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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 3RD FEB 2019

READER: GRIEVE
COMMUNION: SNELL
FIELD
ADAMS
CUPPA: GRIEVE
CLEANING: SNELL
COUNTERS: O'DWYER



UPCOMING DATES

February

2nd St Brigid's Feast Day
7th Planning Day, Tarrawarra Abbey
7th 10th Anniversary of Black Saturday
13th Plenary Council workshop, 6 pm

March

6th Ash Wednesday

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Church: \$ 461
Presbytery: \$ 303



DEBBIE'S THOUGHTS

How exciting! New school shoes, new books and a brand-new school year of learning, fun and friendship! We welcome our families back to St Brigid's Primary School for another year of action! Hopefully, after much work behind the scenes, even our new little friends and their families are already feeling like they belong. We work very determinedly to make St Brigid's Parish a friendly, hospitable place to call home. As our children tumble through the school gates towards a carefully planned year of structured learning that simply feels like fun, it is our hope that they will find a safe and supportive place to grow and to reach their potential. It is also our hope that their mums and dads will find similar support in each day of the year to come, as they face their challenges as parents to these beautiful bundles of energy.

I remember the moment of wonder that came when each of my 6 little babies was placed into my arms following their birth. I could not believe that each of these tiny, perfect little humans was mine to nurture and love. My feelings of love for each of them were overwhelming, and the sense of responsibility that suddenly hit me seemed a mountain that I could not imagine ever managing to climb. But climb we did, and this year my return-to-school event consists of only one set of new books, as my youngest child heads out the door in his final year of school. Each milestone as a parent can feel like a mountain, but we climb with the support of those who are dedicated to helping our children to have the best experience of life possible, feeling accepted and celebrated for who they are. Thankfully, no one mentioned driving lessons to me as I was learning to feed my newborns, and change the first of thousands of nappies! We are going for a personal record at home right now, 3 kids, all of varying personalities and dispositions, each at different stages of

learning to drive. 6 active L plates!! What can seem impossible to parents of all ages and stages slowly unfolds to be completely do-able as time winds on.

Remember the old saying – 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Our parish is our village. Our parishioners pray for our children, and their parents, often having 'been there and done that' themselves. Our energetic, younger parishioners are often involved in actively helping families to move forward, perhaps through our Care Group, our Dinner at Darron's Youth Team, or in helping our children to help others, through our fundraiser efforts for Fr Jason's work, for instance. Our junior parishioners who attend weekly Masses feel comfortable to regard the church as their home, enjoying a sense of belonging that is of infinite value to their sense of who they are, and of their own self-worth.

The 2nd of February is the day we celebrate St Brigid, our Parish's namesake. We begin our school year by asking her to pray for each of us, one parish, one family, one village. Having struggled through life, just as we do, she has travelled 'home' in her death, to the place she truly belongs, life forever in the direct presence of God. St Brigid knows what it is to struggle, to fight for what is important, and the story of her life shows us that she rode life's waves in God's faithful presence, reminding us all that we never walk alone. I am sure that it brings her great pleasure to pray for each and every one of us, continuously, no matter where our life takes each of us. As I am teaching 3 kids to drive, this knowledge comes in very handy! As a valued member of our parish family, we can each have confidence and relax, knowing that your parish travels with you, and enjoy 2019!!

PARISH NEWS:

The Catholic Church in Australia is holding a **PLENARY COUNCIL** in 2020.

It is a unique opportunity for parishes, groups and individuals to contribute to the discussion around the question: "what do you think that God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Information about the PC2020 has been distributed through the bulletin, mentioned at Mass, and encouraged through conversation.

An initial workshop chaired by Elissa will be held on Wednesday 13 Feb at 6 pm, followed by Mass at 7.30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come along. It is a wonderful opportunity to pray together, and to consider what God is asking of us in St Brigid's Parish.

It is hoped that further get-togethers will be held for individual groups in the parish in the weeks to come.

For more information please contact Elissa
elissaroper@hotmail.com

See the official website for more information: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Diosdedit Flores Armada, Jean Gotch

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, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Maureen Fogarty, Fiona, 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, Margo Youngberry and Lydia

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN FEB

Laurie Nairn (01.02.13), John Holland (08.02.11), Giobatta Mioni (09.02.49), John Doyle (09.02.17), Leonard Postlethwaite (10.02.09), Zofia Howie (12.02.15), George Shaddock (12.02.10), Zofia (Helena) Howie (12.02.16), Dorothy Chan (13.02.07), Claire Keppel (16.02.94), Anton Wolke (20.02.07), Ian Read (22.02.08), Tubby Dennehy (23.02.03), Jan Rijs (23.02.08), Sr Joan McKenna (26.02.16), Patricia Chandler (28.02.92), Des Murphy (29.02.08), Roy Grieve (27.02.93), Anne Huggett, Fr Bernie Hammond

We pray especially for those whom no-one remembers.

PARISH GROUPS:

RCIC & RCIA Anybody wishing to find about what Catholics believe contact Debbie, our Pastoral worker.

RCIC - Baptism Is someone in your family interested in finding out about the Sacrament of Baptism? 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 - Anna 5962 4308

CARE GROUP
1st Friday of mth 1.30-3.30pm

PLAYGROUP is not running at this time
Hall Bookings
Call Marie Snell 5962 3794

YOUTH-LED MASS

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 Meal program organised by HICCI. Andrea 0417 088 231. Will commence again in 2019,

GOSPEL & LIFE

Gospel & Life will resume Tuesday 5th February 2019, 2—3 pm. Looking forward to another great year!

Elissa (97302813).

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, Joffe St

CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Fr Arsenio Tuazon, Deacon Phil King, Mrs Debbie Edwards, Mrs Paula Pearce, Mrs Denise O'Dwyer, Ms Susan Sozic and Mr John Barrett



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Child safe
PARISH