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#### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**NO MASSES  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

St Aloysius', Yarra Glen

St Brigid's, Healesville

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Our Lady of the Snows,  
Marysville

#### OFFICE HOURS

**PARISH STAFF ARE NOW  
WORKING FROM HOME**

DEBBIE'S MOBILE NO:  
0448 664 731

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0448 658 418



**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR  
LINKS TO  
TELEVISED MASSES  
LINK:**

<https://bit.ly/StBsHville>

**TO BOOK IN TO  
ATTEND MASSES  
PLEASE PHONE:**

**0448 664 731**

#### COLLECTIONS

Healesville to 7th June  
Church: \$ 369  
Presbytery: \$ 84

Marysville 20th February

Collection: \$55

Yarra Glen to 7th June

Collection: \$215  
Presbytery: \$115  
Op Shop: \$2700

Care Group: \$50

Caritas: \$20



#### FROM FR FRANCIS DENTON

### The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

In today's age of scepticism we're reluctant to believe something until we see it with our own eyes. As the saying goes, "seeing is believing." When it comes to the Eucharist for two thousand years the Church has insisted that through the prayer of consecration in the Mass the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine become 'really, truly, substantially the Body and Blood of Christ'. The Church has given this miraculous change of substance the technical name of *transubstantiation*. Our eyes cannot witness the change that takes place, yet at every Mass we make an act of faith that God is true to His Word. When at the Last Supper Jesus said, "this is my body" we assume He meant what He said. So too in the Mass Christ speaking through the priest as through an instrument effects this marvellous change. In the year 2020 do we Catholics dare still believe something so radically, mind-bendingly stupendous? Are we permitted to entertain a doubt that perhaps we're exaggerating matters in this regard?

Well, we wouldn't be the first to entertain such doubts. In 1263AD a Bohemian priest by the name of Peter of Prague began having serious doubts about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He was sufficiently troubled that he decided to undertake a pilgrimage to Rome in the hope of having his faith strengthened. On the way to Rome he stopped at the small town of Bolsena, Italy, and there offered Mass. To his own astonishment at the words of consecration the host in his hands began to bleed, and the blood trickled onto the corporal cloth laid out on the altar. Stunned and terrified by this miraculous occurrence he initially tried to hide the blood, before realising that he could not continue the Mass. In God's providence it happened that at that time Pope Urban IV was residing in his summer residence in the neighbouring town of Orvieto. Peter of Prague sought out the Pope, explained what had happened and sought his absolution. Urban IV had the local bishop thoroughly investigate the matter and having determined its authenticity had the blood-stained corporal processed with great solemnity to the cathedral at Orvieto. It was placed in a purpose made reliquary where it remains on display to this day for the veneration of the faithful.

In his own mysterious providence God used the doubt of this sincere priest to reaffirm the Church's faith in her Eucharistic Lord. The following year in 1264 Pope Urban IV declared a new Feast Day to be celebrated by the

universal Church: the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*, The Body and Blood of Christ. He commissioned the most outstanding theologian of the day, the Dominican friar, Thomas Aquinas, to compose all the hymns and prayers for this new feast. These beautiful hymns are used throughout the world to this day, most famously the *Tantum ergo Sacramentum* ("Down in adoration falling") which is sung during the Rite of Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. In fact, these are merely the last two verses of a longer hymn, the *Pange lingua gloriosi*. Personally, I think the most beautiful verses are the middle verses. They have been poetically translated into English:

*On the night of that Last Supper,  
Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature  
Seated with His chosen band,  
By His Word to Flesh He turns;  
He, the Paschal Victim eating,  
Wine into His Blood He changes:*

*First fulfils the Law's command;  
What though sense no change discerns.  
Then as Food to all his brethren  
Only be the heart in earnest,  
Gives Himself with His own Hand.  
Faith her lesson quickly learns.*



*Raphael's fresco depicting the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, Vatican Museum, Vatican City (c.1512AD)*

#### MASS ARE 'BACK, WITH CHANGES'!

**St Brigid's: Sunday 8.30 am and  
Thursdays 9.15 am. To book to  
attend a Mass please call Debbie: 0448 664 731.**

20 people, plus those necessary to conduct the liturgy and assist with implementing safety instructions, are permitted

to attend each Mass. Protocols for sanitising and social distancing will be strictly observed. Bookings must be pre-arranged by phoning Debbie to book for each Mass.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** can be arranged by appointment, and is also available on Saturdays at 10:00am at St Patrick's, Lilydale.

#### THE FEAST OF ST ALOYSIUS

**Sunday 21st June is the Feast Day of St Aloysius**, the Patron Saint of Yarra Glen's church. Mass will be celebrated in St Aloysius church at 5 pm. Please phone Debbie to book in to attend the Mass.

#### SOME THOUGHTS FROM DEBBIE

This weekend we pause to appreciate the gift that Jesus gave to us through his apostles more than 2000 years ago, the Holy Eucharist. Later this year, our Grade 4 children will prepare to receive this beautiful Sacrament, a new generation set to receive this precious gift, our inheritance. We treasure heirlooms that have been preserved in our families, often for many years, inherited from loved ones of the past and often passed on from generation to generation. A very old piece may stun us when we consider its now-unique beauty and craftsmanship, or its wonder may simply rest in its age, despite being faded to the point of 'old and shabby'. In asking his apostles to 'Do this in memory of me', which we live out each time Mass is celebrated anywhere in our world, Jesus instituted our living inheritance. Never has there been a more precious or valuable 'heirloom'. Unlike mere objects we may inherit, historical yet inanimate, pristine or decrepit, the Holy Eucharist, active and alive, is an intensely personal encounter with Jesus himself. He nourishes us in communion that can draw us in to mystery we cannot capture in words. Faded photos eventually lose their significance as successive owners forget who is actually in them. Uncle George, the life of the party, finally becomes a stern looking man in a hat as time passes. The Mona Lisa is paint on canvas, but it continues to accrue value, in terms of dollars, and appreciation, through successive generations' care. The Holy Eucharist cannot be more or less than it is, for it is perfect, the living Jesus himself, given to the apostles, and through them to us. Jesus gifts us with himself, all of who he is, his own body, blood, soul and divinity under the form of bread, and wine. His gift is eternal, infinite, simultaneously the gift of the living God, and the ultimate human gift. We cannot give more than ourselves to another. We thank God for his priceless gift in the most perfect way that we can: 'Eucharist' is a Greek word which means 'thanksgiving'.

We thank God for the Blessed Eucharist through the Blessed Eucharist...

#### SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR MASSES

When you come to Masses, please be aware of yourself in relation to others. Sanitising on entry to the church, appropriate social distancing, especially as we queue to receive the Eucharist, and sanitising around the seat we have occupied will keep everyone as safe as we can make them. Our responsibility to each other is now more grave than it has ever been. As you come to receive Holy Communion, please try not to breathe on Father, or touch him, and please try not to touch surfaces as you move around the church. The collection basket is placed on a table near the door. After Mass, please practice safe social distancing as you pause for a chat with Father and your friends. Many of our parishioners are in high-risk categories, thank you for your thoughtfulness for us all.

#### PLEASE PRAY:

For all of our parishioners, and their families and friends. For the special intentions of our parishioners. For the victims of violence, abuse, natural disasters and injustice and for children everywhere.

#### 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, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Dorothy Fraser, 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, Albert Slawinski, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Lawrie Field, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Richard Adams, Mitchell & Wynn Wilson.

#### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN JUNE

Evelyn Hales (04.06.10), Margaret Plozza (05.06.11), Gwen Perry (07.06.91), Fr Paddy Fitzpatrick (07.06.08), Anna Maras (10.06.07), Shirlene Pigot (11.06.07), Margie Lovell (13.6.17), Bruce Jarvis (14.06.11), Noel Perry (16.06.91), Eileen Cullen (16.06.07), Douglas Pearce (16.06.13), Helen Warton (19.06.10), Kathleen Barratt (21.06.06), Patrick Gilleece (22.06.16), Judith Giannone (23.06.10), Elizabeth Cushnahan (24.06.09), German Flores (24.06.03), Rosina Bariola (24.06.91), Annemienk Runharr (27.06.08), Des Carroll (27.06.14), Bev Nash (28.06.01), Sheena Sotko (30.06.97), Frank Richards (30.06.14), Robert de Koning, Marcia Keebaugh, Rosina Anastasio (3.06.19), Domenico Anastasio (15.06.15)