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#### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**NO MASSES  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

St Aloysius', Yarra Glen  
St Brigid's, Healesville  
St Brigid's, Healesville  
Our Lady of the Snows,  
Marysville

#### OFFICE HOURS

**PARISH STAFF ARE NOW  
WORKING FROM HOME**

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#### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES COLLECTIONS

**WILL BE TELECAST ON  
CHANNELS 7 AND 31.**

**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR  
LINKS TO FR JOHN'S  
MASSES AND CEREMONIES**

**PLEASE PRAY WITH  
FR FRANCIS AND FR JOHN  
AS THEY PRAY THEIR  
MASSES AND CEREMONIES  
FOR US ALL**

Healesville 28th March  
Church: \$ tba  
Presbytery: \$ tba  
Marysville 20th February  
Collection: \$55.00  
Yarra Glen 21st March  
Collection: tba  
Op Shop: tba



#### Reflection for Holy Thursday by Fr Francis

"I come among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:27)

Among the most poignant moments in the liturgy of Holy Week is the 'mandatum,' better known as 'the washing of the feet'. Following the example of Our Lord who washed the feet of his Apostles in the upper room, the priest washes the feet of his congregation. The symbolism of humble servant leadership is clear enough, yet, to the apostles Jesus' action borders on the scandalous. In the hierarchy of the domestic servants, the lowest place was the servant who washed the feet of the household. Foot-washing is not really a pleasant business at the best of times! When one considers a sandal-wearing, Middle-Eastern culture without side-walks or sanitation, we can imagine the state of most people's feet at the end of a busy day. Jesus is not just saying that he comes to serve, but that in doing so he is willing to take the lowest place.

The significance of Jesus' washing his own disciples' feet was a lesson for all time, but one of which the disciples have yet to fully understand. Peter, ever bold and impetuous, vigorously protests. "Never! You shall never wash my feet." Peter's intention is pure, in that he does not want to see Jesus dishonoured, but this action of Christ has a significance that surpasses the momentary need of to have clean feet. he explains the meaning, removing any possible misinterpretation. "You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you." This is the "New Commandment" (Novum Mandatum) that Christ the New Lawgiver establishes: that we should love one

another as Christ has loved us, according to the pattern of sacrificial service. The apostles will each in their own way hand on this perennial New Commandment, learning to lay down their lives for the sake of the Church even to the shedding of blood.

Holy Thursday is a bitter-sweet feast. It is bitter in anticipation of all that Christ will endure: his betrayal, rejection, suffering and death. Yet the shift from purple to white signals the radiant solemnity of the feast. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of both the *priesthood* of the New Covenant and the *Eucharist* as the eternal sacrifice of the New Covenant, which two sacraments will be forever linked. As such, it was customary on this day for the priests of every diocese to join their bishop for the Chrism Mass at their cathedral, during which the oils for the year ahead are blessed. During this ceremony every priest renews the priestly promises made on the day of his ordination. The bishop addresses the priests: "Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?" The priests reply, "I am."

As the newly appointed administrator of Lilydale and Healesville parishes, let me begin this Solemn Triduum by reaffirming my own "I am" to that question. Yes, dear friends in Christ, I am resolved to be a faithful steward of the Eucharist and the Liturgical Rites, and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, not seeking any gain but moved only by a zeal for souls. I hope as you come to know me in the months ahead, that you will understand

just how seriously I take the words of this solemn oath. This is my desire: to be a faithful pastor after the heart of Christ; to be a shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. I come seeking your good, your happiness, your holiness, your redemption, just as Christ did. I come among you as one who serves.

#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy  
Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my  
soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already  
there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me  
to be separated from You.  
Amen.**

#### THE EASTER CEREMONIES IN OUR PARISH—ONLINE ACCESS

Fr John is praying with us through the Easter ceremonies at our normal Mass times, with due consideration for the restrictions on the faithful attending the services. Click on the link to find:

**The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, accessible from 7.30 pm;**

**The Celebration of the Lord's Passion, accessible from 3 pm on Good Friday,  
The Easter Vigil Mass, accessible from 7.30 pm on Saturday.**

On **Easter Sunday**, Mass will be available on the website from **1 pm**.

#### Google 'St Brigid's Parish Healesville' and click on the links for access

#### MORE ON THE WEBSITE

Our website also contains links to lots of beautiful resources for Holy Week prepared by our Archdiocesan staff.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has issued a statement to the faithful of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding the High Court's decision to overturn the conviction of Cardinal George Pell. If you wish to read it, please go to the Parish website.

*Thanks so much to Elissa for keeping our website up to date, and to Rod, for all of his technical know how.*

#### THE CEREMONIES ON TV

For those who do not have a computer, **Channel 7 will telecast the Good Friday ceremonies at 3 pm, and Easter Sunday Mass at 10.30 am. Channel 31 will also telecast the Easter Vigil ceremonies at 7.30 pm.**

#### HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

We wish everyone a very blessed and peaceful Easter. Although we cannot be together for the ceremonies, our prayers for each other enable us to worship together as one parish family. None of us need ever feel alone.

#### THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is still available by appointment. Please contact staff to arrange.

Please contact staff if anyone you know would like to receive the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**.

#### THE CARE GROUP IS STILL ACTIVE

The St Brigid's Care Group is still encouraging inquiries from anyone who is in physical need. Please call Maree: 0417 087 199.

#### PARISH STAFF

Parish staff are still available by phone to pass on any information you may need, and to care for your family in this time of stress and uncertainty.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO!!

As we all endure being confined in our homes, social isolation is a real danger, particularly for those who live alone. **Please set yourself the goal to ring at least one other person you know each day, to help keep everyone connected.** The sky is the limit when it comes to how many elderly, sick, lonely or vulnerable people you could speak to by phone. Staying in contact with family and friends is Psychological First Aid, and a lot of fun!

#### THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

**Your parish still needs your help to survive financially.** Please consider placing your donation in the letterbox slot, to the left of the front door of the presbytery. Please do not use the wooden box next to the office door, it is not secure. If you wish to donate via electronic funds transfer (EFT), please ring Sharon on 0448 658 418.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia still desperately need our help to care for the poor of our world. You can send your donation directly to Caritas Australia or ring Debbie or Sharon to organise dropping your box to the parish.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All victims of the Corona virus, our health workers, those affected by the bushfires and drought, victims and survivors of abuse and injustice, and children everywhere.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Pat Dovan, Kath Skate, Tony Grieve, Sabatino (Tino) Gianforte, Ernst Fries.

#### FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Babies Emmett Tedi and Santi, Megan, Bernie Jansen, Andrew Sharp, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Maureen Fogarty, Fiona, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Annette Fromholtz, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Dorothy Fraser, Glen, Fred Bullas, Fred Coullas, Mitchell Wilson, 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, Albert Slawinski, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Lawrie Field, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Richard Adams

#### 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), Susan Sosic, Marshall McLinden, Teresa Toscano, Rosa Toscano

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

