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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 16TH DEC 2018

READER: GRIEVE
COMMUNION: GENTLE FROMHOLTZ
CUPPA: GRIEVE
CLEANING: SNELL
COUNTERS: FRITSCH



UPCOMING DATES

December
9th MOM Special collection
11th School Graduation dinner
16th YG Mass 5pm
18th End of Year School Mass at 5pm in the GYM
19th Penitential Service 7.30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Church: \$ 596
Presbytery: \$ 132



A WORD FROM DEBBIE:

When we come to Mass this week, we will be lighting the second Advent candle, which traditionally represents 'faith'. The unique thing about St Brigid's Advent Wreath is that it is built up around the seated people, with the four candles for the weeks leading up to Christmas stationed at the four corners of the church. The candles surround the people. We are part of the traditional wreath in a way that immerses us in the whole experience of watching and waiting. Last week we were encouraged to stay awake, to watch with awareness for the presence of God in our lives, lighting the first candle representing 'hope'. This week, as we light the second candle, we move forward another step in our relationship with God, encouraged to be his witnesses to those we encounter. The second candle traditionally represents 'faith', and as both the first and second candles are lit, we reflect that we are not passive participants on our faith journey, we are called to actively witness to God's love and commitment to us. We witness in many ways, of course. John the Baptist was the ultimate "stand-on-the-corner-and-shout-it-to-the-world" kind of guy, and we hear his story again in the Gospel for this week. There are more ways than one to proclaim the Gospel, and thankfully, we are not usually called to join John the Baptist, shouting in the wilderness, or on top of a soap box on Flinders Street! Our witness is simple, we are called to live as Jesus asked us to live. We are called to do as he did, learning from Jesus' own example of how to treat others. We are called to proclaim God's love through our daily lives. We are called to 'be' God's love to others.

This week our community suffered through a great loss, and celebrated our great gain. We are grateful for Baby Jean. So much a part of the fabric of our parish family, Jean, God's gift, was farewelled in a beautiful funeral service on Tuesday. Jean touched hundreds, if not thousands, in her short little life. She did not use formal speech in her brief journey with us, yet each and every person who met her, or who even heard her story, was changed. Jean, the disciple of love, brought each of us back to what is important in life. Jean, the prophet, helped us to find God's love in each moment. Jean, the daughter and sister, helped us to discover God's love in every movement she made in the company of her family and friends. Jean's every smile was celebrated and returned to her. Her eyes were extraordinary, a window into a free soul, waiting and watching, as we are encouraged to do through the light of our Advent candle. Her life was an experience of love, for her, for her family, and for everyone who has been a part of her story. Jean is our John the Baptist. We are called to take up her



mission, knowing that she continues to fulfil that mission even now. Jean is now in God's direct presence, praying for each of us. Let us continue her work as God's witnesses, simply by living our lives in love as she did.

PARISH NEWS:

ST BRIGID'S CARE GROUP UPDATE

Friendship Get-together

Our recent friendship afternoon tea for our friends and Care helpers was well attended. It was a time of chatting and renewing of friendships. We were fortunate to have volunteers to bring our dear friends from Aurrum.

The Anointing Mass

We were happy that Fr Arsenio had returned to celebrate the holy Mass and to give us the Sacrament of Anointing. Refreshed and renewed we went to the hall for a delicious luncheon. This day would never be as joyful if not for the school children who made cards, served the lunch and chatted with our parishioners. A big thank you to the teachers and children for their wonderful company and kindness.

The following week father anointed the residents of Aurrum during the Mass. A comment from one of the residents: "how beautiful that so many of our St Brigid's parishioners attended, supported and stayed for a chat".

A big thank you to Fr Arsenio and also to the staff at Aurrum.

School mums

We are overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our busy school mums who are making it possible to extend our ministry of caring. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

Christmas Hampers

This is our busy time of the year when, apart from our ongoing services, our focus is on bringing the love of Christ and Christmas cheer to families who are struggling for various reasons. Together with St Brigid's community we can be the hands, the feet and the heart of Jesus.

Raffle

Following the mass tickets will be available. Please support us in our mission. Tickets are \$1.00 each of six for \$5.00

1. A handmade patchwork quilt
2. A Christmas hamper
3. A gift basket

May God bless you,
from the Care Group



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This year our Christmas collection will be donated to Fr Jason and the school children at Maili Saba school in Kenya. Fr Jason would like to build a toilet block and buy school resources over the holiday break.

ROSTERS

If you would like to be added to our 6 monthly roster please contact Denise. Or if you're having holidays we can work around the dates.

Denise can be contact denise_odwyer@yahoo.com.au or 5962 3150

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Fr Arsenio has announced arrangements for 2019 for Parish Staff.

As you would be aware, Paula has been studying and has excitedly taken up a Counselling role for 2019.

Paula will be finishing up in December 2018 and Debbie Edwards and Sharon Jacob will share the role of secretary. Debbie will take on the administration side and work 2 days next year - Tuesday (administration) and Thursday (pastoral) and Sharon (currently secretary at St Pat's in Lilydale) will be looking after the financial and record-keeping aspects of the role (Thursday).

There will be a farewell morning tea for Paula on Sunday 23rd Dec after Mass.

SUNDAY MASS AT ST ALOYSIUS

Sayle St, Yarra Glen 5pm Sun 16th Dec BBQ dinner to follow

All welcome!

For a lift contact Elissa 9730 2813

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jean Gotch, Bethea Melrose, Juliana Tuazon

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Ann Buissink, Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Baby Emmett Hysted, Megan, Bernie Jansen, Andrew Sharp, Maree Campitelli, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Maureen Fogarty, Fiona, Val Christie, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Suzan Sosic, 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 DECEMBER

Josephine Fassler (06.12.95), Rehana Dowler (07.11.13), Lucy Mahedy (09.12.96), Mark Broomhead (11.12.13), Ilona Huebel (12.12.74), Doris Dennehy (12.12.95), Danny O'Meara (12.12.10), Nora Podesta (14.12.06), Paul Dunlop (14.12.06), Neil Lindorff (19.12.08), Noel Dudgeon (20.12.09), Pietro Bariola (27.12.88), Bishop Joe Grech (28.12.10), Dolly (Florence) Reeves, Dennis Eldred, Dawn Flannaghan, Paul Hansen, Hans Rietbergen, John Burger

We pray especially for those whom no-one remembers.