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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

SHARON'S MOBILE NO:
0448 658 418



**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR
LINKS TO
TELEVISED MASSES
LINK:
<https://bit.ly/StBsHville>**

**TO BOOK IN TO
ATTEND MASSES
PLEASE PHONE:
0448 664 731**

COLLECTIONS

Healesville to 17th May
Church: \$ 422
Presbytery: \$ 173

Marysville 20th February

Collection: \$55

Yarra Glen to 17th May

Collection: \$10
Presbytery:
Op Shop: \$2700

Chaplaincy Sunday: \$28

MASSES ARE 'BACK, WITH CHANGES'!

**St Brigid's: Sunday 8.30 am and
Thursdays 9.10 am.**

(Please note: no Wednesday evening
Masses)

**To book to attend a Mass for Sunday
or Thursday at St Brigid's, please
call the parish mobile: 0448 664 731.**

St Patrick's: Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.30 pm
Tuesday: 9.10 am
Wednesday: 9.10 am
Friday: 9.10 am

For Masses at St Patrick's, Lilydale,
phone: 0448 658 418

Only 10 people, plus Father, a reader
and a server are permitted to attend each
Mass. Protocols for sanitising and
social distancing will be strictly
observed. Bookings must be pre-
arranged. A waiting list applies for
those who would like to attend Mass
regularly, and priority will be given to
those who have not yet been able to
attend Mass since the shutdown began.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can
be arranged by appointment, and is also
now available on Saturdays at 10:00am
at St Patrick's, Lilydale.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM DEBBIE

I opened my computer this morning to
find a beautiful scene on the screen, an
image designed to keep me busy while
the computer is 'thinking' about setting
itself up to work. The scenes change
regularly, I assume so that I don't get
bored and go make myself a cuppa
instead of setting myself up to work!
I was impressed by the ruins of a castle
on the edge of a pond in which I could
see the foundation stones of an old
structure, maybe a bridge, maybe a
jetty? The possibilities are numerous,
restricted only by my own
imagination. Whatever it used to be,

its bones were clearly visible through
the marshy reeds. The castle itself was
only partly standing, but I could still see
windows and enough structure to make
myself wonder what glorious shape the
building took in its youth, and who it
had sheltered, or imprisoned, over its
long, long lifetime. My musings were
then interrupted by my now fast-
becoming-famous fat old dog, who
insisted I pay attention to him instead,
to let him out into the yard for his own
musings. Again, while I waited, I took
in the sight of my pomegranate tree, like
a skeleton in the early morning
dark. There are now barely any leaves
left on the tree, just big pomegranates,
still maturing, one after the other, as we
pick the ripest fruit day after day. A
bumper crop this year, a bounce back
after the tree was hacked to almost a
stump several years ago, but summer is
long gone, and its shape continues to
change dramatically almost every day
now.

In the back of my mind, I had been
contemplating how Jesus' friends must
have reacted to his disappearance into
the clouds, as they 'watched' him, with
their mouths hanging open no doubt,
ascend to his Father. It must have
caused a further stir when two angels
appeared in their midst to confirm to the
crowd, in no uncertain terms, that Jesus
would no longer be with them in the
way he had been before. We can look
back, picking up clues as to 'what was'
before his Ascension, but how do we
imagine Jesus' experience going
forward? The castle and the
pomegranate tree come within my
experience base, so I can have a pretty
good shot at imagining their pasts, and,
in fact, their futures. The Gospels paint
the pictures for me of Jesus' past, but
how do I imagine what Jesus is
experiencing now, the reality of what
the clouds were hiding from view on

that day of his ascension, through to
today, into tomorrow?

Everything that Jesus said and did in his
time with us reveals something about
his Father to us. The Father calls Jesus
his beloved Son, in whom he is well
pleased. Jesus' promise to send the
Holy Spirit to remain with us forever
continues this revelation. The answer
lies in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
but how much greater than our
experience or imagination must that
answer be? We come closest to
guessing through receiving the Holy
Eucharist, the dry host shielding truth
beyond our capabilities to recognise.
Can you imagine the scene that the
clouds hid from sight on that specific
day in history? Can you imagine that
truth today? The truth of Heaven, the
fullness of God's presence, is limitless,
our perception is constrained only by
our humanity, released into eternity by
the resurrection of Jesus, our God and
our friend. At least a two Tim-Tam
cuppa is required!

THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

**Your parish still needs your help to
survive financially.** Please consider
donating to the running of our parish by
electronic funds transfer (EFT). Ring
Sharon on 0448 658 418 to arrange.
The collection plate will not be passed
around at Masses, but you can leave
your donation in the basket provided.
If you are leaving your donation at the
parish house, please use 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.

A LETTER TO MAREE C ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CARE GROUP

Dearest Maree,

It is sad to know that you will no longer

be with us in the 'Care Group.'

CONGRATULATIONS though, for
taking this decisive step! You have
worked so... very hard, over so... many
years, giving your ALL!

Maree, you are a most special person:
You have been a pillar of strength and
wisdom, you have been an inspiration to
all of us. You have been someone we
could rely on, you have always been
positive and dedicated!

In our Community: you have been so
compassionate, you wiped away tears,
you gave hope, you gave joy, you
helped where it was needed. You have
been the hands, the feet and even the
heart of Jesus.

Here I can only give a glimpse of all
you have done over the many years:

Visiting people who would have been
most happy to welcome you into their
homes; Cooking delicious meals and
delivering them to people in need of
such kindness; Organizing other kind
mums to cook meals and seeing that
they were delivered either by you or
others; Delivering meals that the
dedicated 'Care' cooks prepared; Bread
runs have also been on the agenda;
Serving morning tea and chatting with
parishioners after Sunday Mass.

When we had big events you were
always at the forefront, planning, which
must have given you sleepless nights,
preparing, cooking, baking and having
everything ready for us to finalise
together.

In preparation for us to put together the
Christmas hampers you had been
shopping for weeks, organising others
to do the same, talking to produce
providers for donations, and everything
was sorted so that filling the hampers
was a breeze for us; of course, you were
also part of the delivery team. These
hampers brought much joy to the

recipients! You co-operated with the
Holy Spirit who must have inspired you
and given you the strength to do what
was needed. Then, of course, you
turned around and prepared Christmas
dinner for your dear family. How did
you manage?!

Together with your dear husband,
Mario, you have been a good team.
Mario has been most supportive and
always ready to give a hand when
needed. Both of you carried out Our
Lord's command: "Love one another, as
I have loved you".

Both of you are loved and appreciated
more than you will ever know.

We pray that Our Lord will bless you
both abundantly, with good health and
lots of happiness, in fact, may you
receive the hundred-
fold in this, your next
stage, of your life.



With love and gratitude,

Irene on behalf of the Care Group

PLEASE PRAY:

For those who have died, especially those
whose anniversaries occur in May, those
who are sick, and for all of our
parishioners, and their families and
friends.

For the special intentions of our
parishioners.

For the victims of violence, abuse, natural
disasters and injustice everywhere.

For all children, and their families.

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, 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 MAY

Mary Nichols (01.05.09), Mary
Slawinski (01.05.96), Brian Blake
(4.5.17), Mavis McKenzie (06.05.07),
Meldy Thompson (10.05.01), Peter
Hammond (16.05)Mark Bariola
(11.05.99), Hesselina Weda (11.05.91),
Margaret Brown (11.5.17), Ann de
Groot (12.05.13), Elaine Postlethwaite
(13.05.14), Kenneth Cole (14.05.11),
Rev Fr Peter Youngberry (15.05.08),
Renato Bariola (16.05.14), Inocencia
Flores (25.05.05), Fred Dame
(26.05.08), Joseph van de Linden,
Olga Komiat, Eileen Edwards
(16.05.17), Clodagh Gleeson (16.05.19),
Richie Youngberry

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

