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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

1st Wednesday 7pm
3rd Sunday 5 pm
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 30TH JUNE 2019

READER: JEF COTT
COMMUNION: SNELL
FIELD
ADAMS
CUPPA: DRUMMOND
CLEANING: CAMPITELLI
COUNTERS: O'DWYER



UPCOMING DATES

June
24th Lookout Mtg 1 pm
28th Term 2 concludes
July
3rd Yarra Glen Mass 7 pm
7th Special collection - Peter's Pence (for the Holy Father)
7th Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
15th Term 3 begins
15th Dinner at Darron's Prep
16th Dinner at Darron's
18th Marysville Mass 10.30 am

COLLECTIONS

Healesville 16th June
Church: \$ 461
Presbytery: \$ 301
Marysville 20th June
Collection: \$ 32
Op Shop \$ 500
Yarra Glen 16th June
Collection \$ 91
Op Shop \$ 3,500



DEBBIE'S THOUGHTS

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, or the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, completes the great trilogy of the Church's feasts that begin with Pentecost Sunday, followed last week by the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This weekend's Solemnity of Corpus Christi is a truly fitting time for our Grade 4 children to return to Mass in thanksgiving for the great gift of the Eucharist that they received for the first time over recent weeks. The word 'Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving'. What better way to thank God for his goodness to our world, and to us, than to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We have no power in ourselves to give God worthy praise or worthy thanks for all he has given us, including our very lives themselves. God has made us in his own image, we do our best to approach him within our human capabilities, but in the big scheme of things God is an eternal mystery to us. We are simply treading water in trying to understand God's presence with us, his reality as the source of our being, and his enormous potential to provide life for us that we cannot possibly imagine as we are now. Each time we turn our thoughts to God, we do so from where we are now. God is happy with even our glance towards him, he loves us for who we are, not for who we could be. Our behaviour choices are often centred selfishly, literally, on ourselves, instead of reaching outwards to others, and through them to God. Our behaviour may need change, yet God's love for us personally never changes. No matter what we do, God faithfully calls us back to him as our centre, where we are loved without waiver. He encourages us to grow towards knowledge of him, to join him in love beyond our understanding, yet he takes us as we are, no matter who we are. To write about God's patient and

life-giving love for us is difficult to do without reaching for the stars. The dictionary certainly doesn't help! When we take time to think about God, something inside us stretches forward into the unknown, to something beyond our certainty. Words fail, our hearts often feel small and fragile. The Eucharist is our power and our strength, freely and lavishly offered to us, if we only think to respond with trust in God's potential to draw us forward. We come to Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist as ourselves, and Jesus himself becomes our worthy thanksgiving to God for who we are. Jesus is the perfect thanksgiving, the perfect praise, the perfect love we aspire to. In our communion with him, we praise God through Jesus, we thank him, we ask him to provide for our needs and for the needs of others. We express our sorrow for the choices we make that are not life-giving to us or to those whom we influence. We cannot help but grow towards God through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We ask Jesus to live in us, and we live in him through the Eucharist. This is a lot to take in! Yet even our children are included in this mystery. Perfect.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES

The children who received Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time over the past few weeks return this Sunday in thanksgiving for this great gift to them and to their families. Please be assured of our joy and our prayers for you all.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ST BRIGID'S CARE GROUP

This week Ed will be speaking to us on behalf of our Parish's active and dynamic Care Group, who represent us in their impressive ministry to those who most need our help. Please give generously to

the 3rd collection to help them to continue their important work in our local area.

WE CARE—RESPONDING TO THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING ACT

From the earliest times, Christ's followers have set themselves apart by their care of the vulnerable (Acts 4:34). On 19 June 2019, the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (VAD) comes into effect. It legalises euthanasia and assisted suicide. Despite what the law may say, our Christian tradition affirms that every life, including those of the sick and suffering, is sacred. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never part of end of life care. Pope Francis has encouraged ordinary Catholics everywhere to resist euthanasia and to protect the old, the young and the vulnerable from being cast aside in a "throw-away culture." We are called to follow Christ by accompanying people with compassion, sharing hope not fear.

The Bishops of the Catholic dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst, echoing Pope Francis, have published a pastoral letter including practical guidance on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia. Copies of the letter are available at the doors of the church and online: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia. Please read and share it.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

After receiving and analysing submissions from over 220,000 people, the Council team have released six themes for "National Discernment." These will shape the Council agenda in 2020. Thanks for your contribution! The themes are: 1. Missionary and evangelising 2. Inclusive, participatory and synodal 3. Prayerful and Eucharistic 4. Humble, healing and merciful 5. A joyful, hope-filled and servant community 6. Open to conversion, renewal and reform. These themes have been chosen because they encompass what was heard in the Lis-

tening & Dialogue Encounters. Can you see where your hopes or concerns fit? For more info speak to Elissa Roper <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

TRAINING—SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Training for Special Ministers of the Eucharist will be held after Mass on Sunday 30th June. Please speak to Debbie if you are unable to attend this session.

SPECIAL COLLECTION—PETER'S PENCE, FOR THE HOLY FATHER

Sunday 7th July

INVITATION TO DEACON PHIL

We have extended an invitation to Deacon Phil to join us for a morning tea farewell to mark his departure from the Parish. At this stage Phil has yet to let us know if he is able to take up our invitation, given his new commitments.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ALL VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND INJUSTICE

RECENTLY DECEASED

Olga Komiat, Clodagh Gleeson, Carmel O'Hely

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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, Robbie Ireland, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Annette Fromholtz, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Marg Pomeroy, Dorothy Fraser, Glen, Ernst Fries, Fred Bullas, Fred Coullas, Mitchell Wilson, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Christie, Michael Wood, Bill Howie, Jennie, Michael, Margo & Stephen Youngberry, Marie

Hammond, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, Patricia Beggs, James Cooney, Robert, Mary & Gerard Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, Albert Slawinski, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Lawrie Field, Annie, Debbie Ireland, Emma Hemsley, Val & Tim Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN JUNE

Evelyn Hales (04.06.10), Margaret Plozza (05.06.11), Gwen Perry (07.06.91), Fr Paddy Fitzpatrick (07.06.08), Anna Maras (10.06.07), Shirlene Pigot (11.06.07), Margie Lovell (13.6.17), Bruce Jarvis (14.06.11), Noel Perry (16.06.91), Eileen Cullen (16.06.07), Douglas Pearce (16.06.13), Helen Warton (19.06.10), Kathleen Barratt (21.06.06), Patrick Gilleece (22.06.16), Judith Giannone (23.06.10), Elizabeth Cushnahan (24.06.09), German Flores (24.06.03), Rosina Bariola (24.06.91), Annemien Runharr (27.06.08), Des Carroll (27.06.14), Bev Nash (28.06.01), Sheena Sotko (30.06.97), Frank Richards (30.06.14), Robert de Koning, Marcia Keebaugh

We pray especially for those whom no-one remembers.

PARISH GROUPS:

FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Anybody wishing to find about what Catholics believe, please contact Debbie, at the Parish Office. Mob: 0448 664 731

CATECHIST PROGRAM Assists school aged children to prepare to receive the Sacraments. Please contact Debbie for more information.

MEDITATION GROUP Mondays 9.15am - 10.15am - Anna 5962 4308

CARE GROUP

First Friday of the month 1.30-3.30pm

PLAYGROUP is not running at this time

Hall Bookings

Call Marie Snell 5962 3794 or Ed McGettigan 0417 175 538

YOUTH-LED MASS

All secondary students who would like to join the team are encouraged to contact Paula on 0423 508 355 for more info.

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. Contact: Andrea 0417 088 231
Next dates: 15th & 16th July

GOSPEL & LIFE

Next meeting: Tuesday 11 June, 2-3pm in the presbytery. 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, Joffre St on Monday 24th June, 1 pm

CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Fr Arsenio Tuazon, Debbie Edwards, Paula Pearce, Denise O'Dwyer, and John Barrett