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## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

1st Wednesday 7pm  
3rd Sunday 5 pm  
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 17 MARCH 2019

READER: DRUMMOND  
COMMUNION: GENTLE  
FROMHOLTZ  
EDWARDS  
CUPPA: DRUMMOND  
CLEANING: MC DONAGH  
COUNTERS: FIELD



## UPCOMING DATES

**March**  
14th Blumes Fashion Show  
17th 5.00 pm at Yarra Glen  
25th Lookout Meeting  
28th Anointing Mass  
**April**  
14th Youth Sunday  
14th Passion Sunday  
21st Easter Sunday

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Church: \$ 423  
Presbytery: \$ 231



## DEBBIE'S THOUGHTS

When we come to Mass on Ash Wednesday, we are marked with a sign that is visible to others, and to ourselves if we take the time to check our faces in the mirror. The richness of our Catholic inheritance is a constant source of wonder to me. Throughout the year, we are encouraged to gather at least weekly to share in the mystery of the Mass, praying in companionship with billions around the world each time we make the time to participate. In every moment of every day, as Mass is celebrated somewhere in our big wide world, humanity offers a constant flow of praise and thanksgiving to God, and a constant flow of God's healing power is lavished upon our needy world. Occasionally we are encouraged to come along to Mass outside of routine, on a day other than a Sunday. When this happens, taking special notice of why we are called to gather outside of routine usually leads us to a huge reward. On Ash Wednesday, we are marked with ashes, which we wear publicly. The traditional words that accompanied the moment when the Priest made the Sign of the Cross on the foreheads of the faithful, old people, babies, everyone, were stark: 'Remember man that thou art dust, and unto dust you shalt return'. A couple of minutes sitting with those words is enough to force our busy minds into a quiet place, where we can then sit with our God, souls open and exposed to his light. Upon hearing these traditional words, there was no option but to acknowledge that 'in the end, all will pass, eventually death will come'. It is designed to make us look at what is actually important in our lives, and it worked, at least for me. In our parish today, we find a gentler approach, we receive the ashes with words like 'turn away from sin and follow the Gospels'. Our children are simply asked: 'do you want to follow Jesus?'. The call is the same. We are sent out from Mass to resume our busy day with a dirty black mark visible to others, and occasionally a brave, or brutally honest someone will actually point it out. We are encouraged to remember that we are

spiritual beings on a human journey, on our long road home to God. Today is just a single chapter in our very big, long story. We have been loved into existence by the conscious will of our loving Father, we negotiate life in the living companionship of Jesus, our encouragement and our example, and we love through the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our loving God caters for our every spiritual need, we simply need to open our hearts to receive. When we are marked with ashes, we are reminded to keep it simple. We are reminded that today, with its diary, its demands and its busyness, is just a tiny glimpse of reality as it sits in the immense big picture of history and eternity. We are reminded that we are important, that God wants the best for us, and that he is calling us to be the best 'me' I can possibly be. Fear does not operate in this moment. The dirty mark is an invitation to listen, to encounter God's compassionate and loving presence, now, today, and to strive for our potential. The cross is a contradiction, a stark reminder of the infinite love of Jesus for his Father, and for us. The ashes are a contradiction, a call for us to try to live for others, finding ourselves in God's love as we go, with our eyes firmly fixed on our destination, home in God's love for eternity.

## FAREWELL DEACON PHIL

Deacon Phil has announced that his appointment to Lilydale and Healesville Parishes has concluded and that he will shortly take up a new appointment within the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Deacon Phil has been a much-loved member of our parish family for 6 years now, 2 consecutive 3 year terms, and we thank him for his wonderful contribution to the life of our parish in that time. We understand that Phil will be having a short break before taking up his new challenges. **We wish Phil well and ask everyone to remember him in their prayers.**

## STATEMENTS ON CARDINAL PELL'S GUILTY VERDICT

Two separate statements have been issued in response to the sad news of the verdict in Cardinal Pell's trial. Please collect copies of statements from ABp Comensoli and from the Australian Bishop's Conference from near the doors of the church. **We pray for all of our Priests at this difficult time.**

## ANOINTING MASS

Please save the date! Our Anointing Masses are an amazing opportunity for each of us, young and not so young, to receive the beautiful Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, asking God for healing of mind, body and soul. It is also a great opportunity to meet up with friends and to enjoy a meal together. All welcome. Please bring a plate of cake, slice or sandwiches to share.

Thursday 28 March at 11.00 am.

## BLUMES LADIES FASHIONS

Blumes will be coming again to show and sell their Autumn/Winter Collection for 2019. The date is Thurs 14th March at 2pm in St Brigid's Hall.

Entry fee is \$6.00, which includes afternoon tea and a chance to win vouchers towards buying clothes on the day

For more info please ring Marie Snell on 5962 3794 or Irene 5962 4632

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available from the church. All boxes are due back on Easter Sunday.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays during Lent, following 7.30 pm Mass.

## LENTEN PROGRAM

*Compassion: Reflecting, Sharing, Living the Good News*

You are invited to join us in the journey of Lent with prayer, ritual, readings and discussion.

In these days the Church (us) needs each other in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Come and be with friends.

Every Tuesday 2-3 pm in the parish hall. Only cost \$5 for the book.

Info: Elissa 9730 2813.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Houlihan

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Ann Buissink, Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Baby Emmett Hysted, Megan, Bernie Jansen, Andrew Sharp, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Maureen Fogarty, Fiona, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Suzan Sosic, 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, Margo & 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, Albert Slawinsky and Lydia

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

## FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN MARCH

Sr Nell Russell (03.03.16), Ronald Donchi (05.03.83), H. Weda (12.03.03), Rene Chandler (13.03.96), Helen Srafford, (16.03.08), Frank McDonald (12.03.04), John Doensen (17.03.17), Ziggy Nadolski (18/3/11), Claudio Latin (20.03.13), Mary Snell (22.03.12), Antonio Bariola (24.03.99), John Field (23.03.42), Mary Wood (23.03.03), Eva Jansen (2006), Erica Fries (2005), Mavis McKenzie (2006), Harry van de ven

## PARISH GROUPS:

**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? Contact Debbie 0448 664 731

**CATECHIST PROGRAM** For children who are wishing to participate in the Sacraments this year, please contact Debbie for more information.

**MEDITATION GROUP** Mondays 9.15am - 10.15am - Anna 5962 4308

### CARE GROUP

First Friday of the month 1.30-3.30pm

**PLAYGROUP** is not running at this time

### Hall Bookings

Call Marie Snell 5962 3794 or Ed McGettigan 0417 175 538 (from 18/3)

### YOUTH-LED MASS

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 Meal program organised by HICCI. Andrea 0417 088 231

## GOSPEL & LIFE

Gospel & Life Tuesdays, 2-3 pm.

Elissa (97302813).

## 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 on Monday 25 February**

## CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Fr Arsenio Tuazon, Mrs Debbie Edwards, Mrs Paula Pearce, Mrs Denise O'Dwyer, Ms Susan Sozic and Mr John Barrett