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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: 0448 664 731

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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 30th May
Church: \$ 87
Presbytery: \$ 58
Marysville 20th February
Collection: \$55
Yarra Glen to 17th May
Collection: \$10
Presbytery: \$2700
Care Group: \$50
Caritas: \$20



TRINITY SUNDAY—FROM FR FRANCIS

The Catechism teaches that the Trinity is “the central mystery of Christian faith and life” and “the most fundamental and essential teaching in the ‘hierarchy of the truths of faith.’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par.234). If the Trinity is the central, most fundamental and essential teaching of our Christian faith then it seems strange that this doctrine is treated as some arcane, theological curiosity that belongs in the Church’s attic of ideas. It would be an interesting experiment to go into a Catholic high school and ask the students to explain what is meant by the term ‘Trinity’. It would be even more interesting to go into the staff room and ask the same question. Indeed, how would we fare, trying to explain the Trinity to a curious non-Christian? Do we have a good grasp on this most central mystery of our faith?

If the manual on Trinitarian theology has been left to gather dust in recent years in Catholic catechesis it’s probably because it seems too academic, too abstract and too removed from our experience. Yet, this is to miss the heart of what Trinitarian theology seeks to express: that God is not an abstract idea, a mathematical conundrum or some clever theory. On the contrary, God is a real, living communion of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Only a sociopath would seek to dismiss the relationship between a father and son, (or for that matter, between a mother and daughter) to some abstract, technical biological

distinction. The parent-child relationship is a real, living bond of communion. That’s evident every time you see an infant resting tenderly in the arms of his/her mother or father. It is an image of perfect mutual contentment. The family (father, mother, child) is an image or ‘icon’ of the communion of love that we find in the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

Of course, it’s important to remember that when it comes to a mystery as infinitely great as God, every analogy will be imperfect, yet neither can we overlook the significance of Jesus consistently referring to God as ‘Father’. The Gospels show that Jesus’ primary mode of self-identification is as the Son of his heavenly Father. For Jesus, God is not an idea, he is ‘Abba’ – ‘Daddy!’ The wonder of our Christian faith is that the communion of Trinitarian love is not closed, but open to include us. God invites us to enter into communion with him, through baptism ‘in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’ In this sacrament of spiritual re-birth we become a child of God through our incorporation into the Body of Christ. It is solely on account of our baptism that the Christian dares to call upon God as Father as we do in obedience to the Lord’s Prayer. As we enter into the liturgical celebration of Trinity Sunday, let’s pray that we never lose sight of the fundamentally relational nature of our Christian Faith. For God is our Father, and we are his beloved sons and daughters.

MASSES ARE ‘BACK, WITH CHANGES’!

St Brigid’s: Sunday 8.30 am and Thursdays 9.15 am.

To book to attend a Mass please call the parish mobile: 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.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR MASSES

As we come back together as Masses resume, please be aware of yourself in relation to others. Our responsibility to each other is now more grave than it has ever been. Staff will help you to sanitise your hands as you enter the church, and we must all choose where we sit wisely. Those who live together can of course sit together. For everyone else, please leave space around you as you choose a seat. When you join the queue to receive Holy Communion, and on your way back to your seat, please leave distance between you and the person in front of you. There is no need to rush. Putting x marks up the aisle will look tacky, so imagine they are there – we are used to this by now. When we receive Holy Communion, please try not to breathe on Father, or touch him. Please try not to touch surfaces as you move around the church. The collection basket is

placed on a table near the door. You will be given an antiseptic wipe to clean the area where you sit once Mass is finished. Please sanitise around you, as staff find it difficult to remember where everyone was sitting. A bin is provided near the door. After Mass, please practice social distancing as you pause for a chat with Father and your friends. It is exciting to be together, but it is easy to forget that any of us could be asymptomatic and risk being a carrier of illness. If you feel sick in any way, please join with us spiritually, and stay at home. **It is good to be aware that any congregation that gathers in our church is made up of very elderly parishioners, in the highest at-risk group. There are often parishioners who are recovering from life-threatening illnesses you may not know about, such as cancer, who risk grave consequences if they pick up germs of any sort.** We are each charged with the responsibility to keep everyone safe when they come to our church.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM DEBBIE

Last week’s celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost centred on the fire of the Holy Spirit sending the apostles ‘out’ with enthusiasm and courage. The apostles passed on the mission they were given to successive generations, who have carried Jesus’ message of hope to all corners of our world, including Healesville, Australia. Generous hearts have loved others with the love of Jesus throughout our Church’s long history, passing the

baton on in their turn. No more words from me, just an attempt to capture this continuing mission in another way:



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, 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 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)