



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

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**25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)**

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18**

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 6:1-15**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and

two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Collections: 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Totals will be updated shortly, when Sharon returns to the office after lockdown.



#### **Rosters 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021:**

#### **NO MASS THIS WEEKEND**

**Reader:**

**Cuppa:**

**Church cleaning:**

#### **Rosters 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021:**

**Reader:** J. Barrett

**Church cleaning:** T & C O'Halloran

***Thank you to all our volunteers!***

**QR CODE APP** - Please download the Services Victoria app from the Apple App Store for iPhones (<https://bit.ly/SBHCO>), or the Google Play Store for Android phones (<https://bit.ly/SBSAFE>). This will make check in a bit more efficient. Our Covid Marshall will be checking the 'ticks' so please remember to QR Code. Help is available for those who find this difficult to do.

Due to the lockdown, we are not able to attend Mass this week. Fr Francis will be recording Mass and it will be available on the you tube channel on Sunday morning. The link is accessible through St Brigid's Healesville's website, <http://www.stbrigidshealesville.cam.org.au/> or

by searching St Brigid's Healesville on You Tube, or using the link: <https://bit.ly/StBsHville>

#### **St Patrick's Pasta Night**

Saturday 14th August

6pm arrival for 6.30pm start

3 course meal

Adults \$35p.p

Children (under 14) \$15pp

Live music - Dean Canan

BYO Drinks

Ticket Sales - Sharon at Parish Office

Wednesday and Friday or 0448 658 418

#### **St Brigid's Safeguarding Committee**

Child Protection is a major priority for our Parish, and the time has come for us to welcome a new committee to oversee our compliance with the extensive Catholic Church, Federal and State Government requirements in regard to this critical issue. The team will also be available to assist parishioners with anything related to safeguarding children, young adults and the vulnerable, so please feel free to approach any of the team with your questions or comments. The committee has already met to review our Safeguarding Policy, Parish Commitment Statement and Code of Conduct and to begin to work through the mandatory, extensive self-audit tool that will assist us to ensure that we, as a Parish, are keeping everyone as safe as possible. Members are renewing their training and becoming well-versed with current protocols, which are constantly under review. This is a big job, and we thank our committee for their generous commitment. Team members are all actively involved within our Parish, and within the wider community, in roles that demand a high degree of awareness of keeping kids and the vulnerable safe. We are indeed blessed to have such a highly attuned and qualified group working for us and with us.

Team 2021 is: **Cath O'Halloran**, parishioner and a valued member of St Brigid's Primary teaching staff; **Debbie Edwards**, Parish Pastoral Worker, volunteer for the VCCEM, assisting with emergency pastoral support in times of disaster; **Fr Francis**, Parish Administrator; **John Barrett**, parishioner and Chair of the Lookout for Children group in Healesville; **Rod Hysted**, famous for achieving all things IT in our church, President of HICCI and working part-time in the Victorian Government Education System; **Sharon Jacob**, Parish Secretary, active volunteer for Stable One, caring for the homeless.

More news to follow!

#### **YOU MUST QR CODE SCAN BEFORE YOU ENTER THE CHURCH**

Please use these QR codes to download the Services Victoria app to check-in.

For Apple iPhones (<https://bit.ly/SBHCO>):

For Android Phones (<https://bit.ly/SBSAFE>):

This will save you time as you scan the code when you arrive at Church. **PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.** Covid officers will be on hand to help those who need it. Please help someone else if you can. Please support our volunteers during this time.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July (Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel) as the faithful of Melbourne shuttered themselves into the latest lockdown, Pope Francis issued his latest motu proprio, *Traditionis custodes*. A motu proprio (literally = "on his own impulse") is a personally signed edict or proclamation issued by the Pope as a matter of his own initiative, generally concerning minor amendments to law or ecclesiastical procedures. Pope Francis has developed a particular taste for motu proprios. *Traditiones custodes* is motu proprio number 36, which to put this in perspective, is the same number of motu proprios as issued by all other Popes combined over 2000 years!

*Traditionis custodes* (hereafter referred to as TC) is a perplexing document precisely because it stands in apparent contradiction of Pope Benedict XVI's motu proprio *Summorum Pontificum*. In *Summorum Pontificum* Pope Benedict XVI recognised the Traditional Latin Mass and the New Order Mass (Novus ordo) as two legitimate expressions of the Roman Rite – giving them the designation Ordinary Form and Extraordinary Form. In doing so Benedict granted all Latin Rite Catholic priests the right to offer the pre-conciliar Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form). *Summorum Pontificum* was also significant because the Pope provided a definitive judgment on a hotly contested point – namely that the Traditional Latin Mass "was never juridically abrogated and, consequently, in principle, was always permitted." In the accompanying letter to bishops Benedict XVI stated: "There is no contradiction between the two editions of the Roman Missal. In the history of the liturgy there is growth and progress, but no rupture. What earlier generations held as sacred, remains sacred and great for us too, and it cannot be all of a sudden entirely forbidden or even considered harmful. It behooves all of us to preserve the riches which have developed in the Church's faith and prayer, and to give them their proper place."

In the wake of *Summorum Pontificum* the liturgical freedom resulted in a silent and largely unexpected renewal within the Church. While many regular Novus Ordo parishes were falling into decline, the traditional Mass movement began attracting families and young people in droves. Whole communities began to flourish, as people hungry for an experience of reverence, beauty, and solemnity that fed their souls, began to discover the Church's liturgy anew. In parishes like my previous parish of St Gerard's North Dandenong the two forms (Latin Mass and Novus Ordo) coexisted with effortless harmony. It was a text-book model of the "mutual enrichment" envisaged by Pope Benedict XVI. Far from

being a divided parish, most of the congregation moved very freely between the two forms. The choir grew, the ranks of altar servers swelled, the hours of Eucharistic adoration extended, the youth group flourished, the parish's Society of St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, and Knights of the Southern Cross were among the strongest of anywhere in the country. And needless to say, the congregation began to swell with young families, many of whom were driving long distances to find a Mass that truly nourished them and their children. After the 10:30am Sunday Mass crowds of young people were usually still outside the Church socialising well after 12:30pm – you couldn't get them to leave! It was by every pastoral measure a flourishing parish. When I read *Traditionis custodes* I wish the Pope could have seen this parish and how little it bore in resemblance to the caricature of snarky, snooty-nosed traditionalism that he paints. My personal experience of traditional Catholics is beautiful, wholesome families who are simply struggling to raise their children to love God and his commandments in a culture that is at war with Christianity. They need every bit of help they can get!

Pope Francis' *Traditionis custodes* completely scraps *Summorum pontificum's* distinction of the two forms of the Roman Rite – one Ordinary the other Extraordinary. The first article states: "The liturgical books promulgated by Saint Paul VI and Saint John Paul II, in conformity with the decrees of Vatican Council II, are the unique expression of the *lex orandi* of the Roman Rite." This is confusing because the Roman Rite includes a range of other Rites sanctioned by the Holy See outside the Missal of Paul VI, such as the Missal in use by the Anglican Ordinariate, and the Zaire Use. This is to say nothing of the Ambrosian Rite, the Braga Rite, the Lyonese Rite and the Mozarabic Rite. In addition to these, the Latin Rite includes the Rites in use by Religious congregations, namely the Benedictine, Carmelite, Carthusian, Cistercian, Dominican, and Premonstratensian Rites. When one gives further consideration to the plethora of Rites representing the other ancient Churches within the Catholic Church (Byzantine, Maronite, Syro-Malabar, Chaldean, Malankara, Armenian, Coptic, etc.) one is left scratching the head and wondering why Pope Francis is so determined to exclude the Traditional Latin Mass from the harmonious diversity of liturgical expressions which thus far have never threatened the unity of the Church. If a diversity of liturgical expressions truly threatened the unity of the Church then it would stand to reason that all of the above Rites should be immediately suspended. Why the double standard?

On 16th June 2013 Pope Francis tweeted "Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed." Does Pope Francis no longer mean this? Are traditional Catholics still welcome in the Church? If so why are they being made to feel like second class citizens, banished from all parochial churches like

outcasts? Why are traditional Catholics being treated like public sinners, subject to ecclesiastical sanctions when their 'crime' is simply adhering to the practice of the Faith that was normative for nigh 1,400 years? And how can one reconcile such treatment of the faithful with the message of mercy, tolerance and diversity that has been a hallmark of this Pontificate? As a pastor of souls I cannot but feel acute distress at seeing the faithful being treated so cruelly at a time when, more than ever, the Church cannot afford to be driving people away by force of ecclesiastical law.

As TC makes clear, it is foremost the role of the bishop to apply the directives of this motu proprio in a way that is pastorally appropriate according to the needs of each diocese. For an Archdiocese the size of Melbourne (with 1.3 million Catholics) there will obviously be a very sizeable Latin Mass Community whose pastoral needs will need to be met. Pope Francis has often spoken about the need for pastoral accompaniment for those who are on the peripheries, so one can only assume that he intends to extend this pastoral accompaniment to those who have a love for the traditional Mass. What this means for the regular Saturday morning Latin Mass in Lilydale remains to be seen as Archbishop Comensoli discerns the will of Christ and that of the Holy Father in all this. Let's be sure to pray for him and all bishops that they may fulfil the mandate given to the Church: "Feed my sheep" (Jn 21:15). Please pray for me too as this has been one of the most trying weeks of my priesthood. May Christ the Good Shepherd prevail over His Church.

*Yours in Christ,  
Fr Francis Denton*

### RCIA 2021-2022

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program of faith exploration and instruction designed to help enquirers discover the Catholic faith with a view to being received into the Catholic Church. Fr Francis Denton will be leading the classes which will run weekly each Wednesday evening, beginning in August.



If you know of family, friends or acquaintances who you think might be interested in exploring the Catholic faith in a relaxed environment I encourage you to invite them to the introductory information session at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, in the Moira Tanks Room (Community Centre, Lilydale). No cost or obligations at any point!



### Debbie's Thoughts

I am a firm believer that God always brings good from the perils and disasters we encounter in everyday living, we just have to look really hard sometimes to find that good. Contemplating yet another weekend without congregations at Mass because we are unable to gather together for the safety of our community, we can feel bewildered, and even despondent. Missing out on physically attending Mass in person fuels our appreciation of communal worship, and our deep hunger for the Lord. Parishioners often tell me how sad they are to be denied the opportunity to receive the Blessed Sacrament, regular Mass-goers can find it really hard when they are unable to worship as they usually do. This great awareness of the treasure we are missing looks and feels like a disaster, yet our sense of loss is a very great blessing in my book. 'Absence makes the heart grow fonder' one might venture, but in absolute, 100%, die-cast truth, God is never absent to us, no matter what happens. We need only to open our hearts to notice that he is there. Our desire to be with God in the Mass is a great gift we may not recognise under normal circumstances. Not everyone accepts such a grace. How blessed are we to know that hunger!

God thinks of everything of course. When we are unable to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in person, we are still able to receive him in Spiritual Communion, unrestricted by where we are or how we are feeling. God is never defeated by distance, physical capability or time, he is master of all. It is possible to receive Jesus spiritually at the bottom of the sea, and on the top of the highest mountain, in our sick bed, or sitting in our own comfy chair. All we need is a few seconds of quiet recollection and a sincere heart. We can indeed receive Jesus every single day in this way. I am certain that this reality has kept many faithful alive and coping during times of adversity. There are wonderful stories of Priests saying Masses for prisoners of war during World War II, on a rock, with a scrap of bread and a tiny drop of wine. Those Masses were one-off oases in a very great drought of persecution and pain, I am sure that Spiritual Communion sustained the faithful when Mass was no option. There have been many other times and circumstances throughout history when the faithful could not get to Mass, we find ourselves in a similar, and thank God, temporary, situation today. God finds a way to show us that he is with us when we call on him, and reminds us that he will never leave us alone. Spiritual Communion nourishes us when we most need God's strength and comfort, when our world is upside down, and whenever we wish to unite ourselves to him. We are blessed to be able to ask Jesus to come to us in that same Communion that we would experience if we were able to go to Mass. Jesus is perfect, Holy Communion with Jesus cannot be less than perfect if we come to him with sincere hearts. We leave the details to him! Holy Communion is both unfathomable and a miracle. Invited to unite ourselves to Jesus, the way, the truth and the life, may we enter into Holy Communion with hearts filled with love and thanksgiving.

There is a beautiful prayer that we can say that asks Jesus to come to us spiritually.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul. Even though I cannot receive You sacramentally in this moment, come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

Hope to see you at Mass again very, very soon!

## Care Group News

St. Brigid's Care Group in the Spirit of St. Mary MacKillop  
The sisters of St. Joseph were always more than just teachers in our schools, many parishioners saw them as the embodiment of faith.

To this day, in the Care Group, we celebrate the life and inspiration they brought to our community. We continue to carry on their legacy of community outreach and involvement, working by the example of the nuns and their founder and Australia's saint, Mary MacKillop. We seek to develop the sense of family and community through: building personal relationships, providing support and friendship, sharing parishioners' gifts of prayer, time, love, talent and money, helping to meet the needs in the here and now.

We meet each 1st Friday of the month in the parish hall 1.30 – 3.30pm

If you would like to find out more about the Care Group, or you know someone who is need of a helping hand you can contact Maree on 0417087199

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Recently Deceased:** Jackie DeKoning

**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, 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

**Anniversaries 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



7pm Fridays

6, 13, 20, 27 August

St Patrick's Church, Lilydale

Featuring



Fiona Bradley



Anne Marie Quinn



Colin Patterson



Dr Pauline Leahy CSM, CLM

Come along and learn more about the life of St Joseph and join in discussion and fellowship. We'll cover in particular his titles of:

- Terror of Demons
- Promote of Virtue
- Son of David
- Patron of a Happy Death

The evenings begin with light finger food, followed by the presentation, and conclude with discussion, Q&A.

Free entry (donations appreciated). Contact Fiona on 0402 474 074 for more information.

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For more information phone **Fiona on 0402 474 074**.  
Trybooking link for talks on St Joseph in August at St Patrick's Community Centre:

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