preparation for the birth of our Lord.

SUNDAY MASSES ON THE 23RD AND THE 24TH DECEMBER.

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday Mass:

St Anthony: 5pm Vigil Mass [23rd Dec] and 9am Mass.

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday Mass:

St Therese 9am (Only one Mass). Our Sunday obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent still remains even when we attend Christmas Mass.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES.

St Therese: 7pm Children's Mass for both parishes.

St Anthony's: 10pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at 11pm.

St. Therese's: 10pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at 11pm.

The carols in both parishes will be in different languages. Please come early with your family members to witness this colorful Christmas celebration.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES [25TH DECEMBER]

St Anthony's: 9am Mass.

St Therese: 9am Mass.

CHRISTMAS PARTY ST THERESE.

Thank you to all those who turned up to celebrate parish Christmas party. This was wonderful time when our parishioners with all the ministers thanking God for all the blessings we received during the year 2017. Thank you so much for your presence and for adding joy to the life of our parish.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING ST THERESE.

Altar Servers training in preparation for Christmas. Parents will meet on the 11th of December followed by the training for altar servers from 7:45pm to 8:30pm. On the 14th, 18th & 21st training at 7:45pm to 8:30pm for all altar servers. Altar servers Retreat 16th/12/2017.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B. [Psalter W.2]

December 10th, 2017

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Psalm 85

2 Peter 3:8-14;

Mark 1:1-8

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"TAKING LIFE FOR GRANTED."

St John the Baptist – living very simply in the desert, praying, doing penance, fasting, and eschewing the comforts of life – reminds us that our Christian faith is distinctly counter-cultural in so many ways. Indeed, so it should be, because Jesus himself often questioned much of what was "taken-for-granted" as "the way we do things round here" in the culture of his day.

Think, for example, of his treatment of lepers, tax collectors, the poor, the disabled, all those who, in the "taken-for-granted" thinking of the time, were outcasts and no-hopers. John the Baptist reminds us there is likely something amiss if our Christian faith isn't prodding us to question "the ways things are" and the "taken for granted" in our society. For example, the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers in Australia today.

Advent calls us to be Christian counter-cultural in the practice of our faith. While the world around us is consumed by frenzied preparations for the summer holidays and frenetic shopping for the customary gift exchange at Christmas, we, as Christians, instead of running faster and buying feverishly are encouraged to slow down and to focus on the things that really matter.

Advent, like Lent, calls us to re-examine our lives and our consciences: Are we living in ways that are really worthy of the name *Christian*? Are we truly Christian in the way we treat other people? Are we really making the right choices? Have we taken on uncritically the "taken for granted" attitudes and values of the mass media? Are there areas in our life where we have gone astray?

Advent also calls us to practise waiting and to practise hoping. Christians of all people should be people of hope, quietly confident that God does not desert us even in the most desperate, shameful or painful situations. But hope doesn't necessarily come naturally. Just as we have to practise our faith and to practise love, we need to practise hope.

So many things in our life can challenge us, cause us to lose heart, and dent our hopefulness – a friend dying from cancer, a child killed in an accident, a failed business project, a broken relationship or a friend's betrayal.

But, as St Paul reminds us today, the scriptures attest to God's unfailing faithfulness and steadfast love. So too, when we look back on our own individual lives, despite the difficulties and sorrows along the way, with the eyes of faith we can see God at work in our lives, accompanying us, holding us, leading us to new life, even when it didn't seem to be so at the time.

Like the Holocaust victim, we too can say in the darkest of times: "I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. I believe in love, even when I can't feel it. I believe in God, even when he is silent."

Emeritus Professor Anne Hunt OAM
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