

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEALESVILLE, INCORPORATING HEALESVILLE (ST BRIGID'S),
YARRA GLEN (ST ALOYSIUS) & MARYSVILLE (OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS)**



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EASTER SUNDAY
4th APRIL 2021 (YEAR B)



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead -

and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be.

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of
all the old yeast of evil and wickedness,
having only the unleavened bread of
sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Corinthians
5:7-8

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer
sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat
strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to
reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon
the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before
you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we
know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark

When the sabbath was over, Mary of
Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and
Salome, bought spices with which to go
and anoint him. And very early in the
morning on the first day of the week they
went to the tomb, just as the sun was
rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who
will roll away the stone for us from the
entrance to the tomb?' But when they
looked they could see that the stone -
which was very big - had already been
rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw
a young man in a white robe seated on the
right-hand side, and they were struck with
amazement. But he said to them, 'There is
no need for alarm. You are looking for
Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he
has risen, he is not here. See, here is the
place where they laid him. But you must go
and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is
going before you to Galilee; it is there you
will see him, just as he told you."' "

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you
Lord Jesus Christ.**

FROM FR FRANCIS

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia,
alleluia!

For this whole season of Lent the joyful
acclamation of 'Alleluia' has been suppressed
from our Liturgical celebrations. The word is
an ancient Semitic expression from the
Hebrew, hallēlūyāh meaning "Praise the Lord
[Yahweh]." In the Old Testament the word
occurs principally in the Book of Psalms,
where it appears 24 times yet it also appears
four times in the New Testament, entirely in
the Book of Revelation. Here the 'Alleluia'
appears in the Victory hymn of the Saints in
heaven:

*After this I heard what seemed to be the loud
voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying,
"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power
belong to our God, for his judgments are true
and just..." And the twenty-four elders and the
four living creatures fell down and worshiped
God who is seated on the throne, saying,
"Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne
came a voice crying, "Praise our God, all you
his servants, you who fear him, small and
great." Then I heard what seemed to be the
voice of a great multitude, like the sound of
many waters and like the sound of mighty
thunderpeals, crying, "Hallelujah! For the
Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us
rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for*

the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.” (Rev 19:1-7)

This scene from the Book of Revelation provides us with a window into heaven, a glimpse into the future glory of the saints who remained faithful to Christ having endured all manner of trials and sufferings for His sake. Their hymn of joyous triumph is one foremost of praise to God since their victory comes through Christ. In every age the Church of Christ faces crises, persecution and turmoil. Yet, in spite of these very real trials every Easter the Church rejoices on account of the definitive victory of Christ over sin and death. As Christians we need not wonder whether good will prevail over the powers of darkness. Jesus Christ has already defeated the ancient foe, Satan. The fact that each age must contend with the evils of their own day does not diminish the absolute certainty of Jesus Christ’s triumph over evil. For this reason the Church must proclaim as loudly and insistently as ever the Easter Alleluia. Yes, let us praise the Lord, because Jesus has died to atone for the sins of the world and thrown open for us the gates of paradise! We need no longer live as slaves to sin since now we have become God’s beloved sons and daughters in Christ. Nor need we live paralysed by the fear of bodily death, because Christ has shared his Divine life with us, making us coheirs to eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Easter also brings me to the first anniversary of my appointment as Administrator of the parishes of Lilydale and Healesville. It is a joy (and a relief after the disaster of Easter 2020) to be able to finally offer my first public Triduum here. I’m especially grateful to the contributions of many generous parishioners who have assisted in a range of roles in our preparations for the liturgies of Holy Week: sacristans, servers, musicians, technicians, florists, secretaries, pastoral workers, and so on – far too many to mention by name! However, I must single out in my thanks Fr John O’Reilly for generously offering to lead the liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil at St Brigid’s, Healesville since it would have been impossible to do this alone.

Finally let me convey my best wishes and warmest Easter blessings to all the

parishioners of Lilydale, Healesville, Yarra Glen and Marysville. Hopefully after the profound disappointment of last year, Easter this year is a time in which we can be with family and loved ones. May the love of the Risen Christ touch your hearts and confirm you in faith, hope and charity! God bless you!

Fr Francis Denton

OUR SUNDAY CUPPA IS BACK!!!



Please join us for our usual cuppa in the hall after Sunday Masses. Hope to see you there!

MASS TIMES AND LINKS THIS WEEK

Thursday 8th April 2021 at 9.15 am

Sunday 11th April 2021 at 9.30 am

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQGYU>

Sunday 11th April 2021, Divine Mercy Mass and Chaplet, St Patrick’s church Lilydale, 1.30 pm

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQGYW>

CHANGES IN THE PRESBYTERY

From 5th April 2021, Sharon will be carrying out all secretarial duties at St Brigid’s Parish. Her phone no is 0448 658 418. Debbie will continue on as Pastoral Worker.

After a long time out of action, our beautifully refurbished office will be open on Thursdays between 9am and 2 pm. Exciting!

TOWARDS A ST BRIGID’S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear friends, as we face together the challenges of the future we would like to announce that our parish is exploring the establishment of a Pastoral Council. A Council has the potential:

- to listen and learn from many different voices in our community

- to nourish, support, and link the roles and activities we currently have
- to explore new opportunities for being missionary people
- to support our parish priest and leaders in their roles
- and more!

We are at the earliest planning stage:

Step 1 has been the formation of a Preparation Committee. The members are: Fr Francis Denton, Parish Administrator, Mrs Debbie Edwards, Parish Pastoral Associate, Mrs Elissa Roper, Parish Theologian, Dr Jo Drummond, Liturgy Leader, Mr Rod Hysted, Audio & Visual Leader. **These are not the future members of the Council! Expressions of interest will be welcomed at a later stage.**

Step 2 will involve information sessions for the parish to learn about Pastoral Councils, to ask questions, and to have discussions. **Information sessions will be held after Easter.** Short and sharp! Everyone is encouraged to come along and get involved. We want to build our parish up together! For more information contact any of the Committee or email Elissa at elissaroper@hotmail.com

PROJECT COMPASSION – CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your offering to help the world's most vulnerable through Project Compassion. Boxes may be returned at weekend Masses from Easter Sunday.

COLLECTION TOTALS – THANK YOU!

St Brigid's Healesville, 21st Mar 21

Thanksgiving: \$394.60

Presbytery: \$192.50

St Aloysius, Yarra Glen 21st Mar 21

Thanksgiving: \$200.00

Presbytery: \$11.00

Yarra Glen Op Shop: \$2500

Our Lady of the Snows, Marysville 18th Mar 21

Thanksgiving: \$46.50

PARISH PRAYER LIST

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

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, 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, 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, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Lawrie Field, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Richard Adams, Mitchell & Wynn Wilson, Anne Bateman, Veronica Ireland, Wendy Turner (Ireland), Lauren, Brooke, Anthony, Laura Baosde Pinto, Michelle, Judy, Annette Fromholtz, Bill Skate

WE PRAY 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), Marshall McLinden, Teresa Toscano, Rosa Toscano, Richie Youngberry (20/4/18)