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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

St Aloysius', Yarra Glen
St Brigid's, Healesville
St Brigid's, Healesville
Our Lady of the Snows, Marysville

OFFICE HOURS

PARISH STAFF ARE NOW WORKING FROM HOME

DEBBIE'S MOBILE NO: 0448 664 731
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SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO MASSES AND THE EASTER CEREMONIES

LINK: <https://bit.ly/StBsHville>

PLEASE PRAY WITH FR FRANCIS AND FR JOHN AS THEY PRAY THEIR DAILY MASSES FOR US ALL

COLLECTIONS

Healesville to 12th April Church: \$ 140 Presbytery: \$ 60
Marysville 20th February Collection: \$55.00
Yarra Glen 21st March Collection: \$172 Presbytery \$35 Op Shop: \$2700



SOME THOUGHTS FROM DEBBIE

For very good reason, the phrase 'we are living in very strange times' is being uttered over and over. It is easy to be confused and confronted by what is happening around us, and we need to look for God's healing presence in every situation, no matter how dire the circumstances. For he does, indeed, bring good from every disaster. We are unable to worship together physically this Easter, which has been a source of great sadness for so many around our world. But in the solitude imposed upon us, we have also been gifted with the potential for a unique experience of personal relationship with Jesus, who remains unimaginably close to each of us, no matter our distance from others. In this time of lock down, we are invited to lift our hearts in desire to our God, and many have simply used the silence of Holy Week to contemplate Jesus' generosity and humility in his Passion, death and resurrection, and his great love for each and every one of us, no matter our attitude to him. With our minds and hearts, we have had the opportunity to quietly wonder as Jesus is washing the feet of his disciples, and as he is feeding them with his Body and Blood, gifting us all with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In the quiet corners of our homes, we have been invited to stand at the foot of his cross, appalled and desolate as we live through his Passion and crucifixion alongside his beloved mother. And now, each of us is invited to rejoice in the dazzling light of his resurrection from death, and to recognise our own potential as his personal, much loved friend and disciple.

Fr Francis prayed the Holy Week ceremonies for each of us, his parishioners, from St Patrick's church this Easter, and Fr John prayed them from St Brigid's

church, as he was scheduled to do this year. **The link for Fr John's ceremonies, recorded and posted to You Tube is <https://bit.ly/StBsHville> where you will find the ceremonies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.**

Each Sunday, from now until the resumption of public Masses, it is our intention to record the weekly Sunday Mass and to post it online. Legally, only 3 people can be physically present, the Priest, a lector and the camera operator, but we are all carried in the prayers of these Masses and everyone is encouraged to look for them if you have access to the internet. It is therefore possible to attend Mass each and every day from our own homes during this time of lock down!

The app Universalis can be downloaded for free, giving a limited version of the readings for each day. As Fr John prays the Easter Sunday Mass, you can pause the video and read through the readings of the day, resuming the video when you have allowed time for God's word to sink deeply into your soul. The Word and Spiritual Holy Communion can continue to nourish us daily, or as often as you wish, no matter where we are or what our personal circumstances may be. For those without the internet, you can still join your desires and prayers to those of your parish family, who continue to carry each and every one of us directly to the heart of God.

Prayer is powerful, no matter its source, it starts within each of us as its centre, and joins the prayers of others as it is gathered to the gentle and loving heart of God. No one is excluded or left abandoned. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain with us in each and every moment, whether we are alone or one of

a vast crowd. We rejoice together, 'the Lord is risen! Alleluia, alleluia'!!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 2000 at the canonisation of St Faustina Kowalska and is celebrated throughout the Church on the Sunday following Easter Sunday. In observing Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful seek to receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. We are encouraged to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and to pray for the intentions of Pope Francis. The Sacraments are physically unavailable to us this year, but private arrangements to receive the Sacrament of Penance can always be made by phoning Debbie or Sharon to organise an appointment with Fr Francis. A sincere desire to receive absolution and Holy Communion allows us to join spiritually with the prayers of the Church from our own homes.

Fr Francis will pray his Mass at 3 pm this Sunday, the traditional time for the Divine Mercy celebrations. We are encouraged to join our prayers to his, and to recite the Our Father, the Creed and a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus, such as 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!'



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is still available by appointment. Please contact staff to arrange.

Please contact staff if anyone you know would like to receive the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.**

PARISH STAFF

Parish staff are still available by phone to pass on any information you may need, and to care for your family in this time of stress and uncertainty.

Debbie: 0448 664 731

Sharon: 0448 658 418

REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ALL STILL A FAMILY, EVEN IN LOCKDOWN!

Please remember that each of us continues to be included in the prayers of our parish family each week. None of us need ever feel alone. Aid to the Church in need is organising world-wide prayer during the pandemic. Perhaps you could add your prayers to theirs for our world.

THE CARE GROUP IS STILL ACTIVE

The St Brigid's Care Group is still encouraging inquiries from anyone who is in physical need. Please call Maree: 0417 087 199.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!!

As we all endure being confined in our homes, social isolation is a real danger, particularly for those who live alone. **Please set yourself the goal to ring at least one other person you know each day, to help keep everyone connected.** The sky is the limit when it comes to how many elderly, sick, lonely or vulnerable people you could speak to by phone. Staying in contact with family and friends is Psychological First Aid, and a lot of fun!

THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Your parish still needs your help to survive financially. Please consider placing your donation in the letterbox slot, to the left of the front door of the presbytery. Please do not use the wooden box next to the office door, it is not secure. If you wish to donate via electronic funds transfer (EFT), please ring Sharon on 0448 658 418.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia still desperately need our help to care for the poor of our world. You can send your donation directly to Caritas Australia or ring Debbie or Sharon to organise dropping your box to the parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All victims of the Corona virus, our health workers, those affected by the bushfires, the victims and survivors of abuse and injustice, and children everywhere.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sabatino (Tino) Gianforte, Ernst Fries, Bonnie Poduska, Frances Caddle

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Babies Emmett Tedi and Santi, Megan, Bernie Jansen, Andrew Sharp, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Maureen Fogarty, Fiona, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Annette Fromholtz, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Dorothy Fraser, Glen, Fred Bullas, Fred Coullas, Mitchell Wilson, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Wood, Bill Howie, Jennie, Michael, Margo & Stephen Youngberry, Marie Hammond, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, James Cooney, Robert, Mary & Gerard Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, Albert Slawinski, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Lawrie Field, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Richard Adams

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN APRIL

Tanya Grizic (03.04.06), Emil Weklak (11.04.11), Paul Nielsen (07.04.08), Shane O'Meara (14.04.69), Fr Tim Tolan (15.04.08), Frank Wilson (16.04.06), Beryl Perrin (19.04.06), Brendan Hammond (23.04.12), Fr Robert Coughlin (24.04) Edgar Snell (26.04.93), Violet Brooks (26.04.08), Alan Thompson (26.04.00), Jean Malcolm (26.04.17), Janine McIntyre (28.04.07), Reg Fraser (Good Friday 1997), Susan Sosic, Marshall McLinden, Teresa Toscano, Rosa Toscano

We pray especially for those whom no one remembers.

