



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

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4TH July 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.**

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.**

Second Reading: Corinthians 12:7-10

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

General Intercessions

Thanksgiving – 20th and 27th June 2021

St Brigid's Healesville,

Thanksgiving: to be advised

Presbytery: to be advised

Special Collection: to be advised

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Rosters 4th July 2021:

Reader: P. O'Dwyer

Cuppa: M. Jecott

Church cleaning: R. Hysted

Rosters 11th July 2021:

Reader: A. Lehman

Cuppa: Volunteer

Church cleaning: A. Lehman

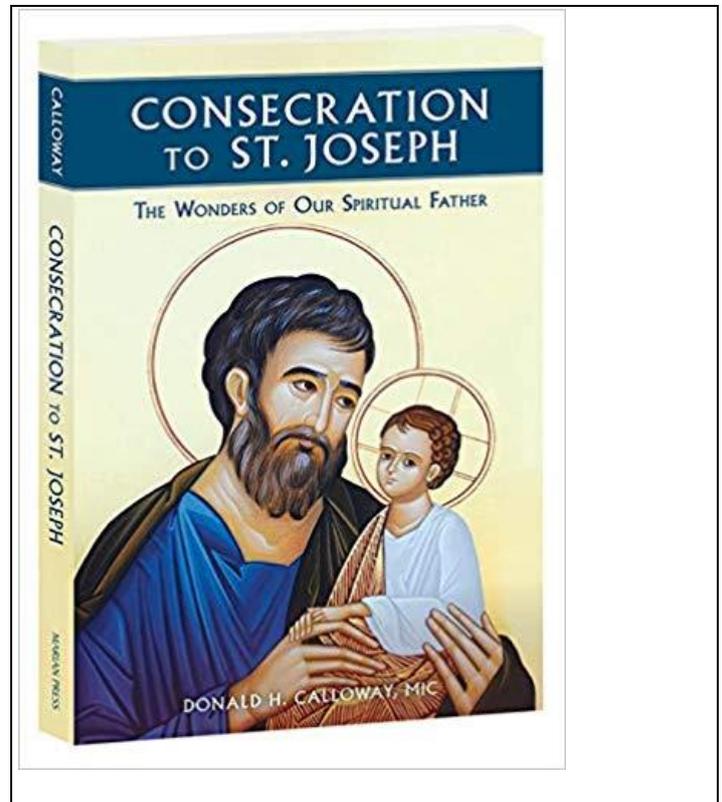
Thank you to all our volunteers!

Contact Details Update

Please email or phone the office to let us know if you have changed your phone number and if you have yet to give us your email address. We could add you to our newsletter email mail out to receive our weekly news electronically. During lockdown and following the recent storm damage, Debbie has been attempting to contact many parishioners whose phone numbers no longer seem to be current. If you would appreciate a chat, please call her, we love to hear what everyone is up to! 0448 664 731

Mass Bookings

If you would like to book into Mass this weekend at St Brigid's please call Debbie 0448 664 731. Under current restrictions, our numbers are capped at 43 people applying the 4 square meter rule



From Fr Francis

At the beginning of this year Pope Francis declared that 2021 would be a year especially dedicated to St Joseph. This stoic and silent figure of the Gospels belongs to the 'hidden life' of Christ in Nazareth. As devotion to St Joseph had grown and flowered over the centuries the Church has come to recognise the unique role and example of Joseph. In a century that has been characterised by a certain crisis of fatherhood there are countless lessons to be learned from this great saint, who is a human icon of the heavenly Father.

Earlier this year I was given a copy of Fr Donald Calloway's book "Consecration to St Joseph" It presents a 33 day guided preparation for consecration to St Joseph. After a few false starts I was finally able to begin afresh the consecration which I arranged to coincide with my anniversary of priestly ordination last Sunday (27th June). It was a very powerful and fruitful exercise, and one that helped deepen my appreciation of this great but often overshadowed saint. The example of St Joseph is a reminder that human fatherhood, which always seeks to follow the pattern of Divine Fatherhood, is less a matter of biology and more a matter of loving and selfless devotion. Our Lord Jesus could not have wanted of a more loving and devoted Father than Joseph. As brothers and sisters of Jesus, we too can entrust ourselves to this greatest of the patriarchs, who we know will be no less devoted to us.

As a way of marking this year of St Joseph, St Patrick's Lilydale will be hosting a series of four talks given by four different presenters over four consecutive weeks during the Fridays of August (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th). Each event will consist of a presentation followed by the opportunity for Q&A followed by refreshments and finger-food. Each of the talks is free of charge, however we encourage you to consider making a donation to help cover the costs. It is open to anyone (not just parishioners) so feel free to invite people along who you think might be interested. Booking for each talk will be essential. We will set up a Try-booking link for each talk, or if you're having technological difficulties get in touch with the parish office to book your place.

If you would like more information on the consecration to St Joseph don't hesitate to contact me.

Finally, a word of thanks to the many kind expressions of congratulations on my anniversary of ordination. It was a special day and a joy to be able to spend it with you united in the greatest act of thanksgiving – the Mass!

Yours in Christ,
Fr Francis Denton



ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL – NEXT WEEK

The annual Winter Appeal is held throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and a special collection to assist the work of Vinnies will take place **next Sunday, 11th July**.

The Lilydale Conference of St Vincent de Paul greatly assists the Healesville community and our St Brigid's Care Group, and relies heavily on your contributions, through donations of blankets & warm socks, gloves and hats, or through monetary contributions. Please give generously to help support the vulnerable in our area. Thank you, in anticipation.

Care Group News

Thank you to all who have made donations to assist our Care Group. Your contributions have enabled us to help families with care parcels in their time of need. If you would like to contribute further, please leave non-perishable items at Mass on Sunday or contact Maree on 0417 087 199

Debbie's Thoughts

In recent years it has become fashionable to work on 'mindfulness', discovering a sense of awareness in what our minds and bodies might be up to. In an era when sensory overload is pretty much the norm, this technique is often taught as a useful way of slowing ourselves in the name of relaxation, self-awareness and self-management, allowing ourselves to be still, to listen, to see and to feel what is going on inside ourselves, and to know better how we fit within the space that we occupy. We can learn mindfulness from others, or from a book, but occasionally it simply creeps upon us as God breaks through the barriers we allow ourselves to build. I was unexpectedly prompted into a reflective moment of awareness this week as I was sitting in the church during morning Mass. The warm sun was streaming through the open church door and a multitude of different birds were singing joyful melodies that wove in and out of each other as we were praying the words of our liturgy around God's altar. I became truly aware that we are each part of a breathtaking symphony that constantly praises God in ways that mere words cannot capture. In that moment, I was vividly aware that the outdoors had nestled its way indoors. God's creation seamlessly joined the prayers of the Mass we were offering, which seamlessly joins Masses being offered throughout our entire world, yesterday, today and tomorrow. I experienced a moment of fullness, an awareness of God's presence that was a powerful reminder to me that his world seeks him constantly, and moves towards him instinctively. It was a moment of pure gratitude, my reaction to the overwhelming realisation that in God we really do move and have our being.

We have so much to be thankful for. Despite the inconvenience and the difficulties that life presents, our world is a beautiful place. We are blessed, in that needs of every description can be soothed through the generosity of others. Loneliness can be overcome with a simple smile. Our time is a free gift that can be shared with others without us becoming the slightest bit poorer. Our instinct to receive and to give love can offer nourishment to others, while we ourselves find satisfaction in giving of ourselves. In giving, we receive. In receiving, we give. Scripture says: 'I thank you God for I am

wonderfully made.' I get it. God made each of us as a conscious decision of creative love. We truly are designed in love, by love, with love. Our world has been designed for us to reach for our potential within a relationship with our natural environment and with others that unconsciously carries us towards love, our source, our sustenance and our destination. For the most part, we don't think about it, yet we are all part of God's intricate, wonderful, loving design.

I am tempted to go all poetic, and then I pull myself up to tell myself that the world does not always look like this on the ground. These quiet moments of awareness can be oases in a world that is riddled with pain, suffering, injustice and fear, yet they are the living truth which the world can never obliterate. It is true that through free will we are each able to choose to look inwards with selfishness, instead of outwards with generosity and gratitude. Yet our hope is in God who draws each of us home to him. Thank God for Jesus, our safety, our inspiration, our truth. Thank God for our heavenly Father, our creator, our destination. Thank God for the Holy Spirit, our courage, our strength and our guide. The sunshine and the birds do not lie, they rejoice in God's wisdom and goodness no matter what choices men may make. The Mass continues to be the antidote for our fallen world, our direct line of love to the heart of God who made each of us for himself. A Mass is celebrated throughout each minute of each day somewhere in our big wide world. Hope quenches despair, the quiet liturgy drowns out the clamour of fear. Communion with Jesus is eternal and infinite. Love conquers all. How much mindfulness can one heart hold?

Parish Prayer List

We pray for all who have died

We pray 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, 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, John Wray

We pray for those whose anniversaries are in July:

Ann Maris (03.07.07), Julie Ann Ward (03.07.86), Nick Pitt (03.07.13), Margaret Brown (06.07.07), John Jansen (06.07.04), Ulick O'Boyle (07.07.11), Stenya Laszczewski (11.07.15), Jan Kisala (15.07.07), George Youngberry (18.07.67), Derek Beeby (18.07.11), Keith Chandler (20.07.13), Ronald Hosie (23.07.06), Theresa Humphries (25.07.11), Bernie Morrissey (26.07.00), Terry Fromholtz (28.07.12), Rev McCarter (30.07.96), Kevin Leahy

