



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

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**22<sup>ND</sup> May 2022**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(Year C)**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

If Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8**

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

**Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to  
them.

Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 14:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own;  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.  
Peace I bequeath to you,  
my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:  
I am going away, and shall return.  
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that  
I am going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.  
I have told you this now, before it happens,  
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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

**Communion Antiphon**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says he Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another  
paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Wood

**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  
Komiatic, Eileen Edwards (16.05.17), Clodagh Gleeson  
(16.05.19)



**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** is for Presbytery –  
Priests & retired priests living  
expenses.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** is Thanksgiving -  
Running of Church expenses

**Thanksgiving**

**St Brigid's Healesville,  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thanksgiving: \$ 276.95  
Presbytery: \$ 211.00

**St Aloysius Yarra Glen  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thanksgiving: \$ 615.00  
Presbytery: \$ 215.00

**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 – **Please note new  
account number**  
083-347  
63931 5513

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> June for morning tea after 10.30am Mass in the community center.

### St Aloysius, Yarra Glen – Renovations Update



The past year has been a big one for St Aloysius church, Yarra Glen, that has seen a number of significant upgrades. Following the water damage to the kitchenette in 2019, after a long process (delayed by lockdowns and backlogs) the entire flooring, kitchen and cabinetry has now been replaced. In the body of the church we have taken the opportunity to recover the church's original Baltic pine floor boards which have been polished up like new! The run-down sacristy got a bonus upgrade with a new basin and cabinetry. However, the crowning glory of the church is the high altar and tabernacle salvaged from the church of St Columbkille's, Glengarry (Sale Diocese) which was sadly sold off due to a dwindling congregation.

The new tabernacle will enable the church to have the Blessed Sacrament reserved at Yarra Glen. The rosary will continue to be prayed every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. Mass will continue to be held at St Aloysius every third Sunday at 5:00pm. Once we have the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the church the hope is to hold a monthly Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of the month at 6:00pm.

I am especially grateful to Mathew Moxey who has been the key mover and shaker to get all this work done. Special thanks are also owed to Rosemary

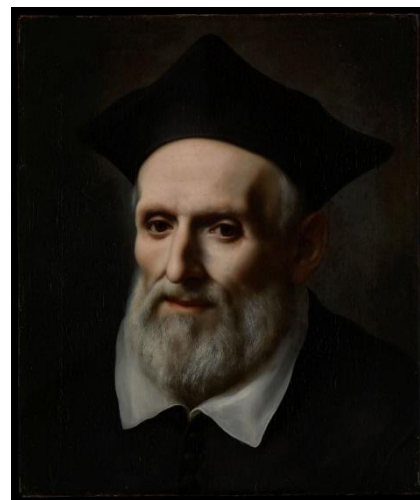
Bowling and the Yarra Glen Combined Churches Op Shop: their incredibly generous contributions to St Aloysius have been instrumental in being able to get these works done. Be sure to support this great local charity run by volunteers, that does so much good for the community, including our own church.

The church of St Aloysius is looking great, though there are still a number of repairs to be done, especially to the exterior. A well cared for church is an inviting and welcoming church. My hope is that the reinvestment that we are making in getting the church up to scratch will be merely the first step in helping to 'grow' the community at Yarra Glen. As with St Columbkille's, Glengarry, many of the smaller rural churches (Catholic and otherwise) are being sold off because there is no longer a sizeable community to sustain their upkeep. This is a sad reality that many communities are having to face. This is assuredly not my wish for St Aloysius. On the contrary, I want to do what I can to secure the future of the church. However, I can't do it alone. It is important that each community get behind their local church and support it in whatever way possible. Scripture assures us that "with God nothing is impossible" (Luke 1:37). With God's grace and our efforts and sacrifices, I'm confident that we can build up the community at Yarra Glen and secure its future. If you think you can assist in any way don't be afraid to volunteer your time and talents!

Yours in Christ  
Fr Francis Denton

***NEW COLUMN! – The following is the first in a new regular column for the Newsletter called 'Saint of the Week'. It will offer a spotlight profile of a saint whose feast day will be celebrated in the coming week.***

### **Saint of the Week – St Philip Neri**



**Name:** Filippo Neri  
**Born:** AD 1515;  
Florence  
**Died:** AD 1595;  
Rome  
**Feast Day:** 26<sup>th</sup>  
May  
**Patron Saint of:**  
City of Rome;  
laughter;  
comedians; artists;  
writers.  
Sometimes the  
saints of past ages

can seem a little strange and hard to relate to. Some can also seem quite severe and perhaps a little joyless. Not so, our first 'saint of the week': St Philip Neri. This was a saint of exuberant joy: he possessed a witty, playful sense of humour and was occasionally a bit of

prankster! He was firmly convinced that “a joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one.” His joyful demeanor made him so beloved by the people of Rome and such a compelling preacher that he is called the second Apostle of Rome – second only to St Peter himself! St Philip is the founder of the Oratorian Fathers - a stable community of diocesan priests who lived, worked and prayed together. Today there are Oratorian communities all over the world who live out his charism.

It's a curious fact that many people who don't take God or religion seriously, take themselves *very* seriously. As St Philip understood this is the opposite of how it should be for a Christian. While St Philip approached the worship of God and the salvation of souls with the utmost seriousness, he had great levity and a carefree regard of himself. He understood that many Christians who took themselves too seriously did so out of priggish pride not authentic holiness. True holiness is born of humility, and this means we can't afford to take ourselves *too* seriously. The ability to be able to have a laugh at one's own expense, frees us from the burden of false pretensions of grandeur. Indeed, St Philip understood that humour and warmth of personality is a great vehicle for evangelisation and to 'disarm' those who might have otherwise been antagonistic to the Gospel. St Philip saw the value of recreation, sport and outings; he loved singing and music and knew its power to stir the hearts to a love of God. He also had a great affection for cats!

Writing later in the nineteenth century the fellow Oratorian, Frederick William Faber, made the following assessment of Philip Neri: “He looked like other men...He was emphatically a modern gentleman, of scrupulous courtesy, sportive gaiety, acquainted with what was going on in the world, taking a real interest in it, giving and getting information; very neatly dressed, with a shrewd common sense about him; in a modern room with modern furniture, plain it is true, but with no marks of poverty about it – in a word, with all the ease, the gracefulness, the polish of a modern gentleman of good birth, considerable accomplishments, and widespread knowledge.” To put it into modern terminology St Philip understood the importance of good human formation. Authentic Christianity is not to trying to live as a ‘disembodied soul.’ Christ was the perfect man in every sense, physically, intellectually, psychologically and spiritually. Each of us is likewise called to fulfil his/her potential as a good natured, conscientious, well-formed human being. St Philip was attentive to every detail of his character and stands out even among the saints as one who was a remarkably well-rounded human being, avoiding the extremes of severity or laxity. He lived with his feet firmly planted on the ground but his gaze resolutely directed heavenward.

Joy is enumerated by St Paul as a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22), a gift which St Philip possessed in spades! This joyful disposition, born of big-hearted generosity, gave him a magnetic personality, which saw crowds throng to him. St Philip reminds us that being a saint doesn't mean we have to become a dull or joyless bore – on the contrary, holiness leads us to the radiant fullness of human flourishing, keeping our sense of humour fully in tact!

St Philip Neri – pray for us!

### **Fr Michael Francis MULCAHY**

**22/06/1941 - 26/04/2022**

Reverend Michael Francis. Ordained a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne on 31 May 1969. After ordination, Fr Mulcahy was appointed temporarily as Chaplain to the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg before going to Bell Park Parish (1970) and then to Melbourne Overseas Mission in Venezuela in 1974.

On his return in 1980, Fr Mulcahy served as Assistant Priest at South Melbourne Parish (1980) and Flemington Parish (1981) before becoming Parish Priest of Lilydale (1983) followed as Administrator of Hadfield Parish (1989). Fr Mulcahy undertook work as Chaplain to Community Services Victoria from 1990 and in 1993 was appointed Parish Priest of Kensington. Due to ill health, Fr Mulcahy moved to Preston East Parish in 2000 as priest in residence, undertaking supply work and in 2005 was appointed Pastor Emeritus.

Fr Mulcahy passed away at Justin Villa, Balwyn on 26 April 2022 aged 80 years. He will be remembered as a kind, gentle and dedicated pastor. May he rest in peace.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Safeguarding children news**

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries regarding child safeguarding  
[Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au](mailto:Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au)

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