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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

DEBBIE'S MOBILE NO:
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0448 658 418



SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO MASSES AND THE EASTER CEREMONIES

LINK:
<https://bit.ly/StBsHville>

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

COLLECTIONS

Healesville to 30th April
Church: \$ 310
Presbytery: \$ 130

Marysville 20th February
Collection: \$55.00

Yarra Glen to 30th April
Collection: \$25
Presbytery: \$8
Op Shop: \$2700



FROM FR FRANCIS

Greetings to all the parishioners of Lilydale and Healesville parishes, and a special acknowledgement of all the mothers who we honour in a particular way this Sunday, Mother's Day. Even though Mother's Day is not strictly speaking a liturgical feast, it is nonetheless fitting to want to show honour and respect to our mothers on this day. There is a special debt of gratitude that everyone owes to his/her mother. We literally would not exist in the world without them! To think how much love, guidance and wisdom our mothers lavish upon us in a lifetime! Honouring one's father and mother is the fourth commandment in the decalogue, and the only one that carries a blessing with it: "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you." (Exodus 20:12). This theme is taken up in the New Testament by St Paul in Ephesians 6:2.

Mothers play a unique role in God's plan not simply in bringing their children into the world, but for the indispensable, life-long role they play in nurturing and forming their children, as future citizens of heaven. There are few people who will be more influential in directing the course of our lives, our core values and beliefs, than our mothers and fathers. It is only right to take the opportunity to thank (and find ways to spoil!) our mums today. Some of our more senior parishioners might have said their final farewell to their mothers in this world. What greater expression of

charity is there than to remember them in our prayers as we commend them to the merciful Lord?

We might also take the opportunity on this day to thank our spiritual Mother, Mary. She is the mother of Jesus, but by virtue of our Baptism we can also lay special claim to Mary as being *our* spiritual mother in the order of grace. That Jesus wants us to 'take Mary into our own spiritual homes' is made clear by Christ from the cross: "When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." (John 19:26-27) Christ having sacrificed everything for us on the cross saves the best gift until last: the gift of his own mother to be our mother: "behold your mother!"



In a well-established custom the Church has typically observed May as 'Mary's month'. In spite of the limitations of having our churches closed, we might think about ways in which we can foster a deep Marian devotion in this month especially. We could, for example, set up a 'Marian altar' somewhere prominent in our homes, which we might decorate with candles and flowers. The Angelus prayer is one time-honoured Marian devotion

which enables us to meditate on the mystery of the incarnation of Christ throughout the day. Traditionally the church bells would toll at 6:00AM, 12:00pm and 6:00PM to remind the faithful to pray this beautiful, simple prayer. Above all else, we should renew our devotion to praying the holy Rosary, daily if possible. Amid the distress and anxiety of our times let us run into the arms of Mary who is our spiritual refuge and consolation. This most loving of mothers will always be there for us in our hour of need. Let us turn to Our Blessed Mother now with child-like trust in her powerful intercession.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

We wish all the mums in our Parish a day filled with many blessings, precious memories and happy moments!



A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers.

We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting and bringing us into the world.

We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, but loved us just the same.

With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid.

We thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly.

We thank you for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears.

We thank you that they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs.

We thank you for the times when they corrected us, rather than letting us continue down wrong paths.

Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain.

We honour our mothers with lives of service to you, in the name of the risen Christ, for it is in his name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Fr Francis and Fr John are continuing to record weekend Masses, which are available to be viewed at any time. The link is <https://bit.ly/StBsHville>. During this time of physical separation, we continue to pray for each other. If you have a prayer request for a special intention, please email the parish, the address is healesville@cam.org.au or ring Debbie or Sharon.

Father will remember our special intentions as he says Mass, and we will pray for all parishioners' prayer requests in the Prayers of the Faithful each week. Special intentions will not be publicly mentioned, but we will all be praying together with one voice in support of those big challenges our

parishioners are facing daily. If you would like to chat to Father, or parish staff, please let us know.

WOULD YOU APPRECIATE A PHONE CALL?

If you would like to chat to Fr Francis or to Parish staff, please ring Debbie to organise. Our problems seem lighter when shared!

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.

Debbie: 0448 664 731
Sharon: 0448 658 418

THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is still available by appointment. Please contact staff if you or anyone you know would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation or 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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our special intentions. All victims of the Corona virus, our health and emergency service workers, those affected by wars and natural disasters, the victims of abuse and injustice, and children everywhere.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sabatino (Tino) Gianforte, Ernst Fries, Bonnie Poduska, Frances Caddle, Anneke Van Berkel, Anne Curtain, Denise

FOR THOSE WHO ARE 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, 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 MAY

Mary Nichols (01.05.09), Mary Slawinski (01.05.96), Brian Blake (4.5.17), Mavis McKenzie (06.05.07), Meldy Thompson (10.05.01), Peter Hammond (16.05) Mark Bariola (11.05.99), Hesselina Weda (11.05.91), Margaret Brown (11.5.17), Ann de Groot (12.05.13), Elaine Postlethwaite (13.05.14), Kenneth Cole (14.05.11), Rev Fr Peter Youngberry (15.05.08), Renato Bariola (16.05.14), Inocencia Flores (25.05.05), Fred Dame (26.05.08), Joseph van de Linden, Olga Komiat, Eileen Edwards (16.05.17), Clodagh Gleeson (16.05.19), Richie Youngberry

