



**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEALESVILLE, INCORPORATING HEALESVILLE (ST BRIGID'S),
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year C)

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. R.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,

God will in turn glorify him in himself,

and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine, and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Gerda Hens

Anniversaries: Ernest McIntyre, Tony McDonald

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 Coullas, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Wood, 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, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Mitchell Wilson, Veronica Ireland, Lauren, Brooke, Anthony, Laura Baosde Pinto, Michelle, Judy, Annette Fromholtz, John Wray, Lynn Doensen, Elsa Gianforte, Fiona M, Louise Janse,

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)



1st Collection is for
Presbytery – Priests & retired
priests living expenses.

2nd Collection is Thanksgiving
- Running of Church
expenses

Thanksgiving St Brigid's Healesville,

1st May 2022

Thanksgiving: \$ 394.80

Presbytery: \$252.75

8th May 2022

Thanksgiving: \$ 525.65

Presbytery: \$ 352.00

If you would like to make a donation:

Running expenses of the Church

St Brigid's Church Account

083-347

65080 2080

Ref: Surname or Thanksgiving Number

For Fr Francis living expenses

St Patrick's Presbytery Account

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Goodbye from Sharon

I have made the difficult decision that it is time for me to move on. I have loved my 12 years as parish Secretary at St Patrick's and the last 4 years at St Brigid's. I have formed many bonds and friendships that I cherish. Officially my last day will be Friday 3rd June although I have agreed to stay on and train the new parish secretary and volunteers in various roles.

Please pray for me as I will for you, as I find what the next chapter of my working life brings.

Please join Debbie & I on Sunday 5th June for morning tea after 10.30am Mass in the community center.

How Should a Catholic Vote?

With such a deliberately provocative title I now have your full attention! Fear not: it's not my intention to promote political parties or candidates. It is, however, within the ambit of the Church's pastoral responsibility to offer counsel on the principles that should guide the Christian's vote. Voting, like all human activity that concerns the exercise of volition (free will), is NOT a morally neutral act. To put it bluntly, one *can* sin if one knowingly helps elect a party or individual who openly supports policies contrary to the natural moral law. If we elect governments that enact evil and iniquitous laws, then we share responsibility for the evil committed. Dare we forget that Adolf Hitler was democratically elected by an electorate that was overwhelmingly Christian? Yes, how we vote *does* matter.

Every Christian should vote in accord with his/her faith convictions. This ought not to be a controversial statement. In fact, it's just common sense. Everybody (whether he be a believer, an unbeliever or an agnostic) votes according to what he/she believes and values. How could one possibly vote otherwise than in accord with one's deeply held convictions? Yet somehow the prevailing wisdom is that within the political arena Christians are expected to set aside their religious beliefs and vote as though they were atheists. This is complete nonsense. Christianity demands the perfect integration of faith into every facet of our lives, which necessarily affects all the decisions we make. Why would the political sphere be an exception?

In 2002 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a statement on the participation of Catholics in Political Life, making the following observations:

"A kind of cultural relativism exists today, evident in the conceptualization and defence of an ethical pluralism, which sanctions the decadence and disintegration of reason and the principles of the natural moral law. ...As a result, citizens claim complete autonomy with regard to their moral choices, and lawmakers maintain that they are respecting this freedom of choice by enacting laws which ignore the principles of natural ethics and yield to ephemeral cultural and moral trends, as if every possible outlook on life were of equal value. At the same time, the value of tolerance is disingenuously invoked when a large number of citizens, Catholics among them, are asked not to base their contribution to society and political life – through the legitimate means available to everyone

in a democracy – on their particular understanding of the human person and the common good.

*Such relativism, of course, has nothing to do with **the legitimate freedom of Catholic citizens to choose among the various political opinions that are compatible with faith and the natural moral law, and to select, according to their own criteria, what best corresponds to the needs of the common good. Political freedom is not – and cannot be – based upon the relativistic idea that all conceptions of the human person's good have the same value and truth, but rather, on the fact that politics are concerned with very concrete realizations of the true human and social good in given historical, geographic, economic, technological and cultural contexts. ...It is not the Church's task to set forth specific political solutions – and even less to propose a single solution as the acceptable one – to temporal questions that God has left to the free and responsible judgment of each person. It is, however, the Church's right and duty to provide a moral judgment on temporal matters when this is required by faith or the moral law. If Christians must 'recognize the legitimacy of differing points of view about the organization of worldly affairs' they are also called to reject, as injurious to democratic life, a conception of pluralism that reflects moral relativism. Democracy must be based on the true and solid foundation of non-negotiable ethical principles, which are the underpinning of life in society."***

(‘Doctrinal note on some questions regarding the participation of Catholics in Political Life,’ Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 24 November, 2002.)

The Church is rightly noting here that the Christian's legitimate freedom in the political arena does not mean that we are free of any moral responsibility or culpability in our political support. Note well, that this does NOT necessarily mean that Catholics can only vote for Catholic politicians. On the contrary there are many dubious ‘Nancy Pelosi’ style politicians who trade off their “Catholic credentials” when in fact their policies are explicitly anti-Christian in substance. Many so-called ‘Catholic’ politicians support abortion, prostitution, euthanasia, gender ideology and a raft of other anti-Christian policies. We cannot and must not vote for them. Conversely, there may be non-Catholic candidates who are genuinely committed to protecting religious freedoms, the family, and the natural moral law. It is essential that all Catholics take the time to find out what each politician and political party stands for. Don't just vote for the party you've always voted for. Vote for the best candidate, and the one who is going

to defend your Christian values. Remember, who you vote for today will shape the kind of world your children will live in tomorrow. Much is at stake!

Come Holy Spirit, guide the hearts and minds of the people of Australia, as we approach this election. Guided by your light, may we seek to elect representatives who are truthful, virtuous, sincere, courageous and selfless in their desire to serve God and our nation. Help raise up our country from the degradation of immorality, greed, exploitation and the violence committed against our most vulnerable citizens, especially the unborn Australians who will never have the opportunity to vote. Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us!

For those interested here is a short clip from Martyn Iles of the Australian Christian Lobby.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QH2_aVf7lbQ

For other helpful resources from ACL see:
<https://vote.acl.org.au>

Dear friends,

There is some more sad news for the parish. Sharon Jacob has recently announced her retirement as secretary of the parishes of Lilydale and Healesville. Sharon has offered 12 years of dedicated service and been an integral part of parish life especially at Lilydale. Her years of experience and tireless work ethic have been a great asset to me in the last two years, and will be greatly missed by all. Since Debbie's farewell has been delayed due to COVID it is fitting that we will have the opportunity to give Deb and Sharon a joint farewell on Sunday 5th May following each of the morning Masses. We wish Sharon every best wish for her future endeavours.

Yours in Christ
Fr Francis Denton

Dinner at Darron's

Dinner at Darron's Youth team is back up and running. We are serving a meal to the Community on the following dates: May 3, June 14 and July 26. Any students in years 7-12 or young adults who would like to join our team should call Andrea on 0417 088 231 or email speechpath3777@gmail.com. We remind all Parishioners that the Dinner at Darron's meal is a Community meal in which everyone is welcome to attend - especially those who may be at home on their own. We ask all Parishioners to pray for our team that this work will help us all to become closer to Jesus.



ACCC Holy Hour at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Next Friday (20th May) St Patrick's Lilydale will be hosting the monthly Holy Hour for the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy (ACCC). Clergy from across the Archdiocese are welcome to join for a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with Evening Prayer of the Church, and concluding with Benediction at 8:00pm. Parishioners are most welcome to join us for this time of prayer.

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

Latest Guidelines from the Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne can be found here:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>