



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

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19th SEPTEMBER 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.
The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 53:3-6, 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

R. The Lord upholds my life

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

R. The Lord upholds my life

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

There will be no recoding of Mass while Fr Francis is on leave.

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 Parish office is closed during lockdown. Staff are working from home during this time and available by phone Debbie's phone number is

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Debbie's Thoughts

During this week the Church celebrated two significant Feasts side by side, well paired. On Tuesday, the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, we contemplated the incredible pain that Jesus suffered through his Passion, exulting the Cross as the gateway to eternal resurrection for us all. On Wednesday, through the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, we remember the indescribable distress of his beloved mother, who went through each and every moment of his birth, life and death with him, both physically and spiritually, as we are encouraged to do through her example. As Christians, we draw together universally as the Body of Christ through the cross, the universal symbol of our Christian identity. As Catholics, we open and close our worship with the Sign of the

Cross, we are sent out to love and serve the Lord through the Sign of the Cross. No way out but through, Jesus encourages each of us to 'take up your cross and follow me'. The cross of Jesus is a reality. Suffering in this life is a reality for each and every one of us. Through our pain, through each challenge, through each defeat, and through each success and triumph, we grow. We mature, tested in fire as it were. We gain wisdom. We push towards our potential. And we move through our own crosses to the hope of Jesus' resurrection.

We also grow tired as Jesus grew tired. We grow sick of suffering, battered by literally one thing after another. We fall down, again and again, and through the example of Jesus dragging his heavy cross along the rough cobblestones of Jerusalem, we get up again and keep stumbling forward, mostly because we have no choice. When Jesus fell through exhaustion and grief, he chose to get up and to take just one more step after another, carrying his cross, and our burdens. He inched forward faithfully to his death, the gateway to our salvation, for his death bought our life, resurrection. As we contemplate Jesus' Passion, remembering his sacrifice, we stand with his Blessed Mother, loving him with her love, spiritually by his side in each moment. We, too, can choose not to look away, to remain with him in his pain, just as he remains with us in ours. The cross of Jesus Christ is confusing, yet encouraging. We remember that there is nothing that we can suffer that Jesus has not suffered before us, that he cannot understand. He died for me. He never leaves me. The old song line jumps into my mind: 'If you leave me, can I come too?'. Jesus remains with us, no matter where we may go, there is no such thing as 'away' from him. No matter which way we may turn, he is waiting for a chance to lavish us with love, forgiveness and comfort if we only choose to let him.

Over the years I have had to find words for little children considering the cross. No way out but through! I would stretch out my arms wide, and remind them that this is the way that I greet my own little grandchildren, who run into my arms when I hold them wide in invitation. And when my grandchildren throw their little arms around my neck, I then close my arms around their bodies to hug them, warm and safe. This analogy brings me comfort when times are tough, and seems to connect with littlies and biggies alike. I am sure God inspired me to think in this way as I struggle to make any sort of sense of the pain that life brings to all of us. This week's Gospel encourages us to be as little children in order to enter the kingdom of Heaven, simple, uncomplicated and trusting. What better image to bring us encouragement than Jesus stretching his arms wide to die for us, to show us the love of the unseen God, to attest to the truth, and to rise from the dead, defeating death and inviting us to life with him forever? Beckoning us to come to him, drawing us to his heart, Jesus closes those same strong arms around us, with love beyond our imaginations, and safety that is

undefeatable and eternal. We are indeed little children in the eyes of God. His beloved children.

HICCI News

A reminder to everyone in our church community: HICCI is here to help, please call 5911 6000, to talk to our wonderful staff about your needs.

Also, our HICCI AGM is this Sunday 19/09/2021, starting at 3pm. Please go to this link to register for the AGM: bit.ly/HICCIAGM2021

You will receive the meeting details, including how to join the meeting, back by return email.

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE

Yarra Glen Mass will be rescheduled to Sunday 26th September.

Lockdown Light—week three

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Resources for Christian living: Making the most of lockdown

In this blog post, local Melbourne mum of six, Kate Moriarty, shares some fun and creative ideas to help families make the most of their time together in lockdown. Find out more at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3

Getting to know your Bible: Opening up the Old Testament

Getting Started: This video by Bible Snap brings you the Old Testament in 8 minutes, with a comprehensive overview of where the books and people fit in the timeline of history. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3

Going Deeper: Exodus is one of the key books of the Old Testament. Hear about the pivotal events in Exodus from a range of other Christian Biblical scholars and theological experts in this 10-minute video. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper3



On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement](#) – *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

Columban Calendars 2022

This year we will trial pre-orders for the Columban Calendars as we were left with quite a few unsold last year. If you wish to order a calendar for next year, please let Debbie know: 0448 664 731. Cost: \$10, estimated delivery November.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Bill Howie

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, 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, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Wood, 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

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN SEPTEMBER

Patricia Carey (02.09.13), Michael Scowen (03.09.05),

Bernard Jansen (05.09.04), Frieddy Laszozewski (10.09.82), Moyra Donchi (10.09.15), Bruce Jarvis (14.09.11), Dorothy Amarant (19.09.08), Michael O'Dwyer (20.09.97), Les Humphries (20.09.13), Greta Dame (28.09.96), Betty Ireland (28.09.97), Henriette Sallay (29.09.13), Justin Perry, Sr Mary Fran Coburn (2008), Peter Barnett, Laurie Fromholtz, John Duffy, Clare Lyons, Ashley Warton

