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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

1st Wednesday 7pm
2nd & 4th Thursday Rosary 6.30pm
St Aloysius', Yarra Glen
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Wednesday 7.30pm
St Brigid's, Healesville
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Thursday 9.15am
St Brigid's, Healesville
3rd Thursday 10.30am
Our Lady of the Snows,
Marysville

ROSTER - 19 AUGUST 2018

READER: JFCOTT
COMMUNION: EDWARDS
FIELD
CUPPA: DRUMMOND
CLEANING: OUDE-MEILINK
COUNTERS: GENTLE
BARRETT



UPCOMING DATES

August
12th CatholicCare Special collection
15th Feast of the Assumption School Gym 2pm
16th Marysville Mass 10am
23rd Retreat day for Confirmation candidates at the Abbey



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Church: \$ 448
Presbytery: \$ 287



Please remember to keep babies Jean Bernice & Emmett in your prayers.

A WORD FROM DEBBIE...

Our grade 6 children are now in full preparation mode, as the day when they will receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation draws closer. I am often heartened when I take the time to recognise the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in my own twisty adventures, and in the daily ups and downs of those I meet. At times, I have a strong awareness of the Holy Spirit shining through the lives of special people I have the privilege to know, who encourage and inspire me to live the best life I can through their incredible examples. I know that God uses these amazing encounters to keep me going. This fortnight, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus on 6th August, and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th August. Both Feasts hearten us with hints of the hope of the glory that awaits us as we come home to God at the end of our earthly days. Jesus encouraged his closest friends by allowing them to glimpse his divinity shining through his humanity, in a moment of revelation that they could not come close to grasping until the Holy Spirit opened their minds after their own Confirmation at Pentecost. Our Blessed Mother was taken to be with her Son in heaven at the end of her days, and the Church celebrates her 'assumption', her transition from her earthly life to glorious life in the direct presence of God, body and soul still united in the same way that they had been throughout her earthly journey. Jesus and Mary are both human, just as we are human. These Feasts remind us that in their humanity, they rode the same human roller coaster that we do. Yet, through God's loving goodness, we each can look forward to the completeness, the wholeness, the fullness of life with God after our death, just as our Blessed Mother discovered in the fullness of its truth at the completion of her earthly



journey. This is life that we can now only imagine, assisted through the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, as we too are encouraged through Jesus' unseen, faithful presence, and perhaps very occasional glimpses of the glory that awaits us if we trust God to lead us home. We live with the constraints of our humanity each and every day. When we accompany a loved one who has a serious illness, or who is dying, we may be forced to an awareness of the illusion of control that we as humans actually have over our own existence. We can certainly assist our own health quest by eating well, exercising, sleeping enough etc, but ultimately we cannot prolong our own life by simply willing it to be. When the Lord calls us home, we go. Jesus returned to his Father when his earthly journey was complete, but he encourages and sustains us in every moment through his promise to be with us always. He promised us his presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus keeps his promises. The Sacrament of Confirmation, in particular, strengthens us, guides us, and leads us, reminding us of God's faithful and constant presence with us in each moment, and, at times, allowing us glimpses of the glory that awaits us at the end of our faithful journeys. God can use our human experiences to hint of the joy to come in our hope of heaven, we just need to open our eyes to catch these gifts. When have you experienced that glimpse of joy that is too big to hold, the hope of glory, in your life?

PARISH NEWS:

Biography of Archbishop Peter Andrew Comensoli - Part 1

Archbishop Peter Andrew Comensoli was born in the Illawarra on 25 March 1964, the fourth son and last child of the late Mick and Margaret Comensoli. He was baptised at St John Vianney Church, Fairy Meadow, the parish in which he would receive the sacraments of Christian initiation as well as priestly ordination. Undertaking an early education with the Good Samaritan Sisters and later with the Marist Fathers, he also spent four years in the banking sector while studying Commerce at the University of Wollongong. In 1986 Archbishop Comensoli commenced his studies for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Manly, and was ordained for the Diocese of Wollongong on 22 May 1992. He served as Assistant Priest and Administrator in a number of parishes as well as six years as Diocesan Chancellor.

Archbishop Comensoli holds a Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Catholic Institute of Sydney, a Licentiate of Sacred Theology in moral theology from Accademia Alfonsiana (Rome), a Masters of Letters in moral philosophy from the University of St Andrews (Fife, Scotland) and a Doctorate of Philosophy in theological ethics from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland). He is the author of *In God's Image: Recognizing the profoundly impaired as persons* (Cascade Books, 2018), as well as a number of articles on disability and Christian anthropology.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Corrie Rietbergen, Wendy Barnett, Jopp

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Baby Emmett Hysted, Megan, Carmel Megee, Bernie Jansen, Tony Grieve, Maree Campitelli, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Concetta Rizza, Dorothy Barber, Maureen Fogarty, Fiona, Val Christie, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Suzan Sasic, Robbie Ireland, Joyce Slattery, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Annette Fromholtz, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Marg Pomeroy, Dorothy Fraser, Carmel O'Hely, Glen, Ernst Fries, Fred Bullas, Fred Coullas, Mitchell Wilson, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Christie, Joan Hollow, Michael Wood, Bill Howie, Jennie, Michael & Stephen Youngberry, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, Patricia Beggs, James Cooney, Robert & Mary Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, John Lauman

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

John McDonald (03.08.93), Patricia Newell (06.08.07), John Youngberry (07.08.79), Barbara Pollard (11.08.09), Andrew Sotko (14.08.07), Fr Loughnan (15.08.02), Bernadette Hanley (18.08.09), Mary Thomas (19.08.07), Douglas Ireland (21.08.79), Zandor Hunka (22.08.06), Alison Snell (25.08.02), Maria Slawinski (25.08.82), Gerald Slattery, Derek Beeby, Tilly Blackburn, Thea Humphries

We pray especially for those whom no-one remembers.

PARISH GROUPS:

GOSPEL & LIFE

Gospel & Life Group are having a break over winter. If you have any requests for different times or days for our meetings, special topics to discuss, or other ideas, please contact Elissa. elissaroper@hotmail.com or 9730 2813. And Elissa's blog for friendly info: <https://onwiththesynod.wordpress.com>

Feedback and questions: elissaroper@gmail.com

YOUTH-LED MASS

Our next Mass will be on **Sunday 9th Sept**. All secondary students who would like to join the team are encouraged to contact Paula on 0423 508 355 for more information.

DINNER AT DARRON'S YOUTH TEAM

Secondary school students are invited to be involved in cooking and/or serving a 2-course dinner to those who are financially disadvantaged or socially isolated as part of the Dinner at Darron's Community Meal program organised by HICCI. Enq: Andrea 0417 088 231.

RCIC & RCIA

Anybody wishing to find out what Catholics believe contact Debbie, our Pastoral worker.

RCIC - Baptism

Is someone in your family interested in finding out about the Sacrament of Baptism? Please contact Debbie 0400 310 703

CATECHIST PROGRAM

For children attending non-Catholic schools, who are wishing to participate in the Sacraments this year, please contact Debbie for more information.

MEDITATION GROUP

Mondays 9.15am - 10.15am
Enq: Anna 5962 4308

PARISH GROUPS:

CARE GROUP

1st Friday of month 1.30-3.30pm

PLAYGROUP

is not running at this time

Hall Bookings

Call Marie Snell 5962 3794

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

FAMILY DRUG HELP

1st & 3rd Tues Lilydale 1300 660 068

"Vulnerable children of the World"

Mary 5962 3287

MEN'S BREAKFAST

1st Saturday of the month

PAMPHLETS & NEWSLETTERS:

If you would like to leave literature in the Church please check with the Parish Office beforehand.

LOOKOUT FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN:

LOOKOUT is a local community group concerned with keeping children safe from abuse and being there for adult victims. Next Meeting Golden Wattle House, Joffre St TBC.



HICCI - AGM

Sunday 26th August 6pm
Liberty Family Church. Light supper provided. Hope to see you all.