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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

Have you ever come across an animal that can do tricks? Maybe you have come across a dog with wonderful ball skills, a bird that can sing a recognisable song, or a cat that can count? Our super fat, old, blind and deaf dog can tell the time like no one I know. At 6.28 am every morning, he begins to give a very loud, single bark every 20 seconds, and scratches on our front door, until I crawl out of bed and let him out. Then he does a 'cutesy' puppy dance until I get the dog kibble out of the pantry and dump it in his bowl. He doesn't have a watch! How does he do it, even on Saturday when I don't have to get up? I would be far more impressed if I were actually awake.

Our world is full of talented things! Caterpillars know just how to turn into butterflies without reading even one book on the subject. Living things have instincts built in, and even some of the most unlikely living things can learn. It just goes to show how wonderful God is, who made them all. The arrival of a new baby is a source of wonder for everyone who knows that new little life, and watching a baby learn to drink, sleep, smile and roll over shows us that our bodies do things by instinct, and because we are programmed to learn. Searching for new experiences is part of who we are. I am sure that finding our way 'home', to God, is an instinct that humans in general find hard to resist. We are constantly looking for 'something' as we grow. It might be a new skill that we are trying to master, like learning to ride a bike. Eventually, we get it. And then we are on to the next

thing. Many adults look like they know what is going on, they have chalked up degrees and qualifications, but in the quiet of their own thoughts, they spend many restless hours 'searching', often completely unaware of what it is they are actually looking for.



We are made up of a body, a mind, and a soul. We feed our bodies with food. We feed our minds with knowledge. And we feed our souls by finding God in each day, and that encounter deepens as we grow in awareness of him. Just like the caterpillar, our souls do not need to read books on the subject to know to look for God. As human beings, we have a deep, irresistible instinct to seek him out. The trouble is, our minds don't always understand what our souls are searching for, and people often try to feed this need with other things that cannot satisfy their persistent, unnamed longing.

God is with us in every moment of every day. Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, he walks beside us in every moment of our lives. We just need to open our eyes to find him. And as we learn to recognise his presence and his touch, that restlessness that adults are so good at suddenly starts to be replaced with peace. As you come to the end of each day, with those few quiet moments in your own space, think back and recognise God's loving touch

in your day. As your family gathers around the dinner table, encourage each person to share their experience of recognising God in something that they saw, heard or experienced. Kids are probably better at this than adults, but the adults can still learn! A family that can share the most important and secret experiences of their lives is a family that trusts one another, and learns to be a family that knows how to grow together, rather than apart, as the years roll on. Couples who can share the physical and mental aspects of their shared lives connect on a whole new level when they trust each other enough to truly share their spiritual thoughts with each other. God is love. We love our families. Through them we experience God's love.

Now that's talent!

#### 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 if you or anyone you know would like to receive the **Sacraments of Reconciliation or 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.

#### 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 and emergency service workers, those affected by wars, especially our ANZAC heroes, bushfires, the victims and survivors of abuse and injustice, and children everywhere.**

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Sabatino (Tino) Gianforte, Ernst Fries, Bonnie Poduska, Frances Caddle, Anneke Van Berkel, Anne Curtin

#### FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Babies Emmett, Noah Glen Christie, Tedi and Santi; Roman, Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp,

Peter Munro, 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 and Rosa Toscano

*We pray especially for those whom no one remembers.*

