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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

1st Wednesday 7pm
2nd & 4th Thursday Rosary 6.30pm
St Aloysius', Yarra Glen
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Wednesday 7.30pm
St Brigid's, Healesville
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Thursday 9.15am
St Brigid's, Healesville
3rd Thursday 10.30am
Our Lady of the Snows,
Marysville

ROSTER - 9 SEPT 2018

READER: GRIEVE
COMMUNION: FIELD
GENTLE
CUPPA: DRUMMOND
CLEANING: HYSTED
COUNTERS: FIELD



UPCOMING DATES

September
2nd Fathers Day PRF collection
5th Yarra Glen Mass 7pm
6th Care thank you Mass
15th Trivia & Quiz night hall

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Church: \$ 477
Presbytery: \$ 240



Please remember to keep babies Jean Bernice & Emmett in your prayers.

A WORD FROM DEBBIE...

I picked up on a challenging but awesome thought last week. Sometimes you can connect with a passing comment, one that sort of sneaks into your mind and takes root there, without you actually participating in the process, and I think that that is exactly what happened for me. A little echo kept bouncing around in my heart until I decided to listen properly, and when I did, I was changed. I call this growth. Fr Rob Galea is a Catholic Priest with a passion for bringing the love of God to our youth, and on a YouTube clip focussing on the Sacrament of Confirmation, I heard him say something like 'The Holy Spirit helps us to see with the eyes of God'. Quite poetic, yes. More than that, the longer I have sat with this little line, the deeper and deeper I have plunged into, for me, unexplored depths. I think we can struggle a little with getting to know the Holy Spirit. It is a little easier perhaps getting to know Jesus, for instance. Jesus has two arms, two legs, a head and speaks our language. We can relate to him because he is human, just as we are human. Our Father, although unseen, is also reasonably easy to 'recognise', we understand the relationship of Father and Son through our own experiences, and the Father is revealed to us through Jesus, his Son. The infinite wisdom of God! I often tell children whom I teach that the Holy Spirit can be described as the living love of the Father and the Son. To me, this explanation is simple, and appropriate for those I need to inform, yet I am vividly aware of how inadequate it is. I am comforted to think that my little attempt to capture the essence of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, one God, is just a single tiny facet of a very beautiful and complex diamond, with many more facets to be explored and experienced, as our capacity and enthusiasm fluctuate. Fr Rob's insight of the Holy Spirit encouraging and enabling us

to look through God's eyes is yet another thought-provoking facet I had not yet considered. You may have another phrase that explains who the Holy Spirit is and how he works through us, reflecting your own experiences? I have occasionally wondered what God does think, as he looks through us. We make such inappropriate choices, and as a result, the world is a messy, complicated place. We ourselves are scruffy and unpredictable. We may become discouraged by society's shortcomings, but I am not so sure that God is defeated by who we are, for he loves us infinitely and perfectly. Throughout the centuries, I think that there has been a track record of the Church anticipating God's thinking processes with a harsh mindset, which led to severe consequences for the faithful. It was believed, for instance, that those who committed suicide were, in human estimation, doomed for eternity, having committed the mortal sin of despair. The reality in my book is that anyone who is overwhelmed and distressed enough to melt through their own powerful natural instinct to live, should be lavished with compassion and pity. In communion with the Holy Spirit, looking through the eyes of God, can we realistically expect him to meet such a sad, wounded soul with anything but infinite love and mercy? Thankfully, the Church's teaching reflects growth in understanding and wisdom, and now embraces a message of hope and peace when considering the question of suicide, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Just one example that I thought of to illustrate Fr Rob's point. I wonder. I wonder about a lot of things! Perhaps this week we too can look through the eyes of God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. I wonder what miracles we each may discover...

Congratulations to the children from our Parish who were confirmed last Saturday! Please pray for us as we pray for you.

PARISH NEWS:

Thank you to Ed McGettigan for looking after the hall and stepping into Marie's shoes while she's away. We really appreciate all the hard work that you've done.

Why is migration so much a priority for the pastoral care of the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church is continuously redefining and implementing pastoral models for the care of migrants and refugees. The document *Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi* published by the then Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, in 2004, serves as a foundation for pastoral care to migrants and refugees in our parish communities. *Erga Migrantes* at the time, mandated that all local churches study and implement pastoral programs each tailored to the local church's individual abilities and circumstances for the care of migrants and refugees. In 2016, with the establishment of the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, assumed personal responsibility for the care of migrants and refugees. During Pope Francis' pontificate we have seen a renewed focus on this matter in particular after the civil war in Syria and the atrocities caused by Daesh/ISIS and the ensuing European refugee crisis. Closer to home, in Australia, we are challenged by the re-establishment of the Manus Island and Nauru regional processing centres under both the Labor and Liberal governments. However, we have also seen the increase in the humanitarian intake, and the additional places in the refugee program announced by the then Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Immigration Minister Peter Dutton. A drop in the ocean, perhaps, but one hopes a step in the right direction in providing assistance to the many millions of displaced persons around the globe. The recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, reminds us that the path to personal holiness is obtained through concrete charitable acts of mercy. It is the call by Christ to care for our neighbour that spurs the pastoral mission of the Church to care for our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. We are constantly reminded by the Holy Father and church leaders that it is not enough to sit idly by; we must be actors in bringing about social change with a Christian foundation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Corrie Rietbergen, Wendy Barnett, Jopp

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Baby Emmett Hysted, Megan, Carmel Megee, Bernie Jansen, Tony Grieve, Maree Campitelli, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Maureen Fogarty, Fiona, Val Christie, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Suzan Sasic, Robbie Ireland, Joyce Slattery, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Annette Fromholtz, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Marg Pomeroy, Dorothy Fraser, Carmel O'Hely, Glen, Ernst Fries, Fred Bullas, Fred Coullas, Mitchell Wilson, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Christie, Joan Hollow, Michael Wood, Bill Howie, Jennie, Michael & Stephen Youngberry, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, Patricia Beggs, James Cooney, Robert & Mary Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, John Lauman

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Patricia Carey (02.09.13), Michael Scowen (03.09.05), Bernard Jansen (05.09.04), Frieddy Laszozewski (10.09.82), Moyra Donchi (10.09.15), Bruce Jarvis (14.09.11), Dorothy Amarant (19.09.08), Michael O'Dwyer (20.09.97), Les Humphries (20.09.13), Greta Dame (28.09.96), Betty Ireland (28.09.97), Henriette Sallay (29.09.13), Justin Perry, Sr Mary Fran Coburn (2008), Peter Barnett

We pray especially for those whom no-one remembers.

PARISH GROUPS:

GOSPEL & LIFE

Gospel & Life Group are having a break over winter. If you have any requests for different times or days for our meetings, special topics to discuss, or other ideas, please contact Elissa. elissaroper@hotmail.com or 9730 2813. And Elissa's blog for friendly info: <https://onwiththesynod.wordpress.com>

Feedback and questions: elissaroper@gmail.com

YOUTH-LED MASS

Our next Mass will be on **Sunday 9th Sept**. All secondary students who would like to join the team are encouraged to contact Paula on 0423 508 355 for more information.

DINNER AT DARRON'S YOUTH TEAM

Secondary school students are invited to be involved in cooking and/or serving a 2-course dinner to those who are financially disadvantaged or socially isolated as part of the Dinner at Darron's Community Meal program organised by HICCI. Enq: Andrea 0417 088 231.

RCIC & RCIA

Anybody wishing to find about what Catholics believe contact Debbie, our Pastoral worker.

RCIC - Baptism

Is someone in your family interested in finding out about the Sacrament of Baptism? Please contact Debbie 0400 310 703

CATECHIST PROGRAM

For children attending non-Catholic schools, who are wishing to participate in the Sacraments this year, please contact Debbie for more information.

MEDITATION GROUP

Mondays 9.15am - 10.15am
Enq: Anna 5962 4308

PARISH GROUPS:

CARE GROUP

1st Friday of month 1.30-3.30pm

PLAYGROUP

is not running at this time

Hall Bookings

Call Marie Snell 5962 3794

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

FAMILY DRUG HELP

1st & 3rd Tues Lilydale 1300 660 068

"Vulnerable children of the World"

Mary 5962 3287

MEN'S BREAKFAST

1st Saturday of the month

PAMPHLETS & NEWSLETTERS:

If you would like to leave literature in the Church please check with the Parish Office beforehand.

LOOKOUT FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN:

LOOKOUT is a local community group concerned with keeping children safe from abuse and being there for adult victims. Next Meeting Golden Wattle House, Joffre St Date **September 24th**



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