



**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEALESVILLE, INCORPORATING HEALESVILLE (ST BRIGID'S),
YARRA GLEN (ST ALOYSIUS) & MARYSVILLE (OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS)**

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27th June 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be - for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.
Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,
as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

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for you have rescued me.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of
eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause,
and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you
to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember
how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he
became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his
poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others
you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a
question of balancing what happens to be your surplus
now against their present need, and one day they may
have something to spare that will supply your own need.
That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The
man who gathered much had none too much, the man
who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a
large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the
lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up,
Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and
pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is
desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to
make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him
and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all
round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue
official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the
Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard
this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be
afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with
him except Peter and James and John the brother of
James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus
noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and
wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them,

'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Thanksgiving – 13th June 2021

St Brigid's Healesville,
Thanksgiving: \$695.00
Presbytery: \$ 37.00

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Parish Rosters are being finalised

Thanks to Denise once again for undertaking the daunting task of making up our Parish's Volunteer Rosters. They will be emailed to those concerned shortly.

Contact Details Update

Please email or phone the office to let us know if you have changed your phone number and if you have yet to give us your email address. We could add you to our newsletter email mail out to receive our weekly news electronically. During lockdown and following the recent storm damage, Debbie has been attempting to contact many parishioners whose phone numbers no longer seem to be current. If you would appreciate a chat, please call her, we love to hear what everyone is up to!
0448 664 731

Mass Bookings

If you would like to book into Mass this weekend at St Brigid's please call Debbie 0448 664 731
Numbers are capped at 43 people under the 4 square meter rule



FROM FR FRANCIS

This Sunday is the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time. It also happens to be the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (or Succour) and the 6th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. During my years in the seminary, I developed a great affection for the large hand painted icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help which had pride of place in the Marian side chapel. The seminary's icon was 'written' by Andrew Molczyk (b.1957) after the Byzantine original located in the Church of St Alphonsus Ligouri, Rome. It's a very fine reproduction.

The iconography itself is quite unique. It shows Mary holding the Christ-Child who is attuned to the two angels that appear either side, each bearing instruments of the Passion. In fright, one of the shoes of Our Lord can be seen slipping off his foot! More specifically Jesus is looking at the cross being held by the angel on the right, because this is the end toward which the whole of Christ's life is oriented – the way of the Cross. The Priesthood of Christ is one of passionate love mingled with bitter sacrifice, and no one who shares in the priesthood of Christ should expect otherwise.

I like many of the seminarians would at the conclusion of the morning Mass crowd into that little space and offer a candle and a prayer to Our Blessed Mother. During the difficult times of seminary life, I could take some solace in the Perpetual Help offered by Our Lady. It was something of an unexpected (though pleasant) surprise to have my date of ordination set as

27th June – the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. As I did then as a seminarian, so I do now as a priest, placing my life and vocation in the hands of Mary the mother of priests and renewing the consecration of my priesthood to her Immaculate Heart.

Please pray for me and all priests, that we can be faithful to the call of Jesus Christ in our service of His Church. Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Pray for Us.

Note of Clarification

On the weekend of 13th June I wrote a piece in the bulletin that stated: “The latest state-wide lockdown happened because a handful of people tested positive to a virus that has a 99.7% survival rate.” Most people probably took the comment with the blend of levity and frustration with which it was clearly imbued. A couple of parishioners felt this statistic required qualification, which is a legitimate criticism, one I am happy to set right. Given the incomplete set of data at our disposal, determining a mortality rate for SARS-COVID19 is fiendishly difficult. For this reason, the WHO has refrained from offering an over-all fatality statistic, and instead presents the raw data of ‘cases’ and ‘fatalities’ (<https://covid19.who.int>). It was on reflection ill-considered to offer any such percentage. The data we have suggests that danger of mortality posed by COVID is significantly greater than influenza, though like influenza, COVID disproportionately affects the elderly and those with 2 or more comorbidities. By contrast infants seem to be remarkably unaffected by COVID, many being completely asymptomatic. For the young and the healthy the survival rate of COVID19 is probably very close to 99.7%. To suggest that this is the overall survival rate of SARS-COVID is most probably inaccurate and in the interests of truth I wanted to correct this.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Francis Denton

OUR CONGRATULATIONS, FR FRANCIS!!

Our Parish congratulates you as you celebrate the 6th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood. May God bless, guard and guide you and your ministry always.



POSTPONED

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Winter Appeal will take place when we can.

The Lilydale Conference of St Vincent de Paul greatly assists the Healesville community and our St Brigid's Care Group, and relies heavily on your contributions, through donations of blankets & warm socks, gloves and hats, or through monetary contributions. Please give generously to help support the vulnerable in our area. Thank you, in anticipation.

Care Group News

Thank you to all who have made donations. This has enabled us to help families with care parcels in their time of need. If you would like to contribute, please leave non-perishable items at Mass on Sunday or contact Maree on 0417087199

Debbie's Thoughts

In a year where very little seems 'normal', all of our routines seem under pressure. This is especially so for our school children, as much as we try to keep things even for them. Our Grade 6 children are preparing for life that will look very different next year, and as their last semester of Primary School is approaching, our entire community is very much aware that their time as little ones is drawing to a close. At the age of 11 or 12, they are facing new responsibilities, new possibilities and new opportunities, leaving their younger years of childhood in their wake. Many of our Grade 6 children are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Unlike previous years, their preparation routine may be a little different due to Covid restrictions, and the ceremony may look a little different, but the graces that flow from the Sacrament will be exactly those experienced by the Apostles on their own Confirmation day, Pentecost, more than 2000 years ago.

When these children were little, their mums and dads asked the Church for the Sacrament of Baptism for their child. They chose Godparents to support them as their children received the great gift of Baptism, and made promises to bring their children up to know and love God, to train them in the practice of the Faith, teaching them to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. We as a faith community pledged our support for them through our prayers. During the Baptism ceremony, the children were baptised with water, anointed with Holy Oils, clothed with a white stole, their Baptismal garment, and a special Baptismal candle was lit for them by one of their Godparents. As that candle was lit on behalf of the child, the priest said the words: 'receive the light of Christ. Parents and Godparents,

this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.' The parents of our Confirmation candidates have worked hard to be faithful to their promise, helping their children to prepare for more Sacraments since that day, for the Sacrament of Penance and for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, keeping that flame of Faith burning in their child's heart as they promised to do. They now bring their children to the Sacrament of Confirmation, committing to helping them to prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and the miracles that flow from his great Gifts. Each child now has the opportunity to accept a more active role in their own faith story, reflecting their maturity as young people taking responsibility for their own choices and actions. They choose a role model and companion to a walk with them in an equal relationship, their sponsor, ideally their Godparent, and a Saint to model their own life on, a Saint who will pray for them in God's direct presence. They walk forward in our company too, as we continue to accompany them with our prayers for them and for their families.

In previous years in our parish, families attended a Commitment Mass as part of the important time of family preparation and reflection leading up to their child's reception of Confirmation. Parents and children processed together down the aisle of the church and the children's same Baptismal candles were lit once again. Symbolically, parents physically handed the light of Christ on to their child, who is now old enough to exercise greater responsibility in their relationship with God. In accepting that lit candle from their mum and dad, our Grade 6 Confirmation candidates were reminded of the great significance that the Sacrament will bring to their lives. In Confirmation, these children will speak for themselves, consciously renewing the Baptismal Promises that their parents and godparents recited on their behalf at Baptism. As they accepted their own Baptismal Candle from the hands of their parents, they symbolically accepted for themselves a new, adult relationship with God, opening their hearts to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit with gratitude and expectation. They say that actions speak a thousand words, this little exchange spoke volumes of what is happening spiritually for these children and for their families.

As a community of faith who have watched these children grow over many years, we are excited to accompany them now as they step through the door towards adulthood. What marvels will God sew in the fertile soil of these young hearts? Whatever

miracles are to come, our prayers for them will remain with them, now and forever, reminding them that our faith community walks with them every step of their journeys, and that they are always remembered in the prayers of our parish, no matter where life, and the Holy Spirit, takes them.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Dorothy Fraser

Parish Prayer List: We pray for those who are sick and those who care for them.

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, 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, Glen, Fred Bullas, Fred Coullas, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, RadeKrstic, 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, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Lawrie Field, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Richard Adams, Mitchell & Wynn Wilson, Anne Bateman, Veronica Ireland, Wendy Turner (Ireland), Lauren, Brooke, Anthony, Laura Baosde Pinto, Michelle, Judy, Annette Fromholtz, John Wray

We pray 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), AnnemienkRunharr (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)

